

## **Jane Brown's Adoption Playshops**

November 7-9, 2008

Meadowview School, 1855 Legacy Drive, Eugene, Oregon

*Hosted by Adoption Connections of Oregon*

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Adoption*

Jane Brown is a social worker and educator with years of experience working with children. She is the mother of eight children, five of whom were internationally adopted from Korea and China, and a grandmother. An international speaker on adoption matters, Jane is a member of the editorial board of Adoptive Families magazine. Join us as Jane brings her professional knowledge and first hand experience to explore the challenges faced by both adoptive parents and children.

### **Adoptive Parenting and the Interweave of Adoption, Race, Ethnicity, and Culture: Parent Workshop Friday November 7, 2008 6:00-9:00p.m.**

Learn how children's understanding of adoption, race, and ethnicity unfolds developmentally at different ages and stages, and what we, as adoptive parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, educators, social workers and caretakers can and should do to help them through developing specialized skills that address the topics of loss and grief, racial differences, ethnic backgrounds, and culture-of-origin differences. The cost is \$15 for one adult and \$10 for each additional adult per child. This workshop is adults only and is required for parents of children who will participate in one of the Playshops.

### **Children Playshops: Saturday November 8, 2008 & Sunday November 9, 2008 at 9:00a.m. or 1:00p.m.**

Jane has designed her Playshops to give children five years and older, an opportunity to explore their own ideas about adoption and to interact with their peers. The Playshops are relevant to all adopted children and their non-adopted siblings. The cost will be \$45 per child.

Jane uses multi-sensory games with props and puppets to let the children talk, learn about, and discuss their feelings about being adopted. She helps children understand that the questions and thoughts they have about adoption are normal and okay to talk about with their adopted peers and lets them acquire skills they can transfer to settings with non-adopted peers.

- Each Playshop is 2 hours in length.
- For approximately 1 hour following each Playshop, Jane will debrief with the parents to advise them about the discussions and issues that arose during the Playshop. During this debriefing period, the playgroup participants will be supervised in an adjacent room.

Children will be assigned to one of four Playshops based on age. As much as we would like to accommodate individual schedules, priority must be given to ensuring all children have an experience that best fits them and their needs.

### **Registration:**

Space for the Children's Playshops is limited. Pre-registration is required. Scholarships are available. Sign up now to reserve your space or request a scholarship. Contact Elise at [elisecrum@comcast.net](mailto:elisecrum@comcast.net) or (541) 345-4209 to register.

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