



## Welcome Home

Achli - Haiti

Deny - Haiti

Samuel -  
Domestic

Isaiah - US

Emelia - US

Nahla - Ethiopia

Vivian - US

Tyler - Direct  
Placement

We would love to  
feature a photo of  
your child in our  
newsletter.

Please be sure to  
send us submissions  
to include at  
[jenn@kcr.ca](mailto:jenn@kcr.ca).

# Spring/Summer Newsletter

March 2016 - July 2016

## Update on the US program.....

We continue to work with Adoption by Shepherds Care which is an agency based out of Florida. The program is currently not accepting new applicants, but this can change month to month. If you are interested in a US adoption, please speak to us directly so we can go over the details of the program and also see if there is any available space.

## Adoption News

### Update on the Domestic Program

Families waiting in the Domestic program often check in with us to get updates on how the program is going and what the activity has been like. We are always happy to hear from you and are open to answering any questions you have. In terms of an update, we successfully placed 6 infants through the domestic program last fiscal year (April 2015-March 2016). This is on target for what we have seen consistently over the past many years. So far this year we have placed one baby through the domestic program and are optimistic we will do more placements in the upcoming months.

Birth moms continue to connect with us as do health unit staff and hospitals from all over the Province. We regularly reach out to Pregnancy Care Centers, medical offices and community resources throughout BC to ensure they are aware of our services and to encourage them to share our information with birth parents who may want to talk about the option of adoption.

Overall things are going well in the Domestic program!

## Remember

We work with US, South Africa, Haiti, & Bulgaria.

Be sure to call us to learn about any of these inter-country programs.

### Reminder:

- Stay connected with ACBC by making sure that you “LIKE” us on **FACEBOOK!**

This is where we post information on countries to adopt from, educational opportunities as well as support group opportunities!

Join now!!



**Remember where we are:**

**255  
Lawrence Ave,  
Kelowna, BC**

**Monday - Friday;  
8:30-4:30 (closed  
for lunch 12-1)**

## ADDITIONAL ADOPTION EDUCATION

All adoptive families must complete the Adoption Education Program as part of their home study process, but the learning doesn't need to stop there! Through The Adoptive Families Association of BC, pre or post adoptive parents can access a variety of education courses to help augment what they have already learned. Many of these programs are available via webinar so can be done in the comfort of your own home when it fits into your schedule. Below are just a few of the courses offered. To see more and to register for any of the courses below check out the AFABC website.

### **Openness: An Introduction** [on-demand webinar] - **NEW!**

Are you new to adoption and the topic of openness? This introductory webinar will answer your questions: What is openness? What is the history of openness? What does openness look like in an adoptive family? What is an openness agreement? Does openness change with time? What is the Post Adoption Registry?

This live webinar will include questions from the on-line audience.

**Format:** One 1-hour on-demand webinar

### **Safe Babies Training** [workshop]

If you are planning to adopt a baby or toddler, locally or internationally, the Safe Baby Workshop Series is for you! This course is especially valuable to families open to children with prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol. The workshops include guest speakers, information on infant care and early childhood, and certified infant/child CPR training.

**Format:** Five 2.5 hour in-person workshops, includes infant CPR certification

### **Social Media and Adoption** [on-demand webinar] - **NEW!**

The pace of social media uptake has led to an explosion of information, and the era of adoption secrecy and closed adoption is effectively over. Connections and meetings between adoptees and birth families can occur without consultation, detectives, red tape, letters or intermediaries. It can be as simple as a Facebook search and message sent into cyberspace with a wish and prayer. The question for everyone is how to manage (or leverage) these new tools, apps and channels in the best possible way for adoptive parents and for our children.

**Format:** One 1-hour on-demand webinar

## **Remember Who's Who.....**

Just so that you don't forget who's here to assist you....

**Jennifer Wall** - Agency Administrator

**Marni King** - Part time social worker

**Deanna Notte** - Part time social worker

**Vickie Harvey** - Part time Program Assistant

**Diane Wiseman** - Part time Administrative Assistant