



THE GATHERING WELL
ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY

Support Meeting Schedule

2021-2022

All meetings will take place in the Hearth Room at Central Church main campus unless otherwise noted.

Address: 3102 W. Ralph Rogers Road

6:00 - 6:30pm: Free meal for families

6:30 - 8:00pm: Therapeutic-based childcare for children from birth - 5th grade during parent meeting

To RSVP for any meeting, email info@gathering-well.org

AUG 10 Investment Parenting

Facilitated by Cara DeHaan

Parenting kids from hard places often looks different than traditional parenting. If this is your experience, you belong here! The Gathering well exists to help connect you with other amazing families who share your heart for adoption and foster care.

SEP 14 Attachment

Facilitated by Robin Duncan

Looking back to move forward is a common theme in caring for kids from hard places. Join us as Robin Duncan educates and facilitates conversations around attachment theory.

OCT 12 Proactive vs Reactive parenting

Facilitated by Cara DeHaan

Studying our children's behavior can lead to a wealth of knowledge. This evening we will look at this practice together and begin the process of learning from our children.

NOV 9 Committing to Extraordinary Love

Facilitated by Lisa Stellinga

Parenting a traumatized child takes faith, endurance and creativity. How has this felt in your home? How can you care well for yourself during this intense period?

DEC 14 Moms Night @ Clean Bean

Let's meet for coffee, mamas! The Clean Bean (550 W 85th St) has graciously donated the private use of their space to us from 7:00 - 9:00pm! Come purchase a beverage, cozy up and be heard!

JAN 11 TBRI 1: Connecting

Facilitated by Shannon Behrend & Cara DeHaan

(Trust-Based Relational Intervention) Building the foundation for healing in our homes begins with connecting to our children. Come learn and practice the foundational piece of TBRI.

FEB 8 TBRI 2: Empowering

Facilitated by Shannon Behrend & Cara DeHaan

What needs can we meet for our children to put them in a prime position to receive the nurture and structure necessary for healing? Tonight we will focus on empowering our children.

MAR 8 TBRI 3: Correcting

Facilitated by Shannon Behrend & Cara DeHaan

Correctly interpreting challenging and perplexing behaviors is the key to healthy correction. Come learn and practice trauma-informed strategies for correcting.

APR 12 Movie Night Discussion *LOCATION TBD*

Your (fun, but not necessary) homework in preparation for this evening is to choose 1 of the following movies / documentaries to watch. We will break into groups to discuss!

Lion (2016) Dev Patel

Black & White & Us

Closure - Angela Tucker Documentary

MAY 10 Resource Night

Let's celebrate a year of community and growth! Come ready to share a favorite resource that has been most helpful for you - a book, conference, podcast - the sky is the limit!