



BUILDING FAMILIES ONE DREAM AT A TIME



January 4, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to invite you to attend the **4th Annual Chelsey's Dream Foundation Adoption Seminar** on January 19th from 9 am – 1 pm at Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta, IA.

Chelsey's Dream Foundation assists families in the adoption process by providing financial and emotional support. The foundation feels the annual seminar is a great way to educate families just starting out on their adoption journey and provide ongoing support and a sense of community to families who have adopted in the past, including families, friends and educational providers.

Our speaker this year is Mike Berry. Mike and his wife Kristen are nationally known authors, bloggers and speakers whose mission is to encourage parents along the unique journey of foster and adoptive parenting. They are passionate about reaching adoptive, foster, and special needs parents around the globe with a message of hope and transformation. Mike and Kristin, have 8 adopted children and provided foster care for 23 children over the course of 9 years. Learn more about them on their website:

<https://confessionsofanadoptiveparent.com>

Mike will provide guidance to parents, friends, family members and professionals on how to effectively communicate with children who are struggling emotionally or have questions about adoption. Resources and support will also be given to pre and post adoptive and foster families regarding the process, terms and struggles we go through. Mike will touch on trauma and attachment issues, behavior understanding and management, self-care and re-regulation practices, and communicating trauma knowledge.

In addition to Mike's informative presentation, attendees will also learn more about the Chelsey's Dream Foundation story as well as hear from a panel of Chelsey's Dream Foundation families. There will be a question and answer session to conclude the seminar.

Who Should Attend & Registration:

Post adoptive families, Pre-adoptive families; extended family members of adopted children, teachers, school administrators, coaches, club leaders, law enforcement and authorities, medical and therapeutic professionals, clergy and pastoral personnel.

To register please email Heidi_linden01@yahoo.com or text 563-451-3775 to register! Pre-registration is recommended but not required.