



# Maintaining a Connection: Importance of Birth Families

Presented by:  
Families for Kids

In coordination with Pierce College, Foster Parent Education

## Workshop Objectives:

- ❖ **Assists caregivers in understanding the importance of maintaining contact with birth families.**
- ❖ **Discuss the importance of birth family contacts**
- ❖ **Participants will learn the importance of healthy boundaries and clear expectations when relating to birth families**
- ❖ **Open Adoption Agreements will be discussed as well as the impact of these agreements on the child.**

This workshop was created by Dinah Martin. Dinah has been part-time faculty at Pierce College since the 1990's, teaching in the Social Service/Mental Health program. Dinah works at the headquarters office of the DSHS Children's Administration and has worked for DSHS for over 20 years as a social worker, trainer, community resource manager, and state office manager. Dinah has been a foster parent, a teacher, and a consultant. Currently, she works to support social work staff in improving practice. Dinah has a BA in Education and an MS in Human Resource Management and Development.

<b>SPOKANE</b>	<b>KENNEWICK</b>	<b>BELLINGHAM</b>
Region 1, Paul Knaus <b>February 23, 2007</b> 8:30am- 3:00pm Lutheran Community Services 210 W. Sprague	Region 2, Renee Siers <b>April 20, 2007</b> 5:00pm-9:00pm Kennewick Public Library 1620 S. Union	Region 3, Betty Newson <b>February 23, 2007</b> 10:00am- 5:00pm Christ the Servant Church 2600 Lakeway Dr.
<b>SEATTLE</b>	<b>GIG HARBOR</b>	<b>OLYMPIA</b>
Region 4, Betty Newson <b>April 21, 2007</b> 10:00am- 5:00pm Lutheran Community Services 433 Minor Ave. N	Region 5, Betty Newson <b>June 12, 2007</b> 10:00am-5:00pm Peninsula Branch Library 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr.	Region 6, Betty Newson <b>June 1, 2007</b> 9:00am- 4:00pm Lutheran Church of Good Sheppard 1601 N. St. SE

### TO REGISTER: Please register in advance as seating is limited!

(Choose one): Call 1-877-DLforME; Give to instructor; or Mail detached piece to:  
Julie Anderson, Pierce College, 9401 Farwest Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498-1999

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Please check one: **Maintaining a Connection: Understanding the Importance of Birth Families**

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