

Counsellor Training Program

Post Adoption Support Services (PASS), Relationships Australia South Australia, is providing professional development training for counsellors, psychologists, social workers and other professionals working with or interested in working with persons who have been adopted, birth families and adoptive families. Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Grief and loss in adoption
- Search and Reunion
- Attachment disorder
- Indigenous issues
- Late discovery
- Who to refer clients to and why
- Services available for individuals and families affected by adoption.

When: Tuesday 4th and Thursday 13th March 2008, 9.15am - 4.30pm

Venue: Relationships Australia, 49a Orsmond St, Hindmarsh

Cost: \$60 per person.

Registration: Registration is essential. Please contact Gina Martino at Relationships Australia (SA) on 08 8245 8100 or email g.martino@rasa.org.au

Attachment Theory:

It will be assumed that attendee's will have some understanding of attachment disorder, and its impact on child development. Some of our trainers will be making reference to this, so PASS is presenting an introductory session for those who are unfamiliar with attachment related challenges. There is no charge to attend this session, although registration is essential. This session will be held on Thursday 28th of February, 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Later in the year, we will be offering further skills based training in particular counselling models and how to apply them in an adoption context.

Professionals attending the March training sessions can apply to be on the PASS preferred providers list. This is a list of qualified counsellors, social workers, psychologist and other professionals, who have experience in and knowledge of adoption related issues, which PASS can confidently refer their clients to for support.

For further information about the training or Post Adoption Support Services, please contact Nikki Hartmann or Sandi Petersen on 08 8245 8100, or email passinfo@rasa.org.au.