

THE ART AND SCIENCE OF TRANSPLANTING CHILDREN

WITH **GORDON NEUFELD** PH.D

“Transplanting children – whether this occurs as the result of remarriage, removal, adoption, parental loss, or change in custody - constitutes the most difficult challenge in raising children. Like plants, it is all about their attachment roots; unlike plants, it is a great deal more complicated.

When proximity to one’s parent is neither possible nor in the child’s best interest, the child is subjected to the most impacting experience of all - separation from those to whom they are attached. When such children are unable to recover from the impact of the attachment disruption, or when they fail to adequately re-attach to the parent or parents who are raising them, nothing works as it should.

Dr. Neufeld has dealt with transplanted children and the adults attempting to raise them for close to forty years. From his years of experience and his profound knowledge of attachment and human vulnerability, he makes sense of this most daunting of human challenges: raising children who were born to other parents. In this eight-session course, Dr. Neufeld shares his learnings and his insights. From this basis of understanding, he opens the doors to change. The objective of this course is to provide a map for all those who are involved with transplanting or transplanted children.”

FOSTER PARENT SCREENING

SESSION TOPICS

- 1. Becoming attached**
- 2. Why children need to attach**
- 3. Fostering attachment**
- 4. The impact of separation**
- 5. Impediments to re-attachment: protective shyness**
- 6. Impediments to re-attachment: defensive detachment**
- 7. Keeping children safe and helping children adapt**
- 8. Disciplining transplanted Children**

LOCATION

**Interior Community Services
Board Room - 765 Tranquille Road**

WEDNESDAYS

April 3, 2019 - Sessions 1 and 2
9:30- 11:30am

April 10, 2019 - Sessions 3 & 4

April 15, 2019 - Session 5 & 6

April 24, 2019 - Session 7 & 8

TIME

10am - 12:30pm
(Apr. 3: 9:30am - 11:30pm)

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