

Ask It Right: Assessing, Preparing and Supporting Adoptive and Foster Parents for the Journey Ahead

By Jayne Schooler

Date: Thursday 3 June 2010

Time: 9 am to 3-30 pm

Location: Onehunga Community Centre
Auckland (see details on next page)

Cost: \$90 (incl GST, morning tea, lunch not included)

Jayne's focus for over 25 years has been the training and education of adoption and foster care professionals and families. She has been a featured speaker at numerous state and national conferences in the USA, and is an award-winning recipient for her work as a child welfare trainer. See www.jayneschooler.com

Jayne is the author or co-author of six books including the well known works "The Whole Life Adoption Book", "Searching for a Past" and "Journeys after Adoption".

Jayne says "My newest research and writing work here has focused on the need to narrow the gap between the foster or adoptive parents' expectations and reality. We look at trauma-informed assessment and preparation". Her latest book is "Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families".

This workshop is suitable for any **professionals working with children** whose early development has been compromised by trauma or neglect of any kind; social workers in foster care, permanent placements, adoption, care and protection, psychologists, psychotherapists, or counselors working with such children and their families.

NOTE– Jayne is a keynote speaker at the Adoption Conference, Footprints on the Journey, June 5-6, 2010, Waipuna Conference Centre. See www.icanz.gen.nz

HOW TO REGISTER

Email your name and contact details now to ensure a place and receive venue information. Payment can be made by internet banking, cheque, or credit card via Paypal with a transaction fee. Invoice will be sent when you notify us of your registration.

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Learning Description

When a child enters a foster or adoptive home following a history of abuse, neglect and trauma, that child will greatly impact the family. Often the foster or adoptive family is broadsided by shattered expectations- the experience is nothing like they expected. They are confronted by confusing emotions and feel unequipped for the journey. This workshop addresses a key need – narrowing the gap between the expectations of the foster/adopt family and the reality of the experiences they encounter. The goal of this workshop is to provide another layer of assessment skills and preparation for the foster/adoption homestudy and to provide tools for supporting the family after adoption. The big picture of preparation is to help build "trauma-competent" adoptive and foster parents. Jayne will cover :

What Makes the Task of Assessing and Preparing Families Difficult?

Can We Narrow the Gaps Between Expectations and Reality? Identifying Ten Common Parental Expectations and Management Strategies

Understanding Assessment and Preparation

- a. Three Types of Questions: Which One is Most Effective?
- b. Working with Three Types of Questions

Nine Essential Competencies for Foster and Adoptive Parents Caring for Traumatized Children

- a. Using behavioral questioning with your tasks

Parenting Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused: What are we asking foster and adoptive parents to do?

Understanding the Transformation of the Adoptive or Foster Family

Understanding the Impact of Parenting Traumatized Children on the Other Permanent Children

Parental Self Care Strategies – Creating Resilience

Transfer of Learning and Evaluation



Jayne Schooler Workshop on Assessing Prospective Foster and Adoptive Parents

Venue Details:

Location:

**Onehunga Community Centre,
(Manning Room)
83 Church Street
Onehunga
Auckland**
(next to the Library)

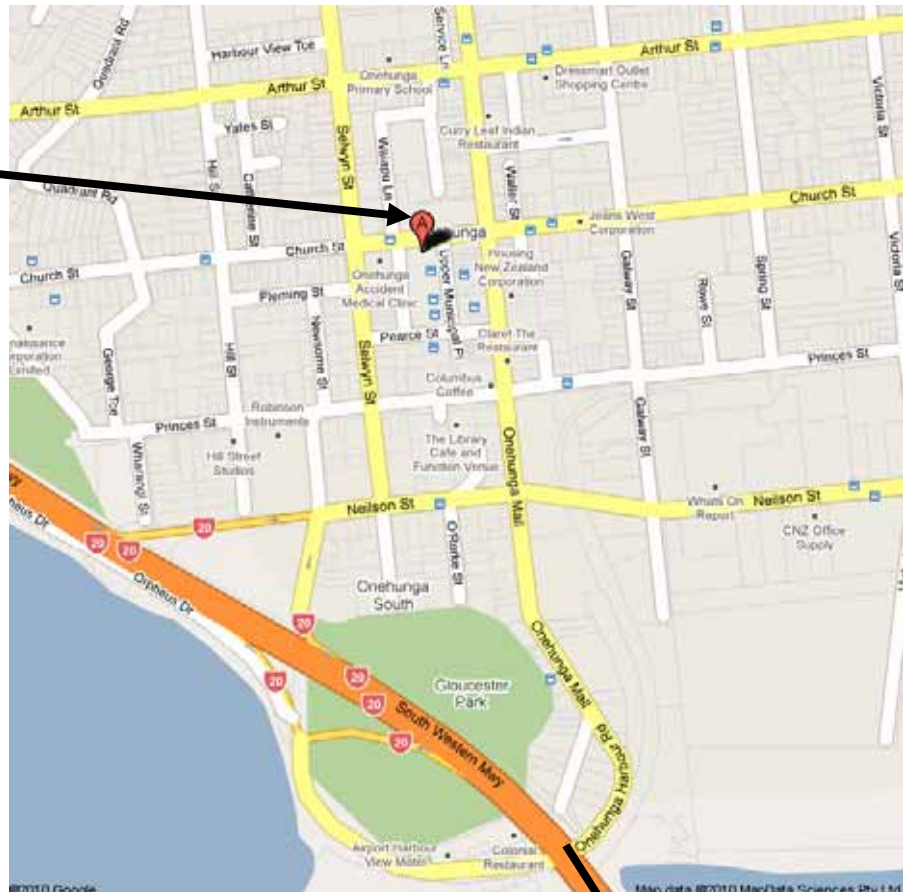
Parking: Parking is available behind the centre and in the surrounding streets, but please check parking restrictions.

Transport from Waipuna Hotel: A limited amount of free transport is available from Waipuna hotel to the venue in Onehunga at 7-50 am (and return) with the speaker. Contact ICANZ.

Provided:

Handouts of Jayne's presentation will be provided.
Morning and Afternoon Tea is included.

LUNCH: A table has been booked for Lunch at Columbus Café, 1 minute walk from the venue, where you can purchase a lovely variety of food for a café lunch. Bring an umbrella if wet. Or you may bring your own lunch.



To airport (10 minutes)

Payment Details:

The \$90 (incl GST) Registration fee can be paid by one of the following:

Internet Banking to:

ICANZ

Account no: 12 3077 0357634 00

Cheque to:

ICANZ

PO Box 96-124

Balmoral

Auckland 1342

Paypal (using your credit card):

This can be done via the link on the ICANZ website www.icanz.gen.nz See the link to paypal on the conference information page.

Invoices:

Invoices will be prepared for anyone wishing to register. Please contact ICANZ with details of attendee and who the invoice should be sent to.

Receipts:

Please notify us if you need a receipt as well as an invoice.