

## ONTARIO SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM NOTES FOR SESSION 1:

Page 1-9, Step3, please note that the Contact Info/Participant Agreement and the Copyright Agreement documents are now included in the Participant Binders at the front; they do not need to be handed out. They must be completed by participants and then collected by the trainers.

Page 1-10 , at the beginning of Step 4

- Introduce the history of the Adoption Council of Ontario & background about the Pathways & ACT curriculums as follows:
  - began over 25 years ago in the kitchen of an adoptive parent
  - this has grown over time to where it is today-supporting all members of the constellation, birth family, adoptive family and adoptee
  - with the Trillium funding, the ACO acquired the ACT (An Adoption and Permanency Curriculum for Child Welfare and Mental Health Professionals)
  - with the funding from a private funder they acquired the Pathways to Permanence 2 curriculum
  - the Ministry of the Child and Youth Services is funding this training for the parents and not the ACT training
  - this was a 7 session training, however, we added an 8<sup>th</sup> session
  - in the 8<sup>th</sup> session, we will talk further about a parent support group for your area and work with you to develop a plan on how to support each other going forward; we will also provide a listing on what resources are available in your community; we will talk about establishing a youth network in your community
  - we will start a **Resource flip chart** for you to add community resources that you are aware of that have been a benefit to your family

Page 1-14, Steps 1-5, “A Brief History of Permanency/Adoption in our Culture”

- Refer to the Ontario History of Adoption in their binders just after page 1-26 (note inclusion of Sixties scoop & links to additional resources for interested participants)
  - Speak briefly about Ontario child welfare outcomes and Ontario/Canadian Adoption Statistics (*note that participant binder includes only the history, not the CW outcomes and statistics which facilitator can refer to and summarize as appropriate for region*)
- *Participant Binder – Ontario history will be inserted after page 1-26 (they don’t get stats)*

Page 1-16, Family Diversity

- When introducing the *That’s A Family* video, recognize that it was made a number of years ago – perhaps discuss how much more diverse we are today

Page 1-22, Listen to My Story, Step 2

- When introducing *I Wonder* DVD, please acknowledge that the sound isn't great but part of the reason for that is one young man did not want to be featured in the video so he was the person with the camera; helps participants appreciate film more

Page 1-24 Openness

- At C, Step 4 Refer to the Openness Grid (located just after page 1-14 in their Binders)
- Complete the Activity: ask everyone to read the Grid and then individually or in a group depending on time, figure out where they are at on the grid;
- Take up exercise as a group (covers all the info on pages 1-24)
- Openness Resources can be found on an ACO webpage that Pat Convery has developed in connection with the Openness Workshop ACO offers: <https://www.adoption.on.ca/openness-resources>

➤ *Participant Binder – The Openness grid is included after page 1-14 in the Binder*

**At end of session:**

- Ask participants to fill out Daily Evaluation; note the Evaluations are located in a separate Tab at the front of their Binders
- Ensure attendance information is complete and accurate; update PACT on any changes to number of attendees, children needing childcare etc.
- Email participants the Additional Resources for the session
- Complete the Pathways Fidelity log

***Note to Ontario Pathways Participants:***

The Kinship Center, a member of Seneca Family of Agencies in California, developed the *Pathways to Permanence 2: Parenting Children who have Experienced Trauma & Loss* curriculum. With their permission, ACO has supplemented the Pathways Participant Resource Notebook materials with additional Ontario and Canadian based resource materials for the benefit of Ontario participants. This will be an ongoing process.

If you have other resources you would like to suggest, please contact us at [pact@adoptontario.ca](mailto:pact@adoptontario.ca).

Thank you,

*The PACT Team*

