



## Mark your Calendars ~ Upcoming Events at AKA!!!

**May 17, 2010:** AKA is excited to host a viewing of the documentary ***For the Life of Me***, a documentary by Jean Strauss that follows Dave, a 52-year-old adoptee as he embarks on a journey to find his birthmother. Jean Strauss, author and filmmaker, is the author of *Birthright: The Guide to Search and Reunion for Adoptees, Birthparents, and Adoptive Parents*.

**June 21, 2010:** Amy Pogrund is a 16-year-old adopted individual who has recently reunited with her birthfamily. Amy's adoptive parents and brother will join her as she shares her experience growing up with a sibling whose adoption story was very different from her own, as well as the recent experience of meeting Amy's birthfamily.

**July 19, 2010:** *Attaching after Adoption: Practical Tips for Infants to Teens* presented by Robyn Gobbel, LCSW. Robyn will offer concrete ideas for activities that will encourage attachment with your adopted child, from zero to teen.

**August 16, 2010:** Jane Hall, attorney at law, will provide an overview of the Texas Legal System with regard to how it pertains to adoptions and termination of parental rights. As an adult adoptee, Ms. Hall is able to provide personal and professional insight into the laws that impact adoption.

**September 20, 2010:** *Ten Conversations You Have to Have with Friend and Family about Your Adoption* presented by Janie Cravens, LCSW.

Don't forget to stay for the support and discussion groups held after each meeting for birth families, adopted people, and adoptive/waiting parents. Beginning in April 2010, the adoptive/waiting parents group will be professionally facilitated by Sally Fussell, LCSW, and Beckett Franklin Gray.

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