

Group Consultation #1



Post-Adoption
Family Consultation
and Counseling on
Specific Issues
of Your Child

Eligibility of International Adoptees for the Special Education Services

The format of a group consultation:

Focused on a specific post-adoption issue, a small group of 4-8 families (parents, no children) gathers at the BGCenter on the date and time, scheduled for the group of your choice led by one or several moderators.

A moderator is a professional (child psychologist, therapist, pediatrician, school administrator or lawyer) specializing in the related services to adoptive families and/or children.

The length of a consultation session is 3 hours

Every consultation includes:

- Introduction
- The moderator's presentation on the specified issue
- Case presentation by each family with group discussion and the moderator's recommendations
- Concluding remarks by the moderator: action plan for dealing with the problem in question

Moderators:

Boris Gindis, Ph.D.
Anton Papakhin, Esq. Attorney at Law

During the session we will address the following questions:

- When and how does an adoptive family recognize the need for special education placement and services for their child?
- What is school position on remediation of international adoptees?
- What are the parent's legal rights in obtaining special education services?
- What are the strategies for obtaining timely and adequate special education support for an internationally adopted child?
- How do I prepare for the Educational Planning Conference (EPC) where the service eligibility question is discussed?

The participants will be provided with samples of service request letters. A simulated Educational Planning Conference will be played out and analyzed.