

MISSION

It is the mission of PEAR to provide a voice for prospective and adoptive parents. All families should be provided:

Opportunity to make a wholly informed and educated decision to adopt;

System that is transparent, ethical, economical, and respects the rights of families of origin, the laws of governments involved, the adoptive and prospective adoptive parents, and **most importantly the children;**

Choice of agencies that operate legally, ethically, responsibly and in the interest of the adults and children they serve;

Access to support services and resources post adoption;

Representation before the bodies that govern and oversee adoption providers.

Parents for Ethical Adoption Reform

Ethics ♦ Transparency ♦ Support
What All Adoptions Deserve



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WHO WE ARE

PEAR is a 501(c)(3) Pennsylvania non-profit corporation that started as a grassroots group of adoptive and prospective adoptive parents who came together to discuss the lack of a unified, respected voice for adoptive families.

Our membership has grown to include adoptees, adoption professionals, birthparents and others interested in meaningful ethical adoption reform from the adoptive parent point of view.

We believe that the existing system needs strong reforms because it does not represent the best interest of the people most impacted by the system: **the children and their families**, both original and adoptive.

PEAR Board members are all adoptive parents. We are **pro-adoption**, yet want to reform the corruption that is occurring in today's adoptions.

ACTIONS & STATEMENTS

- ◆ Sponsored Adoption Ethics and Accountability Conference (2007)
- ◆ Submitted comments on regulations of Hague Intercountry Adoption Act (2007)
- ◆ Launched Calls to Action Vietnam (2007, 2008)
- ◆ Launched PEAR blog (2007)
- ◆ Attained 501(c)(3) status (2008)
- ◆ Released International Adoption Doctor Directory (2008, updated quarterly)
- ◆ Completed Post Adoption Services Survey (POSitive study) (2009)
- ◆ Released Adoption Ethics, Corruption and Reform search engine on website (2009)
- ◆ Published Open Records Statement (2009)
- ◆ Published Prospective Adoptive Parents Bill of Rights (2009)
- ◆ Launched survey of Mental Health and Therapy Providers (2009, ongoing)
- ◆ Launched Nepal blog (2009)
- ◆ Released Positions on SB 1376, SB 1359 (aka FACE), & HB 3070 (aka FOA) legislations (2009)
- ◆ Released Position on TB in international adoptee (2009)
- ◆ Published Adoptive Parents Bill of Rights (2010)
- ◆ Launched Cambodia Blog (2010)
- ◆ Released Position on Haiti Adoptions (2010)
- ◆ Released State Adoption Directories (2010)
- ◆ Petitioned for Investigation of Adoptee Placement (2010)
- ◆ Launched Survey on Ethiopia Adoptions (2010)
- ◆ Created PEAR Panel for adoption issues (2010)

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ◆ Systematically addressing issues related to the accreditation process for US adoption agencies under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.
- ◆ Researching and creating legislative proposals addressing the regulation, licensing & oversight of adoption agencies
- ◆ Addressing Current Legislative Proposals regarding adoption.
- ◆ Monitoring and Addressing Intercountry Adoption Issues.
- ◆ Supporting Open Birth Record Legislations that provide full and open access to original birth records for all adult adoptees.
- ◆ Providing Tools & Information for Pre- & Post-Adoption (including State directories with Health, Education, Bureaucratic and other supports).
- ◆ Accepting complaints and reports of unethical and/or illegal activity about adoption agencies, employees and government entities. (The information we receive may be used to lodge formal complaints with the appropriate governmental entities and watchdog organizations.)