

PEAR Membership Application

Your membership dues support PEAR's mission for meaningful adoption education and ethical adoption processes and practices.

New Member Renewal

Name(s): _____

Organization (if organizational membership): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip, Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Adoption: (check all that apply)

- Adoptive Parent Foster Parent Prospective Adoptive Parent
 Adult Adoptee Adoption Professional: _____
 Birth/First Parent Other (please explain): _____

Type of Membership Requested:

- Regular Membership (adoptive parents)
 Supporting Membership (adoptees, families of origin, foster parents, professionals, organizations, etc.)

Regular Members: (check all that apply)

- Domestic Public or Foster to Adopt Domestic Private Adoption
If Domestic, which State(s)? _____
 International, if so which country(ies)? _____
Year adoption(s) finalized? _____

How did you learn about PEAR? (check all that apply)

- Ethics Conference Materials Adoption Support Group: _____
 PEAR website Other (please explain): _____
 PEAR Blog

I would consider volunteering for: (check all that apply)

- Internet Outreach Committee Financial & Fundraising Committee
 Legislative & Governmental Proposals Committee Public Relations Committee
 Education Committee Membership Committee
 Advocacy Committee

Special skills, abilities, or contacts that would be helpful? _____

\$ 20.00 Annual Dues
\$ _____ Optional donation
\$ _____ Total Enclosed Sent by PayPal To be Mailed

Statement of Membership:

I believe in the mission statement and goals of PEAR and agree to actively work to achieve the purposes for which PEAR was organized.

Signed: _____ date: _____

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Mail: Send a check or money order payable to PEAR and your signed application to:
PEAR, c/o Pam Veazie, Membership Chair, PO Box 4351, Carmel, IN 46082

Online: Email applications and PayPal dues go to membership@pear-now.org



Ethics
Ethics

Transparency
Transparency

Support
Support

What all adoptions deserve.

Parents for Ethical Adoption Reform

Our Mission

It is the mission of PEAR to provide a voice for prospective and adoptive parents. Our goal is to ensure that all families are provided:

- the opportunity to make a wholly informed and educated decision to adopt;
- a 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*;
- a 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;
- official representation before the bodies that govern and oversee adoption providers.

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 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.

Current Projects

- Systematically addressing issues related to the accreditation process for US adoption agencies under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption from the viewpoint of prospective and adoptive families. While the adoption triad will be the people most profoundly affected by the new process and the outcome of accreditation they have the least amount of representation in the creation and oversight of the accreditation process. (on-going)
- Researching and creating legislative proposals addressing the regulation, licensing and oversight of adoption agencies. (on-going)
- Surveying Post Adoption Services and Support for Adoptive Families. (underway)
- Survey to develop a directory of Licensed Therapists and Mental Health Providers and Facilities. (underway)
- Creating an Adoptive Parent's Bill of Rights. (underway)
- Creating a Prospective Adoptive Parent's Bill of Rights. (done – see website)
- Supporting legislation providing full and open access to original birth records for all adult adoptees. (on-going – see website for our Open Records statement)

Join PEAR

Complete membership application on reverse.

Learn More

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