

**APC Hudson Region, Westchester Institute for Human Development and
Westchester County Foster & Adoptive Parents Association present**

How to Talk to Your Foster/Adoptive Child about Difficult Subjects

Saturday April 17, 2010 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Blythedale Children's Hospital, 95 Bradhurst Avenue, Valhalla, NY

Presentation by:

**Barry Chaffkin, LCSW, CEO and co-founder for CT WOCAT
(Changing the World One Child at a Time)**

Children and Adolescents in the foster care system have been through many difficult events and situations throughout their lives. They may need someone to talk to about some of these things. It can be difficult for adoptive parents or other significant adults in their lives to know what to say or do when a difficult subject has been brought up. Sometimes adults do not share information with children because it is difficult for us to discuss with them, not because the children shouldn't know.

Discussions will include:

- comfort level
- age appropriateness
- methods of communication

Participants will:

- Gain knowledge of various approaches to discussing difficult information.
- Build skills in order to feel more confident in their ability to discuss difficult topics.

Barry Chaffkin, LCSW is CEO and co- founder for CT WOCAT (Changing the World One Child at a Time). Mr. Chaffkin has worked in child welfare for over 20 years and has directly supervised the reunification of over 900 children with their families as well as the finalized adoptions of over 900 children from the New York foster care system. Mr. Chaffkin is a nationally recognized speaker and was named Adoption Activist of the Year in August 2005 by the North American Council on Adoptable Children.

Mr. Chaffkin believes strongly that every child deserves a safe and permanent family. All of those who work with children can Change The World One Child At a Time...So one child can change the world.

**There is no charge to attend but registration is requested
so we can get an approximate count of number of people attending.**

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