NYSSCSW Met Chapter

## **Couples and Family Practice Committee**

## The Journey from Infertility to Alternative Family Building Options

(Adoption & Third-Party Reproduction)

Presented by Phyllis Lowinger

## Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm to 1:30pm Location: 211 W 56 St, Suite 30H, NY, NY

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the emotional and social issues of the journey from infertility to alternative family options.

## The focus of this workshop will cover:

- The complicated losses of infertility
- Similarities and differences between having a child by birth from adoptions and 3rd party reproduction
- Life-long developmental issues for families formed by these alternative family building options

I have been in private practice for over 30 years. In addition to general psychotherapy, I have specialized in infertility, adoption and third party reproduction. I have been a support group leader for RESOLVE. In addition to counseling pre and post adoptive families, I have counseled birth parents and adopted persons. I have counseled individuals and couples considering forming their family by 3rd party reproduction and have worked with parents and their child who are theirs by third party reproduction.

I have presented at workshops and conferences including the 92nd Street Y, Harvard Adoption Conference, American Adoption Congress, and International Post Adoption St. John's conference. I have assisted in the post-adoption training program for mental health professionals with Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavao. I have written articles for magazines and have been featured in the documentary "Adopted: We Can Do Better" in the segment "Infertility: A Complicated Loss."

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