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Dear Parent Group Member:

I am contacting you to make you aware of an opportunity for volunteers to participate in a focus group of adoptive parents being sponsored by Michigan State University. The School of Social Work at MSU has a federal grant to find ways to strengthen the relationships of couples who adopt children from the child welfare system. One activity of that grant is to conduct focus groups with adoptive parents who are married or have parenting partnerships with someone other than a spouse. Information collected from parents during a focus group will help in the development of a curriculum for parents and professionals.

Information on the focus group being held in your area is as follows:\*

Date: MM/DD/YY  
Location: Where to go  
Time: Starting and Ending times

\* refreshments will be provided.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend this one time meeting. We encourage couples to attend together, but, if both parents cannot attend together, participation is open to one parent in the couple. A copy of the questions to be discussed during the focus group is enclosed in this packet.

If you are interested in attending this focus group, please fill out the enclosed attendance form and mail it to: \_\_\_\_\_ or contact her at phone/email listed below

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I would like to encourage you to attend this focus group, but emphasize that your participation is voluntary. It will be an opportunity for you to give input into improved ways of preparing and supporting couples that undertake the challenge of adopting children.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Anderson, PhD MSW  
Director, MSU School of Social Work  
Principal Investigator

## Attendance Form

Check one of the following:

- Yes, I am interested in participating in a focus group.
- I am unable to participate at this time but please contact me regarding future research opportunities.

Please complete the following contact information:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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