



# Northampton Area Pediatrics Presents

## Parenthood and Adoption

A panel discussion led by  
Edward Plimpton, PhD

Sunday, May 18, 2025

4:00pm – 5:30pm

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Parenting a child who has been adopted has its own challenges & rewards. In this panel discussion we will talk about some of the common challenges parents face; including open adoption and high needs children. The child's questions about identity and much more.

Kathy Harrison has been a foster parent who has written about her experience in two books: *Another Place at the Table: A Story of a Shattered Childhood Redeemed by Love* and *One Small Boat: The Story of a Little Girl, Lost and then Found*.

Harold D Grotevant, PhD Emeritus Professor and Director of the Rudd Adoption Research Program at the University of Massachusetts and author of *Openness in Adoption: Exploring Family Connections*

Nonie Bouthiette, Adoption Social Worker at the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families

