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New Lunchtime "CAP Chats" by Children Awaiting Parents Brings Experts in Adoption and Foster Care for Weekly, Interactive Discussions

Five Free Community Opportunities on Facebook Live

Rochester, NY—To help inform and enlighten the community about children in foster care and Children Awaiting Parents' (CAP) work to help get these children adopted, CAP is launching "CAP Chats," a new weekly lunchtime series on Facebook Live.

Beginning Friday, October 2 from 12-1 pm, and continuing every Friday throughout October, CAP will bring in experts in the adoption and foster care fields to share their knowledge and experience with the public. Hosted by CAP Adoption Specialist/Program Manager Veronica Turner, and CAP Executive Director Lauri McKnight, this interactive, FB Live event is free and open to all.

The schedule of guests and topics is as follows:

- Oct. 2: Tracy VanVleck, commissioner of Seneca County Division of Human Services speaking on foster care and Family First
- Oct. 9: Nicole Bayley, Family court law clerk, Wheatland Town Justice, foster parent, and CAP board of directors member, speaking from a legal and personal perspective
- October 16: The Dukes family, local family finalizing their child's adoption from foster care, speaking about their personal experiences in the adoption process
- October 23: Lisa D. Maynard, LMSW, trauma specialist, nationally known speaker, trainer, advocate and consultant on adoption, speaking about trauma
- October 30: Lauri McKnight, CAP executive director, speaking about the importance of fundraising and support for CAP kids in care during this critical time

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