

This one day conference features:

Keynote speaker, **Jean Strauss**, filmmaker and author of *Beneath a Tall Tree*, and adoption best-seller, *Birthright*. Ms. Strauss will discuss current adoption policy, the issues of secrecy and access to records. She will also present one of her short films, "Vital Records"

Three workshops will illustrate the changing picture of adoption by creating a safe opportunity for adoptive parents, birth parents, and adoptees to voice their unique perspectives in one setting.

Workshops

1 Yes, We Can Talk About It

Some adoption related issues are difficult to talk about. In this panel triad members answer questions we need to ask.

2 All in the Family of Open and Closed Adoption

There is a tendency to polarize open or closed adoptions with the notion that one kind is preferable to the other. All adoptive family members share the pain of losses, and the gift of new possibility. Listen to two families talk about their real-life experiences and challenges in open and closed adoption.

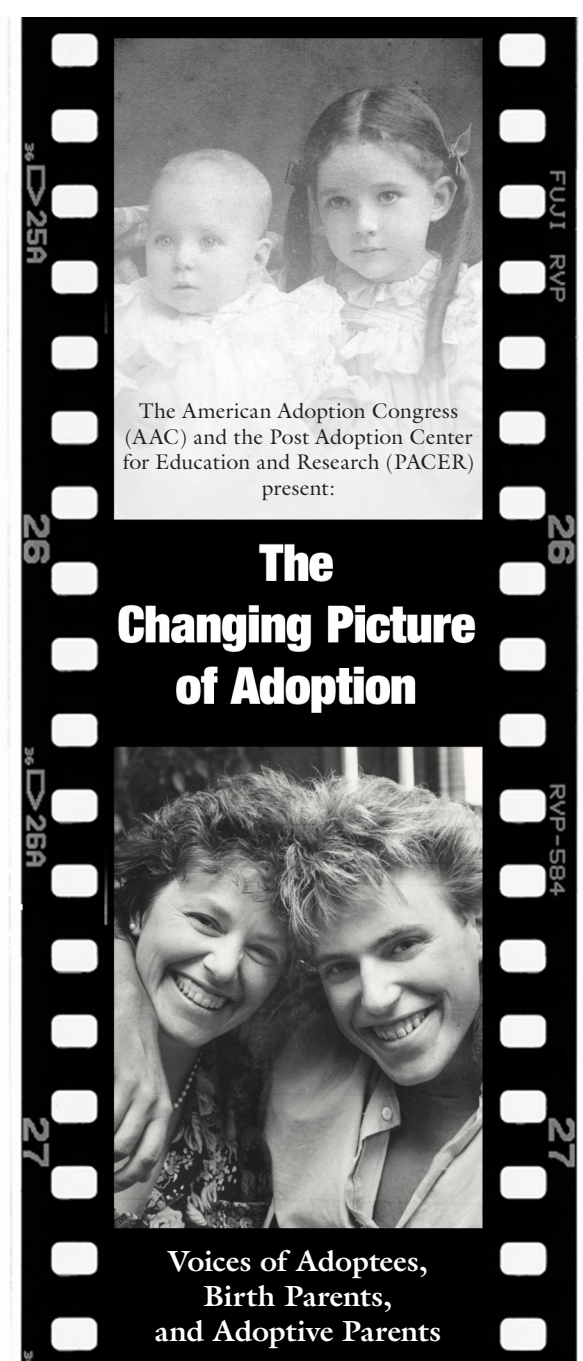
3 What Did You Say?

An adoptive mother tells her child that her "birthmother" "made an adoption plan" for her. That same "birthmother" tells her best friend, "I gave up" my "firstborn". Whose language is it anyway? And what nuances are we conveying? This triad panel will offer a frank conversation about the impact of adoption language.

Is our conference for you?

We created our content for adoption professionals, reform advocates, counselors, psychotherapists, adult adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents.

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Keynote Speaker – Jean Strauss
May 20, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunset Building, Headlands Institute
Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin Headlands
Sausalito, CA 94965

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Heading North on 101 from San Francisco:

1. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and take the Alexander Avenue exit – the second exit.
2. Merge right onto Alexander Avenue (do not go left under the freeway).
3. Take the first left (in approx. 1/10 of a mile, the left hand turn lane). Go straight to the tunnel entrance, then follow the Directions from Tunnel below

Heading South on 101 from Marin County:

- 1a. Take the second Sausalito exit (the last exit before the Golden Gate Bridge).
 2. Turn right and follow the road under Highway 101.
 3. Go straight after the stop sign and take the first left (in approx. 1/10 of a mile, left hand turn lane).
- Go straight to the tunnel entrance, then follow the Directions from Tunnel below.

Conference fee includes coffee/breakfast pastries and a box lunch/beverage.

General	\$85
PACER and AAC members	\$70
Students	\$50
Registration at the door	add \$15
Cancellation after May 6	\$15 fee

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www.americanadoptioncongress.org/membership.htm

To become a member of PACER,
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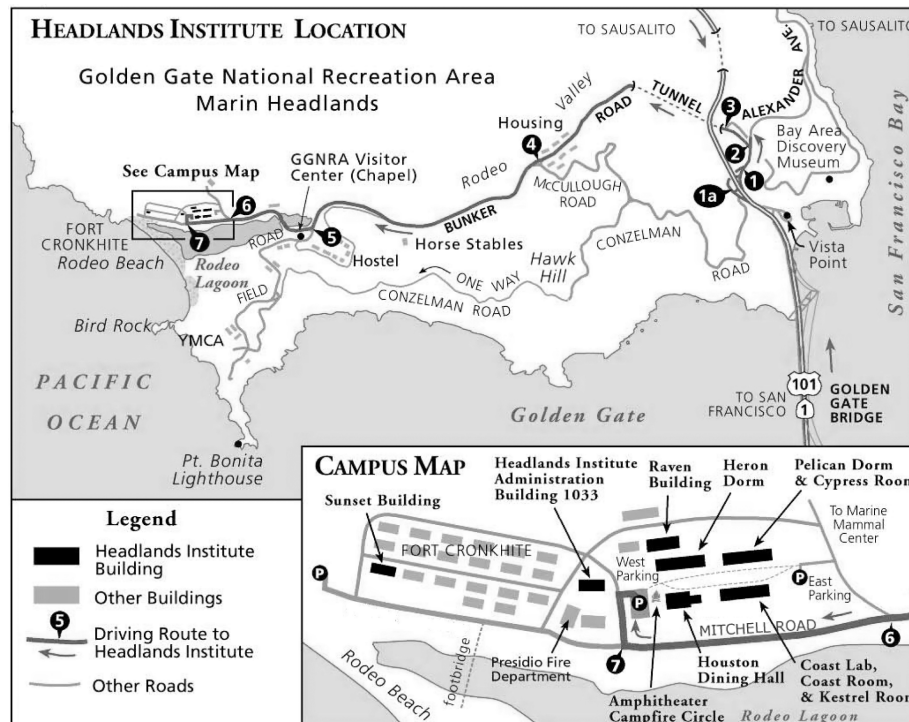
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Directions from Tunnel:

4. Wait for the green light before proceeding through the tunnel and on to Bunker Road. Continue slowly through housing area (watch for speed bumps).
5. Bunker Road passes below the old chapel (now the Visitor’s Center) and crosses Rodeo Lagoon. After the bridge the road makes a left turn and goes up a little hill.
6. In the middle of the hill you will see a brown sign on the right of the road, follow arrow pointing to the left down Mitchell Road to Rodeo Beach and the Headlands Institute.
7. On Mitchell Road take the first right into our West Parking Lot (first row is reserved for park ranger vehicles). See the Campus Map above for locations of individual buildings and dorms. (Our administrative building, Building #1054 Sunset Room, is west of the parking lot.)

For more assistance please call (415) 332-5771.



*Note: The Headlands Institute (map: www.hiconferencecenter.com/maps.html), overlooking the Pacific Ocean, lacks handicap and wheel chair access. We offer our sincerest apologies.