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China's Children International Adoptee Only Facebook Group Membership and Posting Policies

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Description:

The CCI Adoptee Only group is a private FB group where adoptees can comfortably share their experiences with only their peers. This group is an official FB group of China's Children International, an organization created by and for Chinese adoptees with the mission to empower Chinese adoptees from all over the world by providing an inclusive and supportive community for all of us who share this common beginning.

Membership Requirements:

1. You must be a Chinese adoptee to join the CCI Adoptee Only Group. "Chinese adoptee" refers to anyone who self-identifies as a Chinese adoptee with a logical reason.
2. All members must join and participate as individuals and may not act on behalf of an organization or institution.
3. All age ranges are welcome, but please be advised that mature topics often come up, so the recommended age is 16+.
4. Unfortunately, no parents or family members representing younger adoptees will be admitted. Chinese adoptees ONLY.

Check out our website at www.chinaschildreninternational.org. Any questions should be directed to chinachildreninternational@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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5. If we find you to have misrepresented yourself or your identity, we will immediately revoke your membership.

Membership Procedure:

1. In order to confirm that you are a Chinese Adoptee, we require that you answer screening questions. When you request to join, three (3) questions will pop up on your screen:
 - Please acknowledge that your request will be declined if you do not respond to ALL questions.
 - This group is for Chinese Adoptees Only. Please list the city+province where you're adopted from. How old were you adopted? What year were you adopted?
 - I have read and consented to our membership and posting policies.
 - You will also be asked to agree to our abridged group rules.
2. You must respond to ALL questions for your request to be approved by admins. If you are declined because you did not answer all questions, please reapply and answer ALL questions. If you believe your application was mistakenly declined, please send us an email.
3. If the screening questions aren't working or you are confused, please send responses to these 3 questions via email to chinachildreninternational@gmail.com.

Important Note:

As a member or prospective member of CCI, our CCI FB coordinator or a member of the CCI Board may attempt to reach out to you for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, regarding your answers to the membership questions, adding trigger warnings, a post you have made, or a violation of our policies. We will first reach out to you via FB. If you have strict privacy settings that restrict us from reaching out to you, we request that you either adjust your privacy settings such that we can contact you, allow one of the CCI Board Members to "friend" you, or send us an email so that we can get in touch with you. If none of these happen, and we are unable to get in contact with you, we will unfortunately have to take action without your input. For a membership request or post request that we have questions about, that means we may have to delete your request or decline to approve the post (although we may be able to provide feedback). So please reach out to us at chinachildreninternational@gmail.com if you have not heard from us regarding a post or membership request.

Community Guidelines:

1. Please be respectful of all members. It is fine to disagree, but please do so respectfully! Let's keep our community strong!



2. We have a zero-tolerance for discrimination of any kind policy. This includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on age, sex, gender, religion, race, nationality, and sexual orientation.
3. Please keep swearing and crude language to a minimum. Keep in mind that we do have younger members in the group. Everyone is welcome here.
4. We will not censor discussion of certain topics and opinions BARRING direct attacks on individuals and groups and disrespectful comments as deemed by the board.

Posting Policies:

1. Any member of CCI Adoptee Only group may post, comment, and like in accordance with our community guidelines.
2. If you are new to the CCI community, we encourage you to post an introduction to yourself!
3. Most promotional-based posts, including posts about research and surveys looking for participants, are NOT allowed, however, please see [here](#) for our detailed promotional policy.
4. Discussions in CCI should be kept strictly confidential.
 - a. We expect members to respect the privacy of other members and to keep any discussions from the group confidential. That means no comments, screenshots, or posts should be shared outside the group (which includes sharing wording or details of posts enough to track down the original post), unless you are able to obtain EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION from EVERY MEMBER that the post involves. In other words, if you are looking to share a thread of comments, you need the written permission of EVERYONE who commented in that thread.
 - b. Similarly, no outside screenshots of other groups should be shared without the original poster's express permission. We expect members to adhere to and respect the confidentiality policies of other groups. It is YOUR responsibility to be aware of and follow the policies of groups that you are a part of. If, however, it is brought to our attention that a post is in violation of another group's confidentiality policy *and* we agree that a violation has taken place, we will shut down and remove the post.
 - c. Members may NOT datamine the group for research or other projects or use any conversations or information gained in the group or in any CCI events for research or other projects under any circumstances. What is said in the group stays in the group and may NOT be used without express prior written consent.
5. Posts on mature or controversial topics are accepted, as we do see the value in talking about difficult questions, however, we ask that you use your discretion to tag your post with a Trigger Warning. (A Trigger Warning is a note at the top of the post that warns



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readers of sensitive topics that have a high probability of upsetting people.)

- a. If one of our members finds your post upsetting, we may reach out to you to ask you to add a trigger warning to your post.
6. Please keep swearing and crude language to a minimum. Keep in mind that we do have younger members in the group. Everyone is welcome here.
7. We expect our members to post information from verified sources, ideally to corroborate their information with multiple sources, and to avoid misinformation. We urge our members to critically interrogate the sources from which they are receiving their news.
8. Please move posts searching for crib-mates or biological relatives to our CCI Birth Parent Search and Reunion Group
[\[https://www.facebook.com/groups/ccibirthparentsearchandreunion/\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ccibirthparentsearchandreunion/).
9. Community members should be cautious about revealing personal identifying information, including medical information.
10. If you have posted a number of weeks ago but have still yet to hear back, we may have sent you a message. Please see [Important Note](#) for more information.

Reporting Violations of our Posting Policies or Community Guidelines:

- 1) Because our guidelines are community guidelines and because CCI admins cannot be online 24/7, we do rely on and appreciate when members bring situations that warrant notice to our attention. However, if you come across a situation that you feel violates our regulations, we ask that members please "report" the said comment or post (click the three dots on the side of the comment, and then click "Report") , rather than step in personally to enforce regulations. An admin will be online soon to address the situation. We acknowledge that this means that situation might be dealt with in a slightly slower manner, but we think this is best for everyone in our community.
- 2) Please do not mark posts as spam. Instead, report them to the admins and we will decide whether or not they are spam.

Removal Policy:

1. After your first minor infraction of any of the above guidelines, we will remove your post and ask you to review and follow our policies.
2. After a second minor infraction, we will remove you from the group for one month.
3. You may come back after one month, but any infraction that you incur after you return will result in being removed and blocked by the group.
4. For serious infractions, especially the CCI Board retains the right to remove and block members without prior notice.



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5. Infractions are counted cumulatively for violations made across ANY CCI owned Facebook platform. Removal will be from ALL CCI owned Facebook platforms and programs.

Disclaimers:

1. By posting in our group, you are agreeing to adhere to our community guidelines below. **We reserve the right to delete posts and comments and remove members without notice if we deem them to be in violation of our community guidelines. We also reserve the right to alter these guidelines at any time and without notice.** If you believe someone or some post is in violation of our community guidelines, please don't hesitate to let us know.
2. While CCI does its best to maintain a safe Facebook environment, it is the individual member's responsibility to practice appropriate internet safety, especially in "friending" people one has never met in person. Remember that people you "friend" can have access to your personal information.
3. Physical SAFETY is important. We acknowledge our members would like potentially meet others in person, however as an organization, we want to be sure people are aware of the risks of meeting people you have met online, and to use their internet smarts before making any decisions. **CCI cannot be liable for any harm incurred by participating in events or meet-ups that are not CCI sponsored.** This is especially true for these groups that encourage in person meet-ups. Be sure to use discretion when deciding whether to participate in certain events.
4. Asking the community for advice is welcomed, but please remember that we are not professionals and all advice is to be followed at your own risk. CCI cannot be held liable for any harm incurred by accepting advice from any of our members.
5. The nature of some of the topics discussed may be more appropriate to mature individuals and adoptees who are comfortable talking about certain subjects.
6. We reserve the right to change and adjust these policies at any time and without notice. Please check back often for the latest policies.

Mental Health Resources:

Also, we just want you to know that you are never, never alone in your struggles. If you are feeling that you or someone you know needs help, please reach out to:

National Suicide Lifeline: Call 1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741 to talk to a trained counselor. It's free, confidential, and available 24/7.



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Other mental health resources can be found on Active Mind's website here:

<http://www.activeminds.org/issues-a-resources/mental-health-resources/general-mental-health-resources>)

Thank you very much for your support and understanding! If you have any concerns or questions about our policies or feel that someone is in violation of these regulations, please email us at chinachildreninternational@gmail.com. We always want to hear from you.