

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

TITLE: Autosomal DNA Testing for Adoptees

LENGTH: 60 minutes

DESCRIPTION: DNA testing is a valuable new resource for adoptees and others who are researching issues of unknown parentage. Learn what kinds of tests are available to consumers, what information they can provide, and how to identify genetic ancestors using DNA matches.

AUDIENCE LEVEL: Beginner

CONTENT:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Audience handout, including resource list

OUTLINE:

Presentation will include:

- First steps in researching an unknown parentage case;
- An overview of the science behind autosomal DNA testing, and why it's useful in combination with traditional genealogical research;
- Recommended direct-to-consumer DNA tests for unknown parentage cases;
- Interpreting ethnicity estimates;
- Identifying common ancestors using triangulation;
- Using mirror trees and AncestryDNA's Shared Ancestor Hints to identify potential ancestors; and
- A case study using autosomal DNA to resolve an issue of unknown paternity.