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to all members of the adoption &  
foster constellation year after year

CALIFORNIA ADOPTION CONFERENCE

## Keynote Speaker



**Holly van Gulden** is co-author of *Real Parents, Real Children: Parenting the Adopted Child*, and *The Dance of Attachment*. Since 1985, Holly van Gulden has been training adoptive and foster parents and professionals throughout the United States, England, Scotland and Canada. In addition, for over fifteen years, Holly has co-directed Adoptive Family Counseling Center. Holly earned her B.S. from the University of Chicago and is completing her Master's Thesis for St. Mary's University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Holly is herself an adoptive parent she grew up in a multi-racial, international family comprised of six children born to the family, four adopted children and several foster brothers and sisters.

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## Workshop Presenters & Facilitators



**Heather Bollier Yetter, MA** brings extensive experience with foster/adoptive families and is currently Supervisor at Sierra Forever Families. She has supervised multiple Children's Mental Health programs including Wraparound, Destination Family Youth Permanency Team, Capitol Kids are Waiting, and Wendy's Wonderful Kids.

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**Susan Dusza Guerra Leksander, LMFT** is a first mother, transracial adoptee, and a licensed psychotherapist who has provided services to all members of the adoption / foster care constellation since 2008 in agency and private practice settings. She is the First/Birth Family Specialist at Pact, an Adoption Alliance. Susan placed her daughter for adoption in 2001 in an "open" adoption which was subsequently closed by her daughter's adoptive parents. She was transracially adopted as an infant and reunited with her first families as a teenager. Susan is currently on the Adoption Museum Project's Leadership Team and was Board President of On Your Feet Foundation for three years.

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**Sandy Sertyn, LMFT** has nine years of experience with Wendy's Wonderful Kids through Sierra Forever Families, finding adoptive families for foster youth with one or more barriers to adoption. Her focus includes adoption preparation, recruitment, placement and support pre- and post-adoption.

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**Liz Wieking** is a facilitator and coach specializing in whole-family coaching. She is also a birthmother. Her background in social work and neuro-linguistic programming brought her from a life heavily clouded by depression to one of deep joy. She is passionate about education in service of community health and a more inclusive society at large.