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California Adoption Conference **2018**

Listening to the Stories of Adoption and Foster Care

GENERAL CONFERENCE

For the Entire Adoption and Foster Care Constellation and Those Who Support Them
birth/first parents • adoptive parents • foster parents • adoptees • foster alums • siblings • extended family
and advocates • professionals, including social workers, therapists, psychologists, teachers

Saturday, March 24, 2018 ■ 8:30 am–5 pm

Over 18 practical workshops!

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Morning Keynote: DR. AMANDA BADEN

Challenging Society's "Story" of Adoption and Foster Care — Navigating Microaggressions

Sixty-four percent of Americans report being affected by adoption (were adopted, adopted a child, relinquished a child for adoption, or had family or friends who were adopted). Large portions of our communities are affected by the judgments and attitudes embedded in society toward the stories of each of us touched by adoption and/or foster care. Microaggressions are the daily insults, slights, and invalidations that target those socially marginalized due to adoption or foster care status. Triad members, and the professionals serving them, need to be aware of these often-unconscious beliefs, in order to develop effective advocacy strategies for themselves, their children, and their clients. This presentation will introduce attendees to a new framework for conceptualizing the oppression experienced by birth/first parents, adoptive/foster parents, and adoptees/foster youth, as well as learning tools to support a positive self-concept in the face of societal myths about their stories.



Amanda Baden, Ph.D has both personal and professional experience with adoption. She was adopted from Hong Kong and raised in a transracially adoptive family. Her experiences both personally and professionally have lead her to focus her research and clinical practice on adoption triad members, transracial/international adoption issues, racial and cultural identity, and multicultural counseling competence. She lives in New York City and is a licensed psychologist with a clinical practice in Manhattan.



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PROFESSIONAL'S DAY

Full-Day Workshop with Darla Henry, PhD, MSW, MRS

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Story as a Tool for Healing in Adoption and Foster Care

Adoption and foster care professionals will hear Darla Henry present a state-of-the-art, evidence-based practice that supports children, youth and families in grieving their losses and rebuilding their relationships toward the goals of well-being, safety, and permanency. Darla's 3-5-7 Model™ speaks to the core of child welfare and child/family mental health practices, incorporating theoretical underpinnings from child development, attachment, separation and loss, trauma, family systems, and relationship development. This innovative model pairs theory with practical guidance and tools such as lifebooks and loss/life lines which support deeper therapeutic work around adoption, abuse, abandonment, and neglect experiences. Practice applications will be addressed for ongoing case management services with kinship, foster and adoptive family relationships, and effective engagement strategy with birth families.



Darla Henry, PhD, MSW, MRS is a Social Worker, Trainer, Teacher and Consultant with more than 45 years of experience in child welfare, private practice, education, and training programs in the social work field. Darla established and authored the 3-5-7 Model™. She received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, conducting her doctoral work on risk and protective factors of resiliency in maltreated children.

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