

# ADOPTION

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## Core Issues in Adoption + Foster Care

*The good, the bad, and the complicated*

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Full day competency training for professionals

**PRESENTERS:** Patricia A. Jones, LCSW-R, ACSW

Marcella Moslow, LMSW

**Date:** April 24, 2020

**Location:** Monaco Training Center  
4955 N. Bailey Avenue, Suite 108  
Amherst, NY 14226

**1 seat left!**

**Date:** May 15, 2020

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**2nd date added!**

### Are you working with adopted or foster care children who exhibit any of the following symptoms?

- Emotional/behavioral outbursts or problems with dysregulation
- Difficulty with attachment(s)
- Present with no questions or concerns regarding their adoption/foster care status
- Difficulty with adjustment to out of country placement
- Self harming or risky behaviors
- Anxiety or hypervigilance regarding their biological families
- Multiple diagnoses, including; Reactive Attachment Disorder, Oppositional Defiance Disorder, Disruptive Behavior Disorder, ADHD, and Conduct Disorder

### Are you working with adult adoptees or adults with a history of foster care placement who exhibit any of the following symptoms?

- Difficulty forming close emotional relationships
- Struggles with identity
- Self harming or risky behaviors
- Difficulty with communicating needs appropriately
- Demonstrating rigid or perfectionist characteristics
- Multiple diagnoses from many providers

In this seminar, we provide training on the 7 core issues in adoption and on the hidden losses/trauma experienced by individuals impacted by foster care and/or adoption. Participants will learn how to apply this knowledge in interacting with adoptive/foster families for maximum engagement, to facilitate genuine relationships within the adoptive/foster family and build resiliency in the adopted/foster child at all stages of development. This training will also examine the common myths associated with adoption/foster care, societal stigma regarding adoption/foster care, and strategies to help the adoptive/foster family to navigate these issues with fuller understanding of the emotional needs of their child.



**Who should attend?** Social workers, psychologists, family therapists, psychiatrists, school counselors, educators, child life specialists, case workers, mental health counselors, graduate students, any professional working with persons or families touched by adoption/foster care.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Integrate a trauma informed approach to understanding adoptive/foster families
- Understand and identify the joys and challenges faced by adoptive and/or foster families
- Identify the 7 core issues in adoption and how all parties are impacted
- Assess the impact that each of the core issues has on the child and family
- Provide psychoeducation and teach cognitive restructuring techniques to use at the beginning stages of treatment to maximize client engagement and the assessment process
- Teach ways to incorporate 3 parent/child communication strategies in sessions to demonstrate empathy
- Identify and explore 5 common adoption/foster care myths
- Identify and teach 3 strategies to help each family member navigate societal reaction to adoption/foster care

*Lecture ♦ Anecdotal Scenarios ♦ Small Group Break- Out Practice/Experiential Sessions*

## SCHEDULE

8:00am	Registration	12:00-1:00pm	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
8:30am	Program begins	4:30pm	Program ends

There will be two 15- min breaks (mid- morning and mid- afternoon)

## COSTS, REFUNDS, & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Individual Rate: \$189.00/person      Early Bird (Register before 3/23/20): \$169.00/person

### Group Rates (3 or more registering together)

Regular Rate: \$169.00/person.      Early Bird (Register before 3/23/20): \$149.00/person

*No refunds after the start of the training. \$50 fee for those cancelling 30 days or fewer prior to training. \$25 fee for those cancelling more than 30 days prior to training.*

## REGISTRATION

Please register by clicking [here](#). Contact Marcella Moslow at [moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com](mailto:moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com) with any questions.

## CEU INFORMATION

**NYSED LMSWs and LCSWs:** Adoption Perspectives, LLC is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0588. 6.5 live in-person contact hours are approved.

**NYSED Mental Health Counselors:** Offered in collaboration with the UB School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education; recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors #MHC-0008. 6.5 live in-person contact hours are approved pending renewal.

**NYSED Marriage and Family Therapists:** Offered in collaboration with the UB School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education; recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists #MFT-0007. 6.5 live in-person contact hours are approved pending renewal.

**NYSED Creative Arts Therapists:** Offered in collaboration with the UB School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education; recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed creative arts therapists #CAT-0003. 6.5 live in-person contact hours are approved pending renewal.

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## ADA ACCOMODATIONS

If you require any support for your ADA needs, please contact Marcella Moslow at least 3 weeks prior to the event at [moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com](mailto:moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com). In the subject line of the email please write "Core Issues Training"

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

We are happy to respond to any concerns or questions. you may have. Please contact Marcella Moslow at [moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com](mailto:moslow@adoptionperspectivesllc.com). In the subject line of the email please write "Core Issues Training"

## Our journey

While different at times, our journeys come from the same place—international adoption. We are dedicated professional therapists, one an adoptive mother, and the other an adoptee. Our passion for adoption + foster care, perspectives and knowledge allow us to change the narrative and shape experiences that lead to an increase in understanding and growth within families, but also within the professional community that serves them.



**Patricia A. Jones, LCSW-R, ACSW** is an adoptive parent of two grown children adopted internationally and transracially. Before becoming an adoptive parent, Patricia worked at outpatient mental health agencies in various roles interfacing with the world of adoption and foster care. In private practice, she works with individuals of all ages, has an expertise in providing psychotherapy to children and adolescents, with an ongoing specialty and love of working with foster and adopted children and their families. She uses a holistic, strength-based, trauma-informed approach, is intensively trained in DBT, and uses Theraplay® informed (Attachment-Based) practices in her work. In addition to 30+ years of clinical experience, she has held administrative, consultant, supervisory and teaching positions in a variety of settings throughout her career. Touched by adoption personally and professionally, she is inspired to be a compass to others who are affected by the world of adoption and foster care.

*“Shooing away the pain doesn’t cut it. The only way is through. Having the courage to be vulnerable, to find compassion for yourself and your story, makes all the difference.”*

### **Favorite Quote**

“A child born to another woman calls me mom. The depth of the tragedy and the magnitude of the privilege are not lost on me.” – Jody Landers, Blogger: Love What Matters



**Marcella Moslow, LMSW** is a Colombian adoptee who works as a trauma therapist specializing in the areas of attachment and play therapy. She is trained in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Anger Management. Marcella currently works with individuals of all ages and families of all types in an outpatient mental health agency. She works with both English and Spanish speaking clients. Her passion is working with individuals and families touched by adoption and/or foster care. She is an advocate for education at all stages of the adoption/foster care journey and is passionate about helping to shape a new narrative regarding adoption and foster care for families, professionals and society as a whole.

*“The goal is to educate to reduce fear and discomfort of the unknown. The only way to do that—is to listen. Positive change comes through the voices whose stories shake us to our core and cause us to look at things from a different perspective.”*

### **Favorite Quote**

“I have lived a life full of love. Adoption still affected me, and it always will.” – Jamie Weiss, Reporter/News Anchor.

## Shaping Journeys

Adoption Perspectives personal position and unique, proactive support, education, resources and training will help guide families and professionals in navigating the culture of adoption and foster care, shaping journeys to inspire compassion and connection.

