



Kamilah Bunn is the CEO of the Adoption Exchange Association (AEA.) Founded in 1982, AEA is the country's premier national association of adoption professionals and organizations. AEA is the only national non-profit focused exclusively on strengthening the skills of adoption professionals. Kamilah joined the organization in 2016 and became the third CEO in its 36-year history.

Kamilah led AEA through a dynamic two-year action plan resulting in 140% growth in membership, launch of a national research project with Morgan State University and development of a national workforce program with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. As a result of Kamilah's leadership, 100% of the AEA Board of

Directors contributes to the organization and actively serves on committees.

During Kamilah's tenure with the organization, AEA applied and received its fourth cycle of federal funding to operate AdoptUSKids, a \$26 million five-year cooperative agreement with the Children's Bureau. Kamilah is also responsible for creating a diverse fundraising plan and has successfully raised more than \$100,000 annually through grants, donations, memberships and the AEA national conference.

Before joining AEA, Kamilah directed the child welfare program for the national capital region at the MWCOG which included managing the Freddie Mac Foundation's Wednesday's Child DC site, developing a regional fund for children aging out of care and implementing foster parent recruitment campaigns. In this role, she brokered several public-private partnerships to host foster parent galas, college tours for youth in transition, and match events. Kamilah compiled COG's regional child welfare data report, which was cited multiple times by The Washington Post. Previous employers included the DC CFSA and Adoptions Together, where she led recruitment efforts, and the region's Heart Gallery. She served as the adoption expert for NBC4's morning program Viewpoint and participated in countless media interviews.

Kamilah holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Business Administration degree from Trinity University – achieving cum laude in each. She is a certified public manager through George Washington University's Center for Excellence in Public Leadership. Kamilah's

Wednesday's Child site was honored as an Angel in Adoption through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in 2011. She has served on many Boards focused on supporting youth transitioning out of foster care – a passion of hers.

Kamilah resides in Maryland with husband, Jeff, daughter, Ella and Labrador Retriever, Rasta Pasta.



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