



2017 National Adoption Conference Workshop Abstract

Presenter(s): Jill Crewes, Amanda Purvis

Presentation Title: TBRI® Caregiver Training and Support: An evidence-informed model to preserve permanency and support families

Topic Area: Promising practices that adoption exchanges, child welfare agencies, and others in the field are using to develop and support foster, adoptive, and kinship families;

Description:

This workshop will provide and orientation to Trust Based Relational Intervention®. TBRI® is a parenting and intervention model developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross at the TCU Institute of Child Development and is based on a solid foundation of neuropsychological theory and research, tempered by humanitarian principles. It is a family-based intervention that is designed for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas such as institutionalization, multiple foster placements, maltreatment, and/or neglect. We will explore how The Adoption Exchange has implemented TBRI® training in Colorado, success stories, lessons learned, and opportunities for expansion.

Format: Lecture

Presenter(s) Biography:

Jill Crewes is the Senior Director of Family Support Services at The Adoption Exchange. She is also Co-founder of Emerge Family Connections in 2013. Jill earned her Masters of Social Work in 1999 from Boston University. Since then, she has dedicated her career to working with children with traumatic histories and the families caring for them. Jill has served children and families as an ongoing child protection caseworker, adoption caseworker, foster care certification worker, trainer, and family support director. She has received training from Dr. Karyn Purvis, Dr. David Cross, and their team at TCU to enhance her skills and knowledge. This training has re-enforced Jill's commitment to children from hard places and ignited a deeper passion for connecting and empowering children and their families. Most recently, Jill became accredited as a TBRI® Educator. Jill believes that there is

nothing more rewarding than making the difference in the life of a child and his or her family. Jill has also personally experienced the joys and challenges of fostering and adopting. Jill is passionate about training and brings much of her own experiences to the learning environment.

Amanda Purvis is the Project Director for the Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center. She is also a mom to eight children (2 biological, 3 adopted through child welfare, and 3 foster to adopt). Amanda has studied under Doctors Karyn Purvis and David Cross at TCU, recently becoming accredited as a TBRI® Educator. She has worked as a trainer and mentor to foster and adoptive families, and in post-adoption services for over 10 years. Amanda writes for magazines such as Adoptive Families Magazine and Fostering Families Today, and for several newsletters and blogs in the fostering and adoptive communities. Amanda's passion to empower parents and organizations to help heal children from the hard places is apparent in her classes.