

Kamilah Bunn is the CEO of the Adoption Exchange Association (AEA.) Prior to joining AEA as its Chief Executive Officer in 2016, Kamilah served on the Board of Directors for the organization for five years.

As CEO of AEA, Kamilah oversees the organization's budget and operations, in addition to maintaining the organization's federal grant totaling \$5.7 million dollars. As the only national association focused exclusively on adoption professionals, members rely on AEA to remain current on best practices in adoption.

Kamilah partners with leading universities to conduct research and evaluate its programs. She collaborates with Maryland's only historically black college and preeminent urban research university, Morgan State University, and the research team at the University of Texas at Austin to assist in making data-informed decisions about AEA programs.

Kamilah oversees AdoptUSKids, a five-year federal grant operated by AEA and its partners under a cooperative agreement with the US Department of Health and Human's Administration for Children, Youth, and Families. The AdoptUSKids program has seen more than 32,000 children adopted after being featured on the photolisting website. Kamilah is also a national spokesperson for AdoptUSKids collaborating with the Ad Council on annual media tours. She frequently appears at events and on nationally syndicated television news broadcasts and radio programs highlighting the critical need for homes for teenagers, sibling groups and special needs children in the US foster care system.

Kamilah's vision to increase visibility of adoption as a viable career path for students came to fruition after receiving seed-funding from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Together AEA and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption launched I-CARE in 2018, a national workforce development program to promote careers in adoption.

Earlier in her career, Kamilah managed the Heart Gallery for the national capital region, which is a photographic display of children waiting to be adopted. She also acted as coordinating producer of Wednesday's Child in Washington, DC, a national model program to amplify the voices of youth in foster care. Additionally, Kamilah worked directly with children and families as a recruiter for the District of Columbia's child welfare system and at Adoptions Together in Maryland.

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. She earned her certification in public management from George Washington University's Center for Public Leadership. Kamilah serves as Treasurer on the Board of Voice for Adoption, a national adoption advocacy organization, and volunteers with local non-profits in the state of Maryland where she resides.