

Kamilah Bunn
Chief Executive Officer
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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 focused exclusively on strengthening the skills of adoption professionals to retain a strong foster care adoption workforce.

Because of her love for children and skills in strategic operations and program development, Kamilah has devoted her career to being a child advocate. For the past 15 years, Kamilah has designed programs to improve the lives of children in the US foster care system.

As CEO of AEA, Kamilah oversees the organization's 6.2 million dollar budget and operations. She supervises AdoptUSKids, a five-year cooperative agreement grant with the US Health and Human Children's Bureau, a national research project with Morgan State University, a national adoption workforce development project and national peer-to-peer education programs for licensed social workers. Through her work at AEA, Kamilah is a leading voice in the youth permanency movement. She is a leading spokesperson on adoption, and frequently appears at national adoption events highlighting the critical need for homes for teenagers, sibling groups and special needs children. She participates in the national media tour for AdoptUSKids and has been featured in many publications, on nationally syndicated television news broadcasts, and radio programs.

Earlier in her career, Kamilah led several innovative programs that are now considered best practices within the adoption field. She managed several transformative initiatives such as 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, which is a national model program of the Freddie Mac Foundation to amplify the voices of youth in foster care by featuring children on local television news programs. Additionally, Kamilah worked directly with children and families as a recruiter for the District of Columbia's child welfare system and 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.