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Q1 Presentation Title

Scaling Wendy's Wonderful Kids - A Colorado Example

Q2 Topic Area

Executive Track - budgeting, workplace issues, board development, fundraising, succession planning, knowledge transfer.

Adoption Professional Track - best practices, evidence-based post-adopt programs, trends, recruitment strategies, technical skill-building, supervision.

Q3 75-Word Description of Workshop

This workshop will provide an overview of DTFA's scaling initiative and a case study of implementation from Colorado. In the presentation you will hear more about DTFA's over all scaling strategy and how it has worked on the ground in Colorado - from the initial idea stage to getting four-party funding in place (local philanthropy, state , county, and DTFA), contracting, hiring and implementation.

Q4 Format

Lecture

Q5 AEA will not provide LCD projectors or computers. However, we will provide a hook-up. Will you need hook-up for your computer and projector?

Yes

Q6 Lead Presenter Information

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Q7 Brief Biography of Lead Presenter

Lauren Arnold has been leading The Adoption Exchange since January 2014. The Adoption Exchange believes that no child deserves to be alone for a lifetime and is a national and regional leader in preventing older youth in foster care from leaving the system without the support of a family, mentor, or advocate. Prior to joining The Adoption Exchange, Lauren held a number of professional and volunteer roles in the non-profit sector, including Chief of Staff and Interim CEO for the Gill Foundation, and Chief Financial Officer at Visit Denver, the non-profit Convention and Visitor's Bureau for Denver. She is currently serving as Treasurer for the Board of Directors of the Bell Policy Center and has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of Great Education Colorado, Chair of the Board of the Children's Museum of Denver and Treasurer of the Board of the American Red Cross, Mile Hi Chapter. Prior to her non-profit career, Lauren was a turnaround CFO and an investment banker with Credit Suisse, leading Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions transactions in the Energy and Infrastructure industries. She holds a BA from Dartmouth College, an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in International Development from Johns Hopkins University. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines.

Q8 Second Presenter Information

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Q9 Brief Biography of Second Presenter

For more than 30 years, Rita Soronen has worked on behalf of abused, neglected and vulnerable children, providing leadership for local, state and national efforts working to improve the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, while striving to assure safe and permanent homes for North America's children.

Leading the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national nonprofit public charity, since 2001, and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption-Canada since 2004, Ms. Soronen works to find adoptive families for each of the more than 150,000 waiting children in the United States and Canada's foster care systems. Under Ms. Soronen's leadership, the Foundation has significantly increased its grant-making and awareness commitments, while developing strategic signature initiatives that act on the urgency of the issue.

Jennifer Justice is the Senior Vice President of Strategic Program Development at the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. In this role, Ms. Justice leads the foundation's scaling initiative. Prior to joining the Dave Thomas Foundation in 2016, Ms. Justice was deputy director of the Office of Families and Children for the State of Ohio.
