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Q1 Presentation Title

Parent groups and peer support as strategies to support families from inquiry through post-adoption

Q2 Topic Area

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 highlight the key role of parent groups and peer support in helping adoptive families throughout their journey from inquiry through post-adoption. Presenters will share information on parents' support needs at each stage of the process and how parent groups and other forms of peer support can be valuable strategies for helping ensure that parents are engaged, well-informed, and supported. Presenters will also facilitate discussion about what's working for participants.

Q4 Format

Lecture,
 Other (please specify):
 Combination of lecture and open discussion

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

Mary Boo serves as executive director of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, where she has worked since 1996. As manager of the AdoptUSKids Family Support Team, Mary Boo has researched, written, and trained about state, tribal, and private support services for foster, kinship, and adoptive families since 2006. For nearly 20 years, Mary has researched and written extensively about support services, child welfare practice and policy issues, and other areas of adoption and child welfare. Mary attended graduate school at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, where she studied nonprofit management and social policy.

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Q9 Brief Biography of Second Presenter

Alicia Groh, M.P.P., is a consultant with the AdoptUSKids project. She has 20 years of experience in the child welfare field, including working with tribes, states, and non-profit organizations. She has extensive knowledge of child welfare laws, policies, and programs. Her areas of expertise include recruitment, development, and support of foster, adoptive, and kinship families, with specialization in program models and effective implementation approaches. As a consultant, she assists child welfare systems with capacity building, strategic planning, community engagement, organizational culture change, and executive coaching.
