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Q1 Presentation Title

Realistic Expectations- Before, During and After the Match

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

Deborah Burrus and Evangel Wicks will share techniques on how to prepare families to evaluate and develop their own capacities in preparation for realistic matching with waiting children. They will share Georgia's techniques for matching events that include engaging youth in their own matching journey. They will also address the important work necessary after a potential match is identified to manage expectations, increase parental capacity and face challenges in the adoption process.

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

Deborah Burrus has worked passionately in the field of child welfare since 1992, most of that time spent in adoptions. Currently, as Adoptions Dir, she is responsible for a team that oversees Adoptions, Guardianship and recruitment of adoptive homes across the state of Georgia. Ms. Burrus has served on the National Foster Care Managers Board and is a graduate of Auburn University

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Q9 Brief Biography of Second Presenter

Evangel has more than 24 years of child welfare experience with the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services. She previously served as a case manager; Pre-service family trainer and assessor; a supervisor; an administrator in multiple counties. Currently, Evangel serves as an Adoptions Program Consultant for the State Adoption Unit. She works in the Adoption Exchange to identify matches for Georgia's waiting children. She is a passionate advocate for waiting children.
