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Q1 Presentation Title

Developing an Adoption Competent Network of Providers

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

For adoptive families, the “village” needed to raise a child must include adoptive competent health care, education, and social service professionals. It is critical for professionals who interact with adoptive families to understand issues and concerns specific to the adoption experience. This presentation provides information on how child welfare systems and adoptive parents can partner with medical and educational professionals along with examples of how two states have develop adoption competent systems of care.

Q4 Format

Lecture,
Other (please specify):
will include time for open discussion and sharing

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

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Q6 Lead Presenter Information

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Q7 Brief Biography of Lead Presenter

Melinda Lis has worked in child welfare over the past 20 years. Currently she is Vice President of the Academy for Family Support and Preservation at Spaulding for Children. She has led several national adoption/foster care initiatives including most recently the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption/Guardianship Support and Preservation and the National Training and Development Initiative for Foster/Adoptive Parents. Prior to her role as Vice President, Melinda was the Director for the National Resource Center for Adoption. Ms. Lis worked as a Research Specialist at the Children and Family Research Center at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign where she coordinated a national project with courts and child welfare agencies. Her work at the Center also involved the coordination of a statewide research project on post adoption services. Prior to her work at the Center, Melinda was the Special Assistant to the Chief of Operations at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Melinda was the Co-Founder and Director of a child welfare agency called Human Service Technologies that conducted training and implemented statewide initiatives in Illinois.

Melinda received her Masters degree from the University of Chicago and her Bachelor degree from the University of Alabama. Melinda and her husband were licensed foster parents in Illinois and have since adopted two children.

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Q9 Brief Biography of Second Presenter

John Webb is the Site Implementation Manager for the QIC-AG project with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF). John recently coordinated NJ's implementation of a randomized control trial designed to improve relational and legal permanency for youth legally free for eighteen months or longer without an identified home, titled NJ CARES. During John's years with DCF, he has worked with youth in a number of capacities including direct service roles as a Child Specific Recruiter, Adoption Specialist, and Adolescent Caseworker.
