

## 2009 ACTION Schedule

Monday, February 23, 2009

Time	What	Presenter	Title
7:30-8:30am	Registration		
8:30-9:00am	Opening Remarks	Joyce Maguire Pavao	
9:00-10:00am	Panel-JMP to Facilitate	Ada White, Gerald P. Mallon, DSW, Mary Gambon, Susan Soonkeum Cox	Standards and Practice-What We Are, What We Would Like to Be... (10mins each, 20 mins discussion)
10:00-10:15am	Break		
10:15-10:45am	Keynote	Dr. Peter Selman (United Kingdom)	Rise and Fall of <u>Intercountry Adoption</u> in the 21st Century; An Exploration of the recent decline in the number of children sent for adoption to 22 receiving states
10:45-11:15am	Keynote	Dr. Valerie O'Brien (Ireland)	A Comparison of Policies and Practices in Irish and USA Adoption: a look at how differences in the application and understanding of "permanence" and "family" act to propel decision making
11:15-11:30am	Get Lunch		
11:30-12:45pm	Working Lunch Workshops	1.) <u>State Post-Adoption Practices Panel</u> -Facilitated by Ada White (each gets 10 minutes, then 35 minute discussion) 2.) Lynn G. Gabbard, MS and Kathleen Lutz, MA	1.) <b>Barbara J. Consentino, MSW, LICSW and Christina R. Shuma, MSW (VT):</b> The Vermont Adoption Consortium's Role in Providing <u>Post-Adoption Services</u> to Children and Families: How does one become adoption competent?
			2.) <b>Michelle A. Hirst, MSW and Ardell Brackley, MSW, LICSW (RI):</b> <u>Effective Pre- and Post- Adoption Services</u>
			3.) <b>Erin Murphy (NH):</b> CPAS-NH: The Impact of Marriage Education and <u>Post Adoption Wrap Around Services</u> on Permanency in the State of New Hampshire
11:30-12:45pm	Workshops	3.) Jennifer J. Pedley, MJ	The On Your Feet Foundation: Creating Independent <u>Supports for Birthparents</u>
12:45-1:00pm	Transition		

		1.) Penny Callan Partridge, MSW (Massachusetts)	Pandora Out of the Box: an adopted woman's performance piece about facing the unknown
			1.) <u>Patricia Brady, M.S., LMHC, LMFT: Talking to Children About Adoption Across the Stages of Development</u>
		2.) <u>The Language of Adoption Panel- Facilitated by Phyllis Lowinger (each gets 15 minutes, then 30 minute discussion)</u>	2.) <u>Barbara Ann Gowan RN BSN: Supporting the Social and Emotional Needs of Adoptees</u>
			3.) <u>Gretchen Hall, M.Ed: Implicit Associations and the Language of Adoption: Implications for the Post-Adoption Triad</u>
		3.) <u>Learning Techniques About Adoption Panel- Facilitated by Adam Pertman (each gets 20 minutes, then 35 minute discussion)</u>	1.) <u>Judy Stigger, LCSW: Blended Learning for Families Blended Through Adoption: New approach for accessible, affordable, interactive education and support</u>
1:00-2:15pm	Workshops		2.) <u>Boris Gindis, Ph.D.: Innovated Practices in Academic and Cognitive Remediation of School-Age International Adoptees</u>
2:15-2:30pm	Break		
2:30-3:15pm	Panel-Lisa Maynard to Facilitate	Phyllis Lowinger, Adam Pertman, Leslie Pate Mackinnon	Infertility Panel (10 mins each, 15 mins discussion)
3:15-3:45pm	Keynote	Dr. Elsbeth Neil (United Kingdom)	Supporting the Birth Families of Children Adopted From Care
3:45-4:15pm	Keynote	John Sobraske, LMHC, LMFT	Utopian Dreams
4:15-5:00pm	Wrap up Day	Joyce Maguire Pavao	
5:00-6:30pm	Networking Time		Cash Bar and Passed Appetizers

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Time	What	Presenter	Title
7:30-8:30am	Registration		
8:30-9:00am	Opening Remarks	Joyce Maguire Pavao	
9:00-10:15am	Panel-JMP to Facilitate	Justin Pasquariello, Jamie Kim Ramola, John Sobraske, LMHC, LMFT	Adoptee Panel (15mins each, 30 mins discussion)
10:15-11:35am	Film	Nancy Kim Parsons and Barb Lee	"Adopted" 1 hour, 20 min
11:35-12:00pm	Discussion	Nancy Kim Parsons, Barb Lee	Discussion of Film with panelists
12:00-12:15pm	Get Lunch		
12:15-1:25pm	Working Lunch Workshops	1.) Becca Piper and Pat Hoopes, MSW, LICSW	The Role of Birth Country Travel in the Life Experience of Adoption
		2.) Ada White and Kate Cleary	SAFE - A Uniform Home Study Methodology for Adoption and Foster Care
		3.) Saija Westerlund (United Kingdom)	A Comparative Analysis of <u>Transracial and Intercountry Adoption in Finland and England</u>
1:25-1:30pm	Transition		
1:30-2:00pm	Keynote	Susan Soonkeum Cox	Race, Culture & Ethnicity in Intercountry Adoption-An Adoptee's Perspective
2:00-2:30pm	Keynote	Leslie Pate Mackinnon, LCSW	Swimming Upstream: Preparing Professionals for Working 'Effectively' Within the Triad
2:30-3:00pm	Keynote	Dr. Valerie O'Brien (Ireland)	Working Conjointly with Members of the Kinship System in Creating Harmonious and Sustainable Environments for Children: A Fifth Province Systemic Approach
3:00-3:15pm	Break		
3:15-3:45pm	Keynote	Dr. Betty Jean Lifton	What's Changed and What Hasn't in the Adoption Field
3:45-4:15pm	Keynote	Joyce Maguire Pavao	Narratives in Adoption: Telling the Adoption Story
4:15-5:00pm	Wrap up Day	Joyce Maguire Pavao	
5:00-6:30pm	Networking Time		Cash Bar and Passed Appetizers

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Time	What	Presenter	Title
8:30-9:00am	Opening Remarks	Joyce Maguire Pavao	
9:00-10:00am	Panel-Lisa Maynard to Facilitate	Dr. Peter Selman, Leslie Pate Mackinnon, LCSW	Search and Reunion (10mins each, 20 min discussion)
10:00-10:15am	Break		
10:15-10:45am	Keynote	Harold D. Grotevant	Emotional Distance Regulation Over the Life Course in Adoptive Kinship Networks
10:45-11:15am	Keynote	Dr. Peter Selman (United Kingdom)	Thirty Years of <u>Search and Reunion in England &amp; Wales; an Analysis of Statistics on Adoptees Seeking Access to Their Birth Records 1976-2007</u>
11:15-11:30am	Get Lunch		
11:30-12:45pm	Working Lunch Workshops	1.) Martha Henry, Ph.D. and Michael McManus, MSW, LICSW	<u>Educating Health Professionals about Adoption and Foster Care</u>
		2.) Ilya Yacevich and Rona Sandberg, LICSW	<u>Parent-Child Interaction Therapy-Adaptations: A Dyadic Treatment for Foster/Adoptive Children and Their Caregivers</u>
		3.) Paula Stahl, Ed.D, Lulie Munson, LICSW, Stefi Rubin, Ph.D.	<u>"Three-Legged Stool," A Specialized Mental Health Service for Foster Parents</u>
12:45-1:00pm	Transition		
1:00-2:15pm	Workshops	1.) Lisa Albers MD, MPH, FAAP and Wendy Schmidt, OTR/L, MPA	<u>Adoption and Medical Professionals: What Have we Learned from Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics</u>
		2.) John Sobraske	<u>Natural Medicine in Adoption</u>
		3.) Melissa St. John and Lynette Ingram	<u>Fix the Roof While the Sun is Shining: Creating Proactive Therapeutic Relationships for Children</u>
2:15-3:15pm	Film	Sherry Fine	"Forever Families: 7 Stories of Single Parent Adoption"
3:15-3:30pm	Break		
3:30-4:00pm	Discussion	Sherry Fine	Discussion of Film
4:00-5:00pm	Wrap up Day	Joyce Maguire Pavao	