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RECENT TRAINING AND SPEAKING EVENTS

I. **Keynotes and Training**

Keynotes

April 2024- NAA 2024 National Conference: Listening to Every Voice- Innovations Fair
Featured Speaker: Listening to the Youth Voice: A Youth Welfare Approach to Permanency

June 2023- DEFENDER ASSOCIATION of PHILADELPHIA- Reunification Celebration
Keynote: Why is Reunification Important?

June 2023- Reimagining Mental Health for Virginia's Youth: A School-Based Approach
Keynote: “Nothing About Us, Without Us”: My Voice Matters. [Reimagining Mental Health for Virginia's Youth: A School-Based Approach Conference -](#)

May 2023- Wendy's Wonderful Kids Summit 2023- Columbus, Ohio
Keynote: Youth Engagement and Permanency Planning- A Winning Combination!- [Chauncey Strong on LinkedIn: #trialsampletwitter #whova](#)

March 2023- Baltimore City Department of Social Services Child Welfare Conference-2023
Keynote: Breaking Barriers and Helping Families: Why Your Work Matters

October 2022- Oklahoma Children's Court Improvement Conference -Norman/Tulsa, OK
Keynote: “Nothing About Us Without Us!”

June 2022-National Council for Adoption- National Adoption Conference-Indiana
Keynote: Navigating Adoptive and Birth Family Relationships. [Chauncey Strong, MSW - National Council For Adoption \(adoptioncouncil.org\)](#)

June 2022- Reunification Celebration-Fairfax County DFS, Fairfax County, VA
Speaker: Lifting Families Together [Fairfax County Holds Reunification Month Celebration | Family Services](#)

February 2022- Baltimore City DSS 2022 Child Welfare Conference: “Safe, Engaged, Ready”- Staff Conference Baltimore

Keynote: Effective Family Engagement: Key Strategies to Promote Families Working Together

Trauma

June 2023- Prince George's County 12th Annual Resource Parent Conference-(Virtual)

Trainer- You Say Goodbye, and I Say Hello: Preparing Birth Children for Transitions in Foster Care:

May 2023- Maryland Center for Excellence in Resource Family Development 2023 Spring Conference: (Virtual)

Trainer: Trauma-Informed Care and The Impact on Reunification

March 2023 RAFFT & Spotsylvania Social Services Foster Parent Training

Trainer- Trauma-Informed Parenting: Practical Skills for Foster/Adoptive Parents

May and June 2022- The Barker Foundation Training Series (Virtual)

Trainer: Trauma Informed Parenting Part 1 and 2

May 2022- People Places Foster Parent Training (Virtual)

Trainer: Training & Discussion: Trauma-Informed Parenting

Father Engagement

January 2024- Webinar QIC-R Learning Opportunity: Building a Culture of Father Engagement. Webinar: [Building a Culture of Father Engagement](#)

Reunification

April 2024: Wisconsin Foster Parent Association Spring Conference

Trainer: Reunification: Birth and Foster Families Working Together

June 2023 Article--- [Foster Care: Barriers to Reunification — Social Work Today](#)

June 2023- Reunification Month ABA Webinar

Presenter/Facilitator: [Quality Improvement Center for Family-Centered Reunification: How to Improve Services and Speed Reunification for Families \(americanbar.org\)](#)

June 2023- Reunification Month ABA Webinar

Presenter/Facilitator: [What Child Welfare Agencies Can Do to Support Reunification](#)

April 2023- Reunification Month ABA Webinar

Presenter/Facilitator: [Experiences in the Reunification Process - Our Primary Responsibility to Parents, Children, and Youth \(americanbar.org\)](#)

December 2022- VDSS 2022 Permanency Conference, Hampton, VA

Panel Moderator: Reunification A Personal Journey

November and December 2022- Connecticut DCF/ Plummer Youth Promise (Virtual)

Trainer: Achieving Permanence Through Reunification

June 2022- Supporting and Celebrating Reunification (Virtual)

Trainer: [First Tuesday Resources - Maryland Resource Parent Association \(mrpa.org\)](#)

June 2022- National Reunification Month Webinar: (Virtual)

Host/Moderator: [Supporting Families through Reunification and Beyond \(americanbar.org\)](#)

June 2021- Child Welfare Information Gateway podcast “Reunification

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/more-tools-resources/podcast/episode-64/>

Adoption

March 2024- The Barker Annual Adoption Conference

Moderator: Older Child Adoption Done Right- Panel Discussion

January 2024-National Adoption Council For Adoption

Trainer: Completing and Preserving Adoptions for Children with Challenging Behaviors

October 2023- [The Importance of Sibling Adoption](#)

March 2023- Breaking Barriers to Permanency, Durham County DSS

Trainer: Talking to Youth About Adoption

November 2021- Barker’s 2021 Virtual Annual Adoption & Foster Care Conference

Moderator: Openness in Adoption – Exploring the Importance of Birth Family Connections

November 2021-- Virginia DSS 2021 Adoption Month Event- (Virtual)

Workshop Presenter: Every Conversation Matters: Unpacking the “No” of Teen Adoption

May 2021 VA Regional Post Adoption Consortium Services Program-- Adoptee Expert Series (Virtual) Workshop Trainer: Why We Search: An Adoptee’s Journey

May 2021 Newport News DHS- Staff Training (Virtual)

Trainer: Unpacking the “No” of Older Youth Adoption

Youth and Alumni Engagement

December 2023- Kin First Virginia: Achieving Permanency through Engaging and Empowering Families

Workshop Presenter: Helping Youth in Foster Care Reach Permanency and Lifelong Connections

May 2023- Barker Adoption Foundation

Presenter- Aging Out: Voice of Young Adults

May 2023- Wendy's Wonderful Kids Summit 2023

Workshop Presenter: A Youth Welfare Approach: Practical Ways To Engage Youth/Young Adults In Permanency Planning [Chauncey Strong on LinkedIn: #trialsampltwitter #whova](#)

April 2023- 2023 Children's Behavioral Health Conference, Norman OK

Workshop Presenter: A Youth Welfare Approach: Practical Ways to Engage Youth/Young Adults

April 2023- 2023 Children's Behavioral Health Conference, Norman OK

Youth Workshop Presenter: “Nothing About Us, Without Us”: Using Strategic Sharing in Self-Advocacy

December 2022- VDSS 2022 Permanency Conference, Hampton, VA

Workshop Presenter: A Youth Welfare Approach: Practical Ways to Engage Youth and Young Adults In Foster Care- [Agenda \(vdsspermanencyconference2022.com\)](#)

December 2022- Teens R 4 Me 2022 Independent Living Conference, Atlanta, GA

Workshop Presenter: Building Social Capital – Helping Youth Develop and Maintain Positive Adult Connections

December 2022- Teens R 4 Me 2022 Independent Living Conference, Atlanta, GA

Workshop Presenter: Authentic Youth Engagement Strategies for System Improvement

October 2022- Oklahoma Children's Court Improvement Conference -Norman and Tulsa

Panel Facilitator: “Nothing About Us Without Us!”

July 2022 Georgia Youth Advisory Board GPAC- Youth Training

Workshop: Strategic Sharing

Permanency

May 2023- The Barker Foundation's 29th Annual Adoption & Foster Care Conference

Panel Facilitator: Aging Out-Voices of Those Who grew up in the Foster Care System

March 2023- Breaking Barriers to Permanency, Durham County DSS

Trainer: Unpacking the “No” of Permanency

December 2021 Richmond City DSS- Managers and Supervisor Training Virtual

Trainer: Being a Permanency-Driven Organization

May 2021 Prince George CSA Retreat 2021- Virtual

Trainer: “Social Workers are Essential” In Helping Children & Youth Achieve Permanency!

May 2021 VDSS Foster Care Month Lunch and Learn

Webinar Presenter: Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents

April 2021 Wisconsin DCF - 2021 Youth Services Conference: Amplifying Youth Voices Virtual- Workshop Presenter: Unpacking the “NO” of Permanency for Older Adolescents- An Overview

March 2021 First Home Care - Social Work Appreciation Month -Virtual

Trainer: “Social Workers are Essential” In Helping Children & Youth Achieve Permanency!

[News and Events – First Home Care](#)

Kinship Care

December 2023- Kin First Virginia: Achieving Permanency through Engaging and Empowering Families

Facilitator: The Importance of Kinship Care- Panel Discussion

February 2022- Connecticut Department of Social- Staff Training Virtual

Trainer: The Unique Dynamics of Kinship Care and Permanency

September 2021- GA-National Kinship Care Month Webinar Series- Virtual

Workshop Presenter: *Setting Family Boundaries – A Conversation for Kin Caregivers*

September 2020- GA-National Kinship Care Month Webinar Series- Virtual

Workshop Presenter: *The Importance of Self-Care When Serving as a Kinship Caregiver*

Supervisors and Managers

March 2023- Richmond City Department of Social Services

Training: Breaking Barriers to Improve Teaming and Accountability

May 2022 Alexandria City Department of Community and Human Services

Trainer: Being a Permanency-Driven Organization-Virtual

December 2021 Richmond City DSS- Managers and Supervisors Training- Virtual

Trainer: Being a Permanency-Driven Organization

Families Working Together

February 2022- Frederick County DSS- Foster Parent Training- Virtual

Trainer: Promoting Partnership: Families Working Together- Comfort Calls and Icebreakers

January 2022 Richmond City DSS- Foster Parent Virtual Training

Trainer: Families Working Together-Icebreakers: What to Expect

November 2021 Richmond City Department of Social Services- Staff Virtual Training

Trainer: Using Icebreakers to Bridge The Gap of Family Engagement

September 2021--- 2021 Kempe International Virtual Conference:

Workshop Presenter: Bridging the Gap: Foster Parents- Birth Parents Building Connections

September 2021- 2021 Wisconsin Parents Supporting Parents Summit - Virtual

Workshop Presenter: Icebreaker Meetings

September 2021- Wisconsin Conference on Child Welfare and the Courts: A New Way Forward- Virtual Staff Training

Workshop Presenter: Bridging the Gap: Foster Parents - Birth Parents Building Connections

June 2021 Maryland Social Services Administration- Virtual Webinar

Webinar Trainer: Promoting Partnerships between the Family of Origin and Resource Parents

Other training topics include

Effective Father Engagement, Siblings Connections, Family Engagement, and Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment

II. Consulting

- *Currently-The National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification (QIC-R) <https://qicfamilyreunification.org/>*
 - Provide technical assistance on father engagement
 - Provide technical assistance and best practices on reunification and family and youth engagement
 - Provide feedback to sites to enhance their chosen interventions and attend site visits with the QIC-R team and the Quality Learning Collaborative when applicable.
- *Currently- Subject Matter Experts- National Child Traumatic Stress Network [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network | \(nctsn.org\)](https://www.nctsn.org/)*

- Prepare and share suggestions for content and activities that meet the learning objectives of Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC 2.0)
- Attend Planning, RPC Collab, and kick-off calls
- Notice and share how the process is working

- ***Currently- Oklahoma Successful Adulthood Program-Oklahoma DHS [The Oklahoma Successful Adulthood Program](#)***
 - Provide consulting and training services to Oklahoma Successful Adulthood Program to assist with youth engagement and assess the Oklahoma Foster Youth Advocates (OKFYA) structure.
 - Clear expectations of youth engagement from state leadership and adult supporters.
 - Clear expectations of OKFYA from state leadership.
 - A written plan with recommendations to OKFYA and the state team for continued growth and sustainability.
 - Increased knowledge, skills, and practices in youth and young adult engagement.

- ***Currently-Consultant/Trainer- Richmond City DSS [Social Services Children Families and Adults / Richmond \(rva.gov\)](#)***
 - Family Engagement: Help develop a Family Search and Engagement Unit
 - Support Development of REC-Richmond Emergency Case Staffing
 - Coaching on Family Engagement
 - Training - Family Search and Engagement, Icebreaker and Permanency

- ***Currently- Youth Development Specialist- Virginia Department of Social Services [Foster My Future \(virginia.gov\)](#)***
 - Youth Advisory Board-SPEAKOUT
 - Implementation of Youth Welfare Approach
 - Planning Team for Foster, Adoption and Reunification Month
 - Normalcy Training
 - Youth Exit Survey

- ***Currently- North American Council on Adoptable Children - [Home - The North American Council on Adoptable Children \(nacac.org\)](#)***
 - Prepare and deliver training on coaching to meet the needs of the QIC-EY project. (Coaching supervisors and managers on engaging youth in finding permanency)
 - Assist with curriculum revision

- ***Currently- Quality Improvement Center on Engaging Youth in Finding Permanency (QIC-EY)- [Home - QIC-EY](#)***
 - Trainer Curriculum Writer
 - Curriculum development working on a team for the QIC-EY to outline and construct developed for the child welfare workforce training to create a detailed outline on the assigned topics, Art of Engagement, and the Benefit of Engagement.

- Filming video on engaging youth in finding permanency
- ***Currently- Consultant-American Bar Association -Center on Children and the Law [National Reunification Month \(americanbar.org\)](http://americanbar.org)***
 - Support Reunification Month to include
 - Organizing reunification month events and follow-up
 - Assist with launching Reunification Month webinars
 - Lead outreach to help court and agency partners follow through on commitments
 - Recruit national organization partners to help launch a reunification month and follow up on commitments
 - Promote Reunification Heroes
- ***Currently- Trainer/Consultant-Plummer Youth Promise***
 - The Unique Dynamics of Kinship Care and Permanency-CT
 - Achieving Permanence Through Reunification-CT
 - Expedited Permanency Meetings-SC
- ***Currently- Capacity Building Center for States -***
 - MD-Resource Parent Recruitment and Retention
 - MD-Strengthening the Youth Advisory Board
 - NM Improving Sibling Connections and Engaging Relatives
 - Racial Equity Workgroup
 - MO- Developing a Parent Advisory Board- 2019
- ***2020-2023 Consultant Georgia Division of Family & Children Services***
 - **Youth Advisory Board Development**-GPAC Provide Technical Assistants to develop and implement the Georgia Youth Advisory Board (YAB). **Key Elements:** Plan and facilitate initial and ongoing Focus Groups; Review and create documents needed for the YAB; Assist youth with developing Leadership Skills; Facilitate training for youth and workers; Engage community partners as appropriate; Assist with other youth events as needed.
- ***2021-2022- Consultant Information Gateway***
 - **Incorporating Lived Experience:** Provide a full assessment and develop a plan to integrate alumni voices (those with lived child welfare experience) into Information Gateway's work and products. **Key Work Elements:** Understand Information Gateway's overall business processes; Interviews and planning sessions with identified leadership, staff, and stakeholders (as appropriate) to identify common goals and intended outcomes; Evaluate and develop a plan to integrate the alumni voice for product development.
- ***2017-2020- AdoptUSKids***

- Child Specific Recruitment

III. Curriculum Development

- National Quality Improvement Center for Engaging Youth in Finding Permanency (QIC-EY)- The Art of Engagement and the Benefit of Engagement
- The Unique Dynamics of Kinship Care and Permanency-CT
- Achieving Permanence Through Reunification-CT
- Sibling and Relative Connections, NM
- Bridging the Gap: Families Working Together
- Icebreaker Meetings: A Tool for Building Relationships Between Birth Families and Foster Families, VA
- Normalcy for Youth in Foster Care, VA
- Placement Stability for Youth in Foster Care, Center For States
- Unpacking the No of Older Youth Permanency

IV. National Projects

- National Quality Improvement Center for Engaging Youth in Finding Permanency (QIC-EY)
- Reunification Month Planning Committee
- Foster Care Month Planning Committee