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**RECENT TRAINING AND SPEAKING EVENTS**

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**I. **Keynotes and Training****

**Keynotes**

**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 - Bing video](#)

**June 2023- DEFENDER ASSOCIATION of PHILADELPHIA- Reunification Celebration**

Keynote: Why is Reunification Important-

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Reunification**

### **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/>

## **Youth and Alumni Engagement**

### **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: #trialsampletwitter #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

## **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

## **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](#)

## **Supervisors and Managers**

**March 2023- Richmond City Department of Social Services**  
Training: Breaking Barriers to Improve Teaming and Accountability

**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

## **Kinship Care**

**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*

## **Other training topics include**

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

## II. Consulting

- **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- Subject Matter Experts- National Child Traumatic Stress Network [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network | \(nctsn.org\)](#)**
  - 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-American Bar Association -Center on Children and the Law [National Reunification Month \(americanbar.org\)](#)**
  - 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-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- 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; conduct

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