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Supporting Kin, Adoptive Parents and Caregivers: Challenges and Support

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

In this webinar, adoptive and kinship parents and other caregivers caring for children who may be at higher risk for mental health challenges will learn about issues they may face and how to get the support they need along this caregiving journey.

Whether you are caring for a baby or older child, adopted locally or internationally, caregivers experience some common issues. Join our speakers, Helen Dawkes-Brown and Tanice Donaldson, as they help you understand the challenges, gain insights on the adoption and permanency journey, and learn about support services and how to access them. Come prepared with your questions and leave with a better understanding of how you can be supported to achieve permanency for the children you care for so that they may reach their full potential.

OUR SPEAKERS:



Helen Dawkes-Brown, B.A., B.S.W. RSW, Private Adoption Social Worker

Helen has worked in the field of adoption for almost 30 years, both with the Children's Aid Society and private sector, as well as international adoptions. She has been a presenter on various adoption topics, an expert witness in court on matters of adoption, and has facilitated adoption support groups. Helen is also the Chairperson for the Private Adoption Practitioners of Eastern Ontario and has served on several Provincial government committees regarding adoption issues.



Tanice Donaldson, Regional Parent Liaison, Adopt4Life

Tanice is a mother of one with a vested interest in adoption, kinship, and customary care that stems from being raised in a home that fostered children. Professionally, Tanice is a Registered Early Childhood Educator with over 16 years of non-profit operational and leadership experience in a family-oriented environment. She has specialized training in Mental Health, Trauma-Informed Care, and Inclusion. Tanice has played an instrumental role in community initiatives that have brought awareness to racial inequities. She currently works as a Parent Liaison at Adopt4Life, Ontario's Association for Adoptive, Kinship, and Customary care parents and caregivers and as an Addiction and Mental Health Instructor. She is committed to supporting children and families to self-advocate with an emphasis on self-care.



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Date of Webinar: November 18th

Time: 12 :00 pm – 1 :00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Place: Zoom (link provided via email to those who register)

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