

## NACAC Conference • Description of Tracks

<b>Track</b>	<b>Short description</b>	<b>Primary audience</b> <i>(all attendees welcome)</i>	<b>Types of sessions included</b>
Agency Issues and Concerns	Sessions related to the management of an adoption agency or organization	Agency directors, administrators, managers	Supervision, ethics, collaboration, cultural competence, fundraising, technology, evaluation, staffing
Adoptive & Foster Parent Support Groups	Sessions related to parent group development or parent group activities	Group leaders; parents interested in starting or joining groups	Groups for special populations (dads, moms, LGBT parents, single parents, adoptees); starting a group; rejuvenation; program ideas; coalition building
Advanced Issues in Adoption and Adoption Therapy	Sessions on counseling, therapy, and other mental health services	Mental health professionals, post-adoption service providers, agency staff, parents	Attachment therapy, specific therapeutic techniques or choices; intensive mental health programs/ services; advanced sessions on adoptive parenting or special needs
Advocacy & Public Policy	Sessions related to advocating for system change or services for individual children; sessions on particular legislation	Parents, professionals, child advocates	Becoming an advocate; lobbying; advocacy tools; specific laws (Fostering Connections, MEPA, ICWA); proposed legislation
International Adoption	Sessions related to international adoption (including medical issues, preparation, post-adoption issues, etc.)	Families or professionals involved in international adoption	Medical issues; homeland tours; cultural issues (can be here or in race, culture); Hague; ethics in international adoption
Kinship Care	Sessions on specific issues facing relatives raising their kin	Grandparents and other relative caregivers; agency staff working with caregivers	Grandparent issues, supporting caregivers, finding kin for waiting children; sibling issues
Parenting Adopted Children	Sessions that provide parents with tips, techniques, and strategies for dealing with adoption issues	Adoptive and other parents	Special populations (single, dads, etc.); managing stress; taking care of yourself; parenting techniques or styles
Parenting Children with Special Needs	Sessions related to specific diagnoses or past trauma; sessions for parenting children with significant behaviors or challenges	Adoptive and other parents	FASD, RAD, ADHD, sexual abuse, multiple disabilities, disruption, anger management, residential treatment, attachment problems

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Permanency Options	Sessions on achieving permanence for special populations (teens, for example) or through model programs or legislation		Permanence for special populations (medically fragile, infants, adolescents); special permanency initiatives or programs (customary adoption, subsidized guardianship); concurrent planning
Post-Adoption Services	Sessions on post-adoption programs, practices, or services	Agency staff hoping to implement programs; also parents	Model programs including peer support, camps, mental health services; adoption assistance; disruption
Recruitment & Pre-Adoption Services	Sessions on helping parents or children/youth make the transition to adoption	Agency staff	Recruiting families (including searching for special populations); home studies and other assessments; pre-placement training; transitions to adoption; moving from foster care to adoption
Race, Culture, & Diversity in Adoption	Sessions on transracial or transcultural adoption, racial identity, LGBT adoption (parents and youth issues)	Parents or agencies working with children or families of color; LGBT families, families raising LGBT youth; agency staff working with these populations	Transracial adoption; special issues facing children or facing families of color; supporting LGBT youth; working with LGBT families; overcoming barriers of being an LGBT family
Search & Openness in Adoption	Sessions on adoptees' issues, working with birth families (either from the beginning or reunifying)	Parents; agency staff	Open adoption; search and reunion; working with birth family members; triad issues
Supporting Children & Families	Sessions that teach parents or workers how to best serve adopted or traumatized children and their families	Parents; agency staff	Life books, training for children/youth; school issues; helping children with grief and loss; helping children answer questions; preparing children for adoption; special services for children/youth and their families; self-care for parents
Teen Issues	Sessions about adoption for adopted youth and their siblings (as part of the program for children and youth)	Teens	Talking about adoption; answering questions about adoption and foster care; diversity