

NACAC Conference Schedule at a Glance

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The 2020 NACAC conference runs Wednesday, August 26 to Saturday, August 29 and features sessions on a variety of topics for professionals and parents, with one session offered at a time.

Attendees can participate live or listen to a recorded version through September 30.

Wednesday, August 26	
6:30–7:45 am	Workshop 1: It’s All About the Presentation , <i>Michael Sanders, MSW, LISW, Michael Sanders Enterprises, Georgia</i>
8:15–9:45 am	Workshop 2: Hitting The Mark! Targeted Recruitment Strategies , <i>Denise Goodman, PhD, trainer/consultant, Ohio</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session: Talking to Children About Tough Stuff , <i>Maris H. Blechner, MEd, LCSW, Maris Blechner Consulting, New York</i>
11:00 am–12:15 pm	Workshop 3: Adoption and Other Options for Teens , <i>Barry Chaffkin, LCSW, & Bryan Hill, LMSW, Fostering Change for Children, New York</i>
12:45–2:00 pm	Workshop 4: Keeping Children Connected through Adoption or Guardianship with Kin , <i>Jeanette Willis, Sheri Abbey, MSW, & Lois Miller, Advantage Adoptions - OCOC, Texas</i>
2:30–3:45 pm	Workshop 5: The Depth and Power of an Adoption Belief System , <i>Jack Brennan, Family Focus Adoption Services, New York</i>
Thursday, August 27	
6:30–7:45 am	Workshop 6: Top 10 Things We Need to Know about Permanency , <i>Karen Moore, RSW, Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth, Ontario</i>
8:15–9:45 am	Workshop 7: Helping Children Heal from Trauma , <i>Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD, Senior Fellow, ChildTrauma Academy, Texas</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session 1: Stress Reduction , <i>Lisa D. Maynard, LMSW, RYT, Center for Adoption Support and Education, New York</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session 2: Developmental Trauma Action Alliance , <i>Kathy Soden, Adoption Council of Ontario & Leticia Gracia, MSW, RSW, George Hull Centre for Children & Families, Ontario</i>
11:00 am–12:15 pm	Workshop 8: The Correcting Strategies of Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) , <i>Daren Jones, LMSW, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, Texas</i>
12:45–2:00 pm	Workshop 9: Joy and Sorrow in the Same Cup: Addressing Grief and Loss in Adoption/Permanency , <i>Allison Davis Maxon, LMFT, National Center on Adoption and Permanency, California</i>
2:30–3:45 pm	Workshop 10: Listening to Those with Lived Experience , <i>April Dinwoodie, June in April LLC, New York; Tia Van Fleet, Alberta; Jarel Skinner-Melendez, New York ; & Zoe Bourgeois, New Brunswick</i>

Friday, August 28	
6:30–7:45 am	Workshop 11: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders from a Trauma Lens , <i>Barb Clark, North American Council on Adoptable Children, Minnesota</i>
8:15–9:45 am	Workshop 12: Becoming a Behavioral Detective , <i>Kimberly Barthel, Relationship Matters, British Columbia</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session: NACAC Program and Services , <i>NACAC staff</i>
11:00 am–12:15 pm	Workshop 13: Thriving!: Moving Beyond Trauma-Informed to Nurturing Resilience , <i>Sue Badeau, Badeau Family Books and Consulting, Pennsylvania</i>
12:45–2:00 pm	Workshop 14: Emotional Regulatory Healing , <i>Jules Alvarado, MA, LPC, Alvarado Consulting and Treatment Group, Colorado</i>
2:30–3:45 pm	Workshop 15: Self Care Isn't Selfish , <i>Jessica Sinarski, LPCMH, BraveBrains, Delaware</i>
Saturday, August 29	
6:30–7:45 am	Workshop 16: Rethinking Challenging Behaviors: Strategies for Parenting Success , <i>Ed Morales, MPP, MSW, LICSW, Socorro Consulting, Minnesota</i>
8:15–9:45 am	Workshop 17: Promoting and Supporting Racial Identity and Racial Justice for Transracial Adopted Persons and Families , <i>JaeRan Kim, PhD, University of Washington Tacoma, Social Work and Criminal Justice</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session 1: Maintaining a Strong Partnership , <i>Lori & Randy Ross, adoptive parents, Missouri</i>
10:00–10:45 am	Brown Bag Lunch Session 2: Helping Schools be More Trauma Informed , <i>Barb Clark, North American Council on Adoptable Children, Minnesota</i>
11:00 am–12:15 pm	Workshop 18: Executive Function: The Missing Diagnosis , <i>John Sobraske, LMHC, LMFT, adoption psychotherapist, New York</i>
12:45–2:00 pm	Workshop 19: Understanding Openness: From Grief and Loss to Navigating Tough Cases , <i>Angie McMullen & Brandi Kennedy, Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia</i>
2:30–3:45 pm	Workshop 20: Laughing (Together) in the Face of Challenges: Building Attachment Through Trauma-Informed Parenting , <i>Kim Stevens, M.Ed., North American Council on Adoptable Children, Vermont</i>