



# Join Us at the 2018 NACAC Adoption and Foster Care Conference

August 7–10 in  
Saint Paul, Minnesota



Adoptive, kinship, and foster parents; child welfare professionals; adoptees; foster care alumni; and other child advocates — this is the conference to attend!

## Keynote Presentations

### ■ Wednesday, August 8

Dan Hughes, PhD and Jon Baylin, PhD: **“What’s Adoption Have to Do with It? Creating Trust with Compassion, Comfort, and Joy”**

Providing good, committed care for traumatized children is central to any successful efforts to help them develop new lives. Clinical psychologists and internationally acclaimed experts in attachment, trauma, and neurobiology, Dr. Hughes and Dr. Baylin will describe how parents and professionals can relate with children to reduce the child’s defensiveness and become open and engaged — creating the opportunity for reciprocal conversations and the co-creation of new stories of resilience, comfort, and joy.

*“As an adoptive parent and adoption professional the conference was excellent, refreshing, and uplifting.”*

### ■ Thursday, August 9

JaeRan Kim, PhD: **“The Personal Is Political: Racial Identity and Racial Justice in Transracial Adoption”**

Transracial adoptive families are finding themselves at the intersections of race, ethnicity, identity, and class that feel more personally targeted than ever before. Dr. Kim will draw upon her research in adoption, post-adoption stability, and race to demonstrate why focusing on supporting transracial adoptees’ identity alone is not enough. We need to think beyond identity-affirming family spheres and consider how we can join together to work for active racial justice for all.

### ■ Friday, August 10

Denise Goodman, PhD, and Michael Sanders, MSW, LISW: **“In It to Win It!”**

The conference will close with an engaging keynote session on how to sustain commitment by two expert, entertaining child welfare training specialists, consultants, and nationally recognized speakers. Denise and Michael will send attendees off with inspiration and ideas to do their best for children, youth, and families.

## Workshop Sessions

With sessions that inspire, inform, and encourage all members of the adoption and foster care community, the NACAC conference offers workshops on topics such as:

- core issues in adoption
- supporting families and children
- parenting children with challenges
- therapeutic tools for children who have experienced trauma
- race, culture, and diversity
- older children and youth
- recruiting families for children
- preparing for adoption

Many sessions are advanced, so even experienced parents and professionals will benefit. In April, a list of scheduled workshops and descriptions will be posted at [www.nacac.org/get-training/conference](http://www.nacac.org/get-training/conference).

**4** days  
of solution-focused  
sessions

**3** compelling  
keynote  
sessions

**86**  
workshops

**800+**  
attendees



**4 days**  
to connect with  
peers and leaders



**125+**  
expert  
presenters

## Pre-Conference Session

■ Tuesday, August 7

Dan Hughes, PhD and Jon Baylin, PhD: **"Brain-Based Attachment Interventions to Transform Troubled Lives"**

This day-long intensive workshop for parents and professionals will examine how advances in neurobiology have helped us develop interventions that enable children who have experienced developmental trauma to create new lives within their new families.

Developmental trauma can lead to serious relationship difficulties caused by mistrust, which in turn create major parenting challenges. Neuroscience guides us to help children affected by developmental trauma feel safe within specific, reciprocal, moment-to-moment conversations. Their old stories based on fear, loneliness, and shame are now replaced with new stories of relatedness and resilience.

Dr. Hughes and Dr. Baylin will present exciting new information from neuroscience combined with key principles and practical interventions for helping traumatized children develop new lives.



*"I am walking away from this conference with new ideas and ... a really fresh approach to my work!"*

## Location and Accommodations

The conference will be held at the InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel in Saint Paul, Minnesota (11 E Kellogg Blvd).

Discounted guest rooms are \$159 per night (plus tax). To make your hotel reservation, call 1-877-666-3243 or access our discount link at [www.nacac.org/get-training/conference/location](http://www.nacac.org/get-training/conference/location).

If you call to make your reservation, be sure to mention that you are attending the NACAC conference. Availability extends until all rooms fill or until June 19, whichever comes first.



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## Registration and Fees

Full registration fees include workshops, general sessions, Wednesday's reception, and membership for non-members. Parent couples can register together at a discounted rate. One-day fees are also offered. The pre-conference session (August 7) has a separate fee.

**Register by July 2 to receive discounted fees.  
After July 2, fees increase by \$55.**

Regular conference registration\* (August 8-10) is:

- NACAC members . . . . . \$310
- Non-members . . . . . \$370

Pre-conference registration (August 7) is . . . . . \$115

\*special rate available for full time students

Workshop descriptions, registration details, and more will be posted at [www.nacac.org/get-training/conference](http://www.nacac.org/get-training/conference).

To request a registration booklet, email [info@nacac.org](mailto:info@nacac.org). Sign up for email updates at [www.nacac.org/about-nacac/nacac-news](http://www.nacac.org/about-nacac/nacac-news).

Questions? Email [info@nacac.org](mailto:info@nacac.org) or call 651-644-3036.

*"In 23 years as a foster parent, adoptive parent, and 2,000+ hours of training, this was the BEST EVER."*

## Advertising and Exhibiting

- Exhibitors will have tabletop exhibits in the exhibit area near the registration desk, workshops, and refreshment breaks. Space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early.
- Individuals and organizations can advertise in the registration booklet and final program.

Email [conference@nacac.org](mailto:conference@nacac.org) or access an application at [www.nacac.org/get-training/conference/advertise-and-exhibit](http://www.nacac.org/get-training/conference/advertise-and-exhibit).