

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Sharon Kaplan Roszia, M.S., entered the field of foster care and adoption in 1963, working in the public and private sectors as well as in private practice. She has lectured extensively both domestically and abroad; has written two books, articles; and produced many training videos and audio tapes.

Sharon built and directed a successful and innovative program for the Kinship Center of California, whose mission it is to recruit, educate, match, place and support families who are willing to foster/adopt children who have waited the longest in the foster care system. Sharon fulfills a statewide position with the Kinship Center as its lead consultant, trainer and author. Sharon is an advocate for preserving connections for children and recognizing the life long implications of moving children from one family or place to another.

Sharon has also lived her work through parenting by birth, fostering and adoption. She is a "birth Grandma" to two girls in open adoptions and a Great Grandmother to six - underscoring the intergenerational aspects of adoption.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Morning Session

- ***Why does the creation of an adoption kinship network benefit all the parties to an adoption?***

Through group exercise, DVD presentation and discussion we will

- explore the research on open adoptions
- look at the important impact of building on prior attachments in order to build a healthy future and solid identity
- look at the neurobiology of the brain as it relates to trauma and change in a child's life.

Afternoon Session

- ***Mirrors and Windows: the long term importance of sibling relationships***

We will learn about

- building solid identities for our children
- better understanding how to tell and help them share their stories as appropriate.
- ***The latter part of the afternoon will be devoted to Q & A.***

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: Monday, November 2, 2009

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____

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Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Agency/Organization (if relevant):

**A sandwich lunch will be provided
(with vegetarian or meat and cheese options)
Morning and afternoon coffee, tea, and
juice break**

For registration mail or email to:
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Room C004
2400 Arbutus Road Victoria, BC V8N 1V7

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Phone: 250-519-6950 or Fax: 250-519-6787

***Please Note -Pay parking is approx \$9.00 all
day (credit card and cash machine)***

DAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 Sign in
Coffee & muffins funded

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9:00-10:30 Morning Session

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:30 Morning Session
continued

12:30-1:15 Lunch (provided)

Opportunity to network
and visit information
tables by MCFD, AFABC
and Choices

1:15 -2:30 Afternoon Session

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:45 Afternoon Session

3:45-4:00 Wind-up & evaluations

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QUEEN ALEXANDRA ADOPTION SUPPORT PROGRAM

GOALS FOR THE DAY:

- Define the various types of open adoptions and the formation of the adoption kinship network
- Present the latest research on open adoptions
- Examine the roles, boundaries and challenges these relationships may create
- Understand the role of neurobiology, building strong attachments and creating safe transitions for children as they relate to an open adoption
- Spotlight the significance of sibling relationships on the life long journey of the adopted person
- Learn how best to share information to match the developmental stage of the child.



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KEEPING CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN: CREATING HEALTHY ADOPTION OUTCOMES

Presented by

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Emissary, Education Institute
Kinship Center, California, USA
Friday November 6, 2009
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM*

*Queen Alexandra Centre for
Children's Health
2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria, BC*

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