

# Weaving Adoption Competency Into Your Practice

The Core Issues of Adoption & Permanency Series

With Brenda Ursel, MS, and Courtney Yemiola, MA/Eds

**OCTOBER 2023 THROUGH MAY 2024**

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## SERIES OBJECTIVES:

- Learn the impact of adoption and permanency on individuals and how it influences mental health and well being
- Become familiar with the seven core issues in adoption and permanency and the 3-5-7 Framework
- Increase your confidence in identifying underlying adoption core issues and learn to use this information to better support individuals in the adoption triad and adoption constellation in your work.

**PRESENTED ON ZOOM on FRIDAYS, From 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

## The Core Issues of Adoption & Permanency Series Topics

October 13, 2023	<b>3 Tasks, 5 Questions, 7 Skills: <i>The Successful Base for Permanency</i></b>
November 10, 2023	<b>Core Issue #1: <i>Loss Begins the Lifelong Journey</i></b>
December 1, 2023	<b>Core Issue #2: <i>Rejection: Why Me?</i></b>
January 12, 2024	<b>Core Issue #3: <i>Shame and Guilt: The Outside-In Emotions</i></b>
February 9, 2024	<b>Core Issue #4: <i>Grief- The Gateway to Healing</i></b>
March 1, 2024	<b>Core Issue #5: <i>Identity- The Heart of the Human Journey</i></b>
April 5, 2024	<b>Core Issue #6: <i>Intimacy- The Drive to Belong and Connect</i></b>
May 3, 2024	<b>Core Issue #7: <i>Mastery and Control- Connecting to Resilience</i></b>

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## **About Our Trainers:**

**Brenda Ursel, MS**

### **TBRI Educator | Adoption Support Specialist | Parent**

Brenda is an adoptive parent of three children and has worked in the field of adoption/ child welfare for over 20 years. Brenda was also the first TBRI Educator in Alaska and is passionate to bring these principles to hurting and struggling families in Alaska. She is currently the Adoption Support Specialist with the ACRF Anchorage office and coordinates the PARKA Adoption Preparation Program.

**Courtney Yemiola, MA/Eds**

### **Behavioral Health Training Coordinator | Clinician | Parent**

Courtney over the past ten years has gained experience working as clinician in a variety of settings, both in homes and in the community. Courtney moved to Alaska six years ago to serve as a clinician in a residential treatment facility in Utqiagvik. Courtney has served in clinical roles along with in lead administrative roles, to include Social Services Director for Arctic Slope Native Association. She recently moved to Anchorage to work at UAA as a training coordinator. Her passions include empowering parents, working with the 0-5 and teenager population, and using humor to help heal.

#### **CE's APPLIED FOR THIS TRAINING INCLUDE:**

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