

Special Issue: Adoption Competency and Trauma-Informed Practices With Adoptive Families

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Call for Manuscript Proposals

Deadline: November 1, 2016

The tides of adoption have shifted remarkably for all participants in the lifelong adoption journey. Many of today's adoption policies, services, and practices lag behind these shifts, resulting in a lack of relevant knowledge, supports, and services. Examples of shifts include:

- Reconceptualization of the extended family, including diverse family forms and emphasis on sustaining the child's connections with biological kin and/or the country and culture of origin.
- Awareness of the trauma children experience prior to adoption, its impact on adoptive families, and challenges original families experience as well.
- Evolving ethical standards with regard to secrecy versus transparency and full disclosure, as well as clients' autonomy and self-determination versus professionals' paternalism and prerogatives.

This special issue seeks manuscript proposals that promote a trauma-informed and adoption-competent professional community equipped to support all members of the new family formed by adoption, including biological, adoptive, and fictive kin. For example, topics that:

- Identify empirically supported and emerging tools to help measure and understand adoption competency and trauma-responsive adoptions.
- Identify the "fit" between original and adoptive families' experiences and the programs and services available to guide and support them.

Manuscripts must include a section on implications for practice and/or policy. Submissions may be a: (a) research report, (b) policy analysis, (c) systematic review or examination of historical trends, (d) conceptual framework to guide thinking, or (e) case study to illustrate a paradigm shift.

Manuscript proposal instructions

Provide the following information:

- Proposed title of manuscript
- 500-word abstract, including theoretical, methodological, and/or conceptual considerations related to this call

- Submission type: research, policy, practice, theory/conceptual, case application, etc.
- Contributor contact information

Submit your proposal:

<http://alliance1.org/form/CFP-Adoption>

Manuscript deadlines

November 1, 2016: Proposals due

November 15, 2016: Editors notify contributors of selected manuscript proposals

January 15, 2017: Completed manuscripts due

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