

## Scholarships for the NACAC Conference!

We are excited to announce that the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) is able to offer a limited number of scholarships for Nevada adoptive, foster, and kinship parents to register for NACAC's three-day adoption and foster care conference from Thursday, July 18 to Saturday, July 20 at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

For only \$50 per person (reduced from \$380), adoptive parents, foster parents, and kinship caregivers who are Nevada residents can attend this event featuring more than 80 workshops from national experts on topics such as the effects of trauma, parenting techniques, core issues of adoption, issues of race and diversity, and much more!

For those who live more than 50 miles away from Las Vegas, a limited number of scholarships also include three nights of hotel as long as you share a room with another scholarship recipient. (If you prefer, you can pay half the room rate, which will be about \$80 to \$95 per night plus taxes and fees.)

Please note that scholarships are available to only one member of a couple, but the other person can register at half price (\$190). A couple seeking a hotel would pay half of the rooming costs (amounts noted above).

Titled *Exploring Solutions in Adoption and Foster Care*, the NACAC 45<sup>th</sup> annual conference is the most comprehensive adoption/foster care conference in North America. For more information about the workshops or the conference, visit <https://www.nacac.org/gettraining/conference/>.

The scholarships, made possible due to sponsorship from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation and Centene Corporation, are available on a first-come, first-served basis and do not cover travel or other expenses other than as noted above. The full-day pre-conference session on Wednesday, July 17 has a separate fee of \$125 per person and is not included in the scholarship. If you do want to attend the pre-conference session and need a hotel room the night before, you would be responsible for that night's hotel room cost.

## Keynote Speakers

- Allison Maxon, LMFT, and Sharon Kaplan Roszia, MS, “*The Seven Core Issues in Adoption and Permanency*”
- Young Adult Panel moderated by Michael Sanders, MSW, LISW, “*Making Placements Successful: Learning from Youth Who Lived It*”
- Punam Mathur, “*Power of Perspective. Power of You.*”

## Training Topics

At the NACAC conference, **workshops for families help ensure child and family well-being.**

Some of the many parenting topics include:

- Building attachment
- Helping children handle grief, loss, and transitions
- Handling challenging behaviors
- Parenting a child with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- Being a successful transracial adoptive or foster parent
- Helping children fare better in school

**What past attendees are saying:**

- *“NACAC sets the standard for all child welfare conferences. The variety and depth of topics was enlightening, encouraged engagement, and I really enjoyed it!”*
- *“In 23 years as a foster parent, adoptive parent, and 2,000+ hours of training, this was the BEST EVER.*

**If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please contact Denise Parker at [Denise.Parker@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Denise.Parker@clarkcountynv.gov) no later than June 14.** In your email, please include whether you are an adoptive, foster, or kinship parent and where you live. If you live more than 50 miles from Las Vegas, please indicate if you would need your hotel room covered and, if so, if you are OK to share with another scholarship recipient or plan to pay half of the rooming costs. Please also let her know if you plan to attend the pre-conference session and pay for that registration and associated night of hotel. A statewide committee will be selecting the recipients.

As noted above, scholarships are limited and are not guaranteed. Denise will let you know if you have (or have not) been chosen for a scholarship. If you are chosen, she will send a link where you can register and pay the \$50 registration fee.