

The Attachment COALITION

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*Treatment & Training*  
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## COALITION Philosophy

A child who has experienced multiple placements, institutionalization, neglect or abuse has been traumatized. We must acknowledge that such traumas occurred within the context of a relationship (or *lack* of relationship), leaving a child "attachment traumatized." We understand that asking an adopted child to enter into a new relationship may be both challenging and frightening.

For other adoptees, struggles may be seen during the developmental milestones of life. Children, adolescents and young adults may struggle to make sense of the seven core issues of adoption; loss, rejection, guilt & shame, grief, identity, intimacy and control. Training and sensitivity to these concerns allows COALITION members to explore as well as honor life-stories. This process assists in the healing of old wounds, for adoptees and adoptive parents alike!

COALITION members believe that in changing the experiences of "relating" for a child and his/her family, the change can only occur within an attachment-focused relationship. As a result of this belief, we have chosen *Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy* (DDP) as the treatment of choice. This approach creates new meaning for past trauma(s), assists in resolving adoption struggles, and incorporates the child's present attachment figure to provide the safety that allows for change.

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Healing Trauma and  
Strengthening Adoptive  
Relationships



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## *Who we are...*

Julie Kimball-Kubiak, M.A., S.W. specializes in adoption and attachment with children latency age through young adult using ***Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy*** as the treatment approach. Julie offers consultations to adoptive parents and clinical support to adult adoptees on their journey of healing and self-discovery. Her passion for her work comes from her own experience of being an adoptee.

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Doris A. Landry, M.S., L.L.P. works primarily with internationally adopted babies and young children who are experiencing adoption and/or attachment problems, using ***Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy***. She provides consultations and workshops for waiting & adoptive parents. She is the author of “Before I Met You” a book written specifically for children adopted from China. She also consulted and contributed to “Adoption Parenting: Creating A Toolbox, Building Connections” published by EMK Press.

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Sandra Gllovak, O.T.R. is the owner & director of Sensory Systems Clinic since 1982. She is published in the area of occupational therapy with children, specializing in the assessment of dysfunction of sensory integration. Since joining the COALITION Sandy has designed a treatment protocol that combines attachment philosophy with her treatment interventions.

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Linda Lhost-Catal, Ph.D., L.L.P. is the COALITION’s diagnostician. She has been conducting assessments for over 30 years. Cognitive, academic and/or psycho-social evaluations include an attachment assessment, a specialty that is paramount when determining the overall functioning of an attachment challenged child. She has conducted research and presents nationally and internationally.

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Kim Darr, L.M.S.W., C.I.R.T. specializes in ***Imago Relationship Therapy*** and is also trained in ***Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy***. She has expertise in treating couples as well as children who have been traumatized or are experiencing attachment and/or adoption challenges. Kim emphasizes the repairing of relationships within the family which includes helping parents learn the power of their own childhood histories that affect how they parent in the present.

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## *What we do...*

**Psychotherapy** ~ Treating clinicians provide attachment-focused psychotherapy using ***Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP)*** as developed by D. A. Hughes, Ph.D. Our treatment modality is steeped in attachment theory, requiring work to be conducted with the parent(s) & child. Treatment plans includes an assessment of behavioral and emotional concerns, child & parent histories, and parent education.

**Consultations** ~ Treating clinicians can provide a family with direction and recommendations can sometimes be the needed guidance to set relationships on a less troublesome course. Consultations are for families experiencing adoption issues or problem behaviors with children of any age. Pre-adopt consultations are also conducted, providing parents with ideas and information to increase the likelihood of a smoother transition for adoptees.

### **Psychological Evaluations**

**& School Consultations** ~ Assessments can be completed for children, adolescents or adults. Intelligence, learning, attention, memory, mood, behavior, and attachment potential can be assessed, all or in part, for new families as well as children in treatment. Assistance is also available for understanding school services, planning, placements and providing independent educational evaluations. These services are provided by Dr. Lhost-Catal.

**Occupational Therapy** ~ COALITION members are strongly committed to Occupational Therapy (O.T.) as a healing treatment. Sensory Systems Clinic has made a commitment to incorporate and assist in facilitating interventions that are aligned with attachment-focused psychotherapy by integrating parental involvement in their treatment approach.

