

ATTACHMENT 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 & 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 ATTACHMENT 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!

ATTACHMENT 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-based 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. ^{###}

The ATTACHMENT Coalition

is registered with the

National Association

for the

Treatment & Training

in the

Attachment of Children

(ATTACH)

ATTACH requires annual training

in attachment & trauma and strict

adherence to treatment

methodologies. A protocol must also

be submitted every three years to

maintain "registered" status.

For details visit:

<http://www.attach.org/protocols.htm>

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Healing Trauma and
Strengthening Adoptive
Relationships



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What we do...

Each member of the ATTACHMENT Coalition has many years of experience, post graduate training and clinical work with particular treatment approaches. Each clinician brings a unique set of strengths; this is our way of providing a variety of services under the same philosophical belief in attachment theory, trauma resolution and adoption practices.

- ♦ *Treatment Options*

 - Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy - DDP*

 - Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing - EMDR*

 - Family Therapy*

 - Group Therapy*

 - Individual Psychotherapy*

 - Parent-Infant Psychotherapy*

 - Play Therapy*

- ♦ *Neurofeedback*

- ♦ *Pre & Post Adoption Consultations*

- ♦ *Psychological Evaluations
& School Assessments and/or Consultations*

- ♦ *Therapeutic Parenting Guidance & Support*

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