



Talk About Adoption: Effective Communication and Use of Language in the Clinical Setting

The **Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center** at the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health is sponsoring a **FREE** half-day workshop for Massachusetts **behavioral health professionals** on skills and strategies for working within adoption and complex families, with emphasis on communication that helps and hurts the people in adoption. Workshop participants will learn strategies for discussing adoption with youth and families and the value of gathering more information at the outset while working with a family and other professionals.

Training objectives

At the conclusion of this activity participants will be able to:

1. Describe the framework of adoption from a normal and developmental perspective.
2. Recognize how our language can contribute to the problems and not the solutions in normalizing adoption even in an intake process.
3. Discuss the importance of positive and boundaried discussion about children in adoption.

SAVE THE DATE

November 10, 2015

9 am – 12 pm

Check-in begins at 8:30

University of Massachusetts, System Office and

Collaborative Services Facility

333 South St. Shrewsbury, MA

Registration information coming soon!



Joyce Maguire Pavao

Presenter: Joyce Maguire Pavao, Ed.D, LCSW, LMFT, is an internationally noted consultant and coach on child welfare, adoption, team building, and training. She is a Lecturer in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and has consulted for various public and private child welfare agencies, adoption agencies, schools, and community groups, as well as probate and family court judges, lawyers, and clergy. Additionally, she has worked closely with individuals, couples, and families with adoption-related issues, foster care issues, guardianship and kinship, as well as complex families formed through reproductive technology, single parent families, gay and lesbian families, and families through remarriage. She has developed models for treatment and for training using her systemic, intergenerational, and developmental framework The Normative Crises in the Development of the Adoptive Family (Family Therapy News, 1982) and her book The Family of Adoption (Beacon Press, 1998, 2005) has received high acclaim. Dr. Pavao has received many awards and honors, including the Children's Bureau/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *Adoption Excellence Award for Family Contribution* (2003) and the Congressional Coalition on Adoption award for *Anaels in Adoption* (2000).

An application has been submitted for continuing education credits for social workers and licensed mental health counselors.

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