

Speaker Profile

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Nickie is the Chief Strategy Officer at the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition in St. Louis, MO. She brings over 20 years of experience in child welfare, including investigation and assessment, program development and implementation and supporting family well-being. Nickie is a member of the Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Board, the Child and Family Services Review Advisory Committee and the Healthcare Oversight for Children in Foster Care Committee. She is a certified "TAC" (Training for Adoption Competency) Q/A specialist and trainer and is recognized as an experienced trauma trainer by the NCTSN (National Child Traumatic Stress Network). Most recently, Nickie has led the effort to infuse DDP principles and practice into all Coalition programs. Nickie and her husband are the proud parents of two, one of whom is adopted.



Session Topics

Session Topic (Wed., 30 mins.):

Pathway to P.A.C.E.

Objectives

1. Learn how a non-profit agency leveraged their collaborative reputation to bring DDP practice to their region.
2. Learn how to connect innovative practice directly to economic impact.

This presentation will tell the story of the Coalitions journey to provide better mental health care to foster/adopt youth and families. First, it is important to understand that the Coalition does not provide therapy - instead, our partner agencies do. As a Coalition, our role is to fill gaps in foster/adoption programming for our member agencies (both public and private). An investment in the Coalition is amplified 26 times because our programs serve children and families on the caseloads of our member agencies. We heard from these agencies, and hundreds of local foster/adopt parents, that mental health professionals needed a deeper understanding of the ongoing issues related to trauma and attachment. Hear how our local community has enthusiastically embraced DDP.

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