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Healing Trauma and Strengthening Adoptive Relationships

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Karol has over twenty years of experience working within the special education community in Michigan. These years as a teacher and administrator provided Karol with a strong foundation as she embarked on advanced studies and further formal education in the treatment of children suffering from attachment disturbances.

Karol spent five years, 1997 to 2006, immersed in research and training in the study of attachment, neglect, trauma and loss. This endeavor was a prelude to Karol returning to earn her second Master's Degree with the express intent of opening a private practice to support families in crisis; hence, her expressed specialty in forming family teams.

Karol is now a License Professional Counselor with a practice in northern Oakland County. Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP), as developed by Daniel Hughes, Ph.D., is the theoretical approach she uses in working with families. Since it is often the case that such children suffered traumas and great loss, Karol searched for a specialized complimentary treatment and most recently studied at the *National Institute for Trauma and Loss* in Michigan under the direction of William Steele, PsyD.