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Healing Trauma and Strengthening Adoptive Relationships

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Linda has been a practicing clinician for over thirty years. She began her clinical career with the Department of Social Services in Milwaukee Wisconsin, preparing children for adoptive placement. She then worked with children in the public schools, first as a school social worker and then as a school psychologist. Within the schools, she conducted numerous psycho-educational evaluations and served as coordinator for the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team and Individual Education Planning Team. Along with her work in the schools, Linda has maintained a private practice for over thirty years. She has treated both children and adults. She coordinated a diagnostic and treatment program for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. She has conducted research in autobiographical memory and is published in the Journal of Memory and Cognition (May 2004). Her research was presented at the International Society for Memory and Cognition in Boulder Colorado and Ontario, Canada.

Educationally, Linda holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology, a Specialist Degree in School Psychology, and a Masters in Social Work. In addition to formal education, she has attended continuing education courses and training seminars on Child Development, Child Neuropsychology, Neuropsychological Assessment, Multiple Intelligences, Adolescent Substance Abuse, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Dyslexia, Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities, Childhood Depression, Childhood Anxiety Disorders, Behavioral Disorders in Children, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Child and Family Therapy. She is trained in both cognitive-behavioral therapy and psychoanalytic, psychodynamic therapy. She has attended training in Attachment Disorders, Trauma Assessment, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and neuropsychological assessments. These include intensive workshops with Drs. Daniel Hughes, Arthur Becker-Weidman, Bessel van der Kolk, Daniel Siegel, Ira Chasnoff, and Steven Gray, as well as the International Conference on ATTACH.

Linda works with the clinical therapists from the ATTACHMENT Coalition to provide psychological assessments to assist with treatment planning. Comprehensive assessments include cognitive, memory, perceptual-motor, academic, language, attention, and personality testing. For children already in treatment, she also provides issue-specific testing to address therapeutic concerns. Her knowledge and experience as a school psychologist allows her to provide educational consultations to both therapists and adoptive parents.