

# Transitioning Children: Best Practices

Facilitated by Andrea Chatwin, from “A Child’s Song”

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am to 12:30pm on Zoom**  
**Foster Parents, Kinship Caregivers, Out of Care Caregiver,**  
**Adoptive homes, and Resource Workers**

***Open to Vancouver Island and BC Interior***

Transitioning children to biological family, another foster home, or adoption is a complex process with significant implications for the future development of the new parent-child relationships. Planning transitions based on current “best practice” can be slow, confusing and at times discouraging for those involved. Participants will receive new information that will assist them in understanding the needs of children and caregivers in the transition process and a set of guiding principles to inform their decision making.

Andrea holds a master’s degree in Counselling Psychology and has extensive experience as an Early Childhood Mental Health Clinician. She specializes in effective responding to attachment and trauma, particularly focusing on children who have had caregiver losses and placement disruptions. Andrea has worked overseas in orphanages and studied the effects of abuse, neglect and developmental trauma on children of various ages. She is a proud adoptive parent of a Haitian-Canadian child and has therefore experienced firsthand the unique challenges of parenting through adoption.

Andrea founded A Child’s Song as a result of her passion for supporting adoptive and foster families in developing strong parent child connections. She is committed to providing parents the tools they need to be therapeutic parents.

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