

African American Adult Adoptee Online Discussion Group

Greetings!

I am pleased to welcome you to the ***African American Adult Adoptee Online Discussion Group***. The timeliness and value of such an effort has only been confirmed in my increasing interaction with other adult adoptees during recent years.

The overarching goal of this Discussion Group is to be a supportive environment for African American adults that were adopted as children. It is intended to be a place where African American adult adoptees can go to share their stories and experiences within a community of individuals that are more likely to understand and be sensitive to it. It is also intended to be an information resource for people wanting information about birth parent and sibling search procedures, how other African American adoptees have experienced that process, and what they can expect if they decide to pursue this.

I recognize that many adult adoptees are currently working in child welfare or related fields. I think it is entirely appropriate for us to make use of this medium as a way of educating one another about resources and efforts underway to support African American children and families that have been involved in the adoptive process. This includes any activities and other initiatives you are involved in (although we certainly aren't encouraging shameless self-promotion). Ultimately, this effort is about the work of improving the life experiences of African American children and families, with an obvious focus on individuals affected by adoption. To the extent that we can share with one another effective things that are going on around this country, I think we should.

The Institute for Family and Child Well-Being is the host organization for this effort. I have also dedicating a page on the *Institute's* website for information about this effort. If you would like to see something added to or highlighted on this page, or if you would like to suggest resources to post for African American adult adoptees, please feel free to forward these resources to me via email.

Please feel free to share information about this online discussion group with other African American adult adoptees that you think might be interested in connecting with others of similar backgrounds.

Thank you all for your interest and support in this effort. Please use this discussion group often.

Thanks,

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