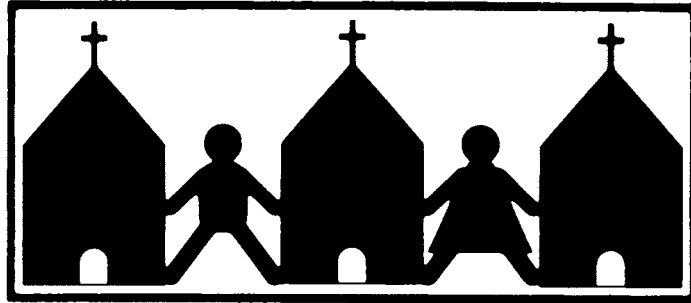


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## 23rd Annual

Virginia One Church, One Child  
Adoption Conference

October 31 - November 1, 2008

**PRE-CONFERENCE** – Match Reception

Thursday, October 30

*“Forging Pathways To Permanency  
And Well Being”*

## ***“Forging Pathways To Permanency And Well Being”***

**PRE-CONFERENCE – Match Reception**  
**Thursday, October 30th • 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

*A match activity for prospective adoptive families and social workers. Meet, greet, and exchange information.  
This “Match Reception” is FREE to Prospective Adoptive Families and Social Workers.  
Please RSVP by calling (800) 440- 5090*

### **CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

#### **Friday, October 31, 2008**

8:15 AM	–	9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	–	10:00 AM	Welcome & Opening
10:30 AM	–	12:00 PM	Concurrent Workshops
12:00 PM	–	1:30 PM	Lunch - Speaker, Dr. B. Bryan Post “Let’s Make A Love Revolution”
1:30 PM	–	3:00 PM	Presentation Finding Permanency: The Power of Youth-Directed Recruitment and Programming   Under One Sky, Inc., Asheville, North Carolina
3:15 PM	–	4:45 PM	Concurrent Workshops
		6:30 PM	Banquet & Awards Celebration



*Virginia One Church, One Child Banquet and Awards Celebration*  
*Join us in the Hotel Ballroom, Friday evening at 6:30 PM*



#### **Banquet Speaker**

*Tanya Williams-Bell, President/CEO*  
*Rejoice, Inc. Foster Care and Adoption Agency, Harrisburg, PA*  
*“When the Prediction Doesn’t Match the Outcome!”*

#### **Saturday, November 1, 2008**

8:15 AM	–	9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	–	10:30 AM	Concurrent Workshops
11:00 AM	–	12:30 PM	General Session Guest Speaker, Prosecutor C. T. Wilson, Prince Georges County, Maryland, “My Foster Care Journey and Beyond”

**Bookfair, Exhibits, Vendors, Resources**  
**Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM & Saturday, 9 AM - 1 PM**

### **CONFERENCE LOCATION**

Crowne Plaza Hotel | 6945 Pocahontas Trail | Williamsburg, VA (757) 220-2250  
Reference One Church One Child Conference

Make your hotel reservations by October 9, 2008. All rooms \$89.00 Single/Double Occupancy.  
Special student rate does not include meals. Lunch and Banquet tickets may be purchased separately.

Return pre-registrations forms to:

Virginia One Church, One Child | P.O. Box 25443 | Richmond, Virginia 23260  
(804) 329-3420 Office | (804) 329-3906 Fax | 800-440-5090 Toll Free

## FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

**Virginia's Children Services System Transformation: Strengthening Permanent Family Connections** -- Virginia is transforming how children and families receive services. All children deserve and need lifelong connections to a family. The mission of the Children's Services System Transformation is to strengthen permanent family connections for children and youth by transforming how services are delivered to them and their families. Our goals are to increase the number and rate at which youth in foster care move into permanent family arrangements (permanency); increase the number of at-risk children and youth placed with kin and foster parents; devote more resources to community-based care and embrace data and outcome-based performance management. To achieve these goals community partners are needed. This workshop will share updates on this transformation and how you can be a partner. *Paul McWhinney, Family Services Director and Therese Wolf, Foster Care Manager, Virginia Department of Social Services, Richmond*

**Attachment Parenting Workshop** -- This workshop will learn how healthy attachments are formed and how trauma, including loss, impacts attachment from a neurological, psychological and emotional perspective. Techniques will be given to parents about how they can intentionally encourage attachment behavior through their interactions with their child from the moment of placement and beyond. *C. Lynne Edwards, LCSW, Virginia Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services, Richmond*

**Understanding Divided Loyalties** -- How can Jimmy constantly talk about his birth parents and want to return to them? They never kept him safe, did not provide appropriate care for him, and abused and neglected him. I JUST DON'T GET IT!! You welcome children into your home -- an appropriate and safe environment -- where they begin to flourish. After a while they begin to vocalize their desire to communicate in some way with their birth parents. This workshop will help foster and adoptive parents understand these divided loyalties and why children want to return to a home filled with chaos. *Susan K. Taylor and Sandra L. Bell, VCU/VISSTA Family Services, Richmond and Fairfax*

**Roots and Wings Collide: Cultural Competence in Child Welfare** -- Adoption is a response to a life crisis. When parents raise a child of a race different from their own and lack experience with the child's culture and heritage, it can create a challenge for all members of the family. Discussions about cultural competence in adoptions are uncomfortable. This is an opportunity for workers to look at their assessment process when placing culturally diverse children. Come join the discussion. *Sandra Bell, CRAFFT, Fairfax*

**Wide-Awake Training!** -- Participants will learn and experience teaching techniques to breathe new life into your orientation and training sessions. Learn fun, creative strategies to make even the duller of material more enjoyable for the participant AND the trainer! Leave this session with simple, easy-to-use methods to keep your audience wide awake! *Rodney L. Meek, M.Ed., Centra Foundation, Lynchburg*

**How to End Lying, Defiance, and Aggression** -- This workshop will offer step by step techniques for overcoming lying; discuss why anger is necessary for survival and what is at the root of defiance. You will also understand how control creates power struggles, why traditional consequences do more harm than good, and how you can create healing in the home without years of therapy. *Helene Timpone, MSW, POST Therapeutic Learning Center, VA Beach, Virginia*

**The Church's Response to the "Least of These"** -- Discuss with and hear from a panel of clergy as they share strategies about how clergy, lay leaders, and congregants may effectively respond to our children's growing needs. The panel will present how the church can have an impact on foster care and adoption issues, children's health issues, and the improvement of educational outcomes. *Rev. Wilbert D. Talley, National Network of Adoption Advocacy Programs/VA One Church One Child, Richmond and Dr. Elisha Burke, Baptist General Convention of Virginia, and others*

## FRIDAY PRESENTATION

**Finding Permanency: The Power of Youth-Directed Recruitment and Programming** -- Under One Sky's programming helps teens in foster care find permanency through youth-directed, child-specific recruitment. This presentation will address asset-based programming and techniques that lead to permanency for older youth in foster care, build youths' confidence and competency, and allow youth to define their talents, strengths, and life goals. It will also relate how youth-directed recruitment and advocacy practices educate the community and dispel myths that surround youth in foster care. *Diane J. Delafield, Program Staff, and Youth of Under One Sky, Asheville, North Carolina*

## SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

**Village Adoption Connection: A Youth Centered Recruitment Model** -- Under One Sky hosts youth-directed, child-specific Village Adoption Connection (VAC) recruitment events for older youth in their program who are seeking adoptive families. VAC invites the public to learn about the youth through their personalized videos, mini-magazines, and strength-based stories from Under One Sky staff, teachers, foster parents, social workers, and others in each youth's circle of support. Come to this workshop for "how to" do this yourself. *Diane Delafield and Staff of Under One Sky, Asheville, North Carolina*

**Forming and Sustaining Faith and Community-Based Partnerships** -- There is an increase in the number of special needs children entering the foster care system. Some of the increase results from reduced community-based assistance available to families. At the same time, faith-based organizations grapple with the task of assisting families and in filling gaps in services. This workshop will explore how partnerships between faith and community based organizations can have an impact on addressing the emerging needs within the community. The workshop will present the mechanics of forming successful partnerships, how to maintain autonomy while achieving the purpose of the partnership, and how sparse resources can be identified and accessed. *Preddy D. Ray, Center for Neighborhood Empowerment, Richmond*

**Where Have All the Fathers Gone?** -- This workshop will focus on the importance of involving fathers in decision-making in adoption and foster care. The presenter will discuss the implications of father absence, and the effects of father absence and involvement on children's well being. Perceptions of fathers and their lack of involvement in child welfare based on race, culture, and poverty will also be explored. *Pierre V. Cooper, MSW, Rejoice!, Inc. Pennsylvania*

**The Beauty of It All** -- When African-American children are adopted transracially, their new parents often find themselves challenged by how to care for their children's hair and skin. This workshop will explore practical hair and skin care techniques for African American children. It will also relate proper hair and skin maintenance to important issues of a child's self-esteem and identity. *Gloria Elam, Stylist and Beauty Consultant, Savont I Salon, Richmond*

## PLENARY SESSION

### Friday Lunch

*"Let's Make A Love Revolution"*

*Dr. B. Bryan Post, LCSW, POST Therapeutic Learning Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia*

A specialist in the treatment of attachment and trauma in children and families. Dr. Post is the founder of the Post Institute for Family-Centered Therapy with offices now in Virginia Beach. An adoptee, Dr. Post shares with parents and professionals from real life experiences and "in the trenches" therapeutic work.

### Saturday General Session

*"My Foster Care Journey and Beyond"*

*CT Wilson, Prosecutor, Prince Georges County, Maryland*

Presenter will share his personal journey through foster care and how those experiences has shaped his life and the messages he shares with parents, workers, advocates, and youth.



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