

# Acknowledgements

Kinship Center, a member of Seneca Family of Agencies, is pleased to introduce a parent and caregiver training product that our organization has continuously refined over 14 years. It is our goal to strengthen families by disseminating the successful training model to other organizations serving children whose lives have been impacted by trauma and loss. The 2012 publication of the curriculum results from the work of many talented professionals and supportive organizations.

*Pathways to Permanence 2: Parenting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma and Loss* educates caregivers about the impact of trauma and loss on all aspects of a child's development and teaches skills to effectively parent. Originally created for adoptive parents, relative caregivers, foster parents, and others who are parenting children not born to them, the curriculum is also applicable to parents of children who have experienced separation from a biological parent due to divorce, death, incarceration, military service, or other circumstance.

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