



Adam Pertman is President, CEO and Co-Founder in 2014 of the National Center on Adoption and Permanency (NCAP), a unique national nonprofit organization that provides research, resources, training, consulting and advocacy to improve the lives of children, families and the professionals who serve them. Previously, he served as CEO of the Donaldson Adoption Institute for over a decade and had a Pulitzer-nominated 20 year journalistic career at the Boston Globe. Mr. Pertman has provided hundreds of keynotes and other presentations across the U.S. and internationally and regularly appears in the media on child/family welfare issues. He is the author of the acclaimed *Adoption Nation* and recipient of numerous awards. He and his wife are the parents of two children by adoption.

Allison Davis Maxon, LMFT, is a nationally recognized expert, advocate and trainer in the fields of child welfare and children's mental health. For more than 25 years, she has dedicated her clinical work to expert programs and practices in children's mental health, trauma, attachment family systems and adoption/permanency notably at the Kinship Center of CA. In 2017, she joined the NCAP Team as Chief Operating Officer and is a clinical member of ATTACH. Ms. Maxon has authored various articles/training resources and was awarded an "Angels in Adoption" Award in 2017 from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

## CT COUNCIL ON ADOPTION

The Connecticut Council on Adoption, formed in 1976, is a voluntary not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to permanence for children and ethical, effective adoption practices in the State of CT. CCA provides information, training programs and legislative advocacy on a variety of adoption issues. Membership is open to any individual or agency/organization having a purpose consistent with the CCA mission. A member is entitled to one vote on matters before CCA and may be eligible to attend CCA sponsored trainings at a reduced fee. Yearly dues is \$20 for an individual and \$50 for an agency/organization for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. \*Additional information on CCA can be found at [www.ctadopt.org](http://www.ctadopt.org)

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## Connecticut Council on Adoption

presents:

### Progressing from Child Placement to Family Success

With

*Adam Pertman & Allison Davis Maxon -  
National Center on Adoption  
and Permanency*



November 1, 2018

Fantasia  
404 Washington Avenue  
North Haven, CT 06473

## PROGRAM:

8:00am - Registration & Light Breakfast

9:00am - Welcome by CCA

9:15am - Overview by Adam Pertman

10:30am - Presentation by Allison Davis Maxon-

“Desperately Seeking Attachment:  
Yours, Mine & Ours!”

(\*See Learning Objectives)

12:00pm - Buffet Lunch

1:00pm - Cont. Presentation by Allison D. Maxon

3:30pm - Wrap-up/ Q & A with Adam Pertman

National adoption experts, Adam Pertman and Allison Davis Maxon, LMFT, presenting together for this Adoption Month conference will offer valuable knowledge, insights and inspiration enabling children and their families to succeed! Drawing from extensive research/evidence and broad experience relating to adoption policy and clinical practice they will provide a framework to help professionals and caregivers facilitate permanency-focused, attachment-based care and services. Trauma, neglect and multiple attachment disruptions all have a significant negative impact on a child’s ability to learn the interpersonal skills needed for their primary attachment and developmental needs to be met. In her specialized presentation, Ms. Maxon will educate on Attachment Theory and how family systems attachment therapy empowers the family system to become the healing source for the child. *\*This training is pending approval by the CT Chapter of NASW for six (6) CEC’s.*

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Identify Attachment Theory, types of attachment patterns and how a crisis in the attachment relationship is an opportunity for change and healing.
- Describe how family systems attachment therapy empowers the family system to become the healing mechanism for the child.
- Describe how attachment-deflecting behaviors serve as a protective mechanism for a child not rooted in permanency. Strength based approach empowers parents to lead the ‘dance of attachment’.
- Identify the key clinical constructs of adoption/permanency competent and trauma informed family systems practice with foster, adoptive and kin families.
- Practice utilizing a developmental lens to focus treatment on needs, not pathology (tools for practice).
- Understand the difference between ‘*traditional parenting techniques*’ which utilize loss, punishment and emotional distance in response to negative behaviors vs therapeutic and *attachment-based parenting* approaches based on principals of addition and teaching consequences
- Describe the neurobiological effects of trauma and neglect.
- Utilize a developmental lens to decode trauma reactive behaviors and utilize interventions based on pro-active teaching consequences designed to target challenging behaviors.
- Identify the 10 Things Your Child Needs Every Day to feel valued, connected and empowered.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please print and submit with payment by October 24, 2018.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Fee (Includes lunch & CECs)

____ Adopt/Foster Parent or Student	\$45
____ CCA Member	\$50
____ Non-CCA Member	\$55
____ Registration & New/or Renew CCA Membership	\$70
____ TOTAL enclosed	

### SEND check payable to CT Council on Adoption with Registration Form to:

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