

## ACCESSING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PRESENTER BIOS

### **Ryan Hanlon, PhD**

Ryan works for the National Council For Adoption (NCFA) with a focus on research, educational projects, advocacy, and member services. He serves as co-editor of NCFA's monthly Adoption Advocate publication and helps plan the annual National Adoption Conference for adoption professionals. In addition to his role at NCFA, he is an adjunct professor of social work at the Catholic University of America, National School of Social Service.

Prior to working at NCFA, Ryan has experience as an adoption professional, where he worked for a licensed, accredited agency that provided both domestic and intercountry adoption services. Ryan has experience serving as a foster care caseworker as well as with child protective services. Ryan and his wife have four children (one of whom joined their family through intercountry adoption); their family lives in Virginia.

### **Barb Clark, BA**

Barb and her husband are the parents of four adopted children. Barb works at the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) coordinating a program to train parent leaders to provide post adoption support in their communities and providing post-adoption support to Minnesota families. She also provides training and consulting to schools, agencies and families to improve the education and lives of young people who were prenatally exposed to drugs and alcohol.