

Keeping Families Together...Let's Act

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As the Voice of Traumatized Children & Their Families since 1995, ATN knows that adoption permanency is threatened by:

- Adoptive parents not knowing their child's early trauma history—full disclosure is needed
- Severe (dangerous) behaviors resulting from early childhood trauma/complex trauma
- Access to effective resources
- Lack of understanding & acceptance that the child's early childhood trauma can significantly impact their health and outcomes.



*Don't give up!
I believe in you all.
A person's a person
No matter how small!*

At ATN we're **advocating specifically** for:

- Therapeutic parenting training prior to adoption
- Therapeutic parenting and family-based support begins at placement
- Therapies that are trauma-sensitive and attachment-focused
- Expanded in-home and community based services
- System navigators – help families in crisis
- Family support mentors
- Support groups
- Respite
- Video/tele-psychiatry for families in rural areas
- EPSDT compliance

Legislative and Systemic Solutions

- Money Follows the Child
- Putting the “T”reatment back in Medicaid EPSDT
- Using Medicaid 94R for international adoptees needing long-term treatment
- Providing Medicaid reciprocity
- Using IDEA for therapeutic services and training for parents and teachers
- Providing home & community-based services including respite and paying family members as caregivers, like offered for developmental disabilities.



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