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ADOPTION: The Evolution - The Gifts - The Challenges

Every Adoption Story is different no matter whether it belongs to an adoptee, a parent, or a family.

It is our need for connection, understanding, guidance, support, and empowerment that is universal.

Corissa J.S. Gold, MFA, MA, LPC, ATR is a National Speaker, Facilitator, Adjunct Professor, Licensed Psychotherapist and Art Therapist, Author, and Artist specializing in Adoption. Her professional background includes a Masters degree in Transpersonal Counseling with a focus in Art Therapy from Naropa University and a Bachelors and Masters of Fine Arts degrees in Sculpture (Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and the University of Colorado in Boulder, respectively). As an Adoptee, she understands the complexities found within this amazing and multidimensional population. Her professional and personal perspective makes her an advocate for the betterment of the services provided to adoptees and their families.

COUNSELING PHILOSOPHY:

I approach my work with the family system through a pluralistic perspective whether the client is a family, a couple, or an individual of any age. We work to capitalize on the client's strengths to acknowledge, explore, and ultimately address the presenting challenges. Being an adoptee, I appreciate that every adoption story is different. Each family holds their own gifts and strengths to utilize when addressing challenges. There are many different kinds of adoptions. The primary distinctions are between a private adoption or agency adoption, an open adoption or closed adoption, and domestic and international adoption. I hold the premise that one is an expert on their own family system and my role is to provide guidance, support, advocacy and resources along the therapeutic process to well-being.

TESTIMONIALS:

Corissa Gold embodies the rare combination of a brilliant clinical mind with a nurturing, accepting sensitivity. She builds solid relationships with children and adults alike, with a focus on trust, respect, and curiosity as the foundation. Corissa's artistic and clinical talents inspire expression, awareness, and creativity, offering the ideal setting for realizing potential in personal transformation.

*Katherine Reed, ATR, LPC - Art Therapist, Manager - Ponzio Creative Arts Therapy Program
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Corissa Gold is one of the few therapists in Colorado that I recommend to adoptive families. As an adoptee herself, she is so in tune with issues adoptees face. They readily trust her, knowing she truly "gets" where they are coming from, and this is remarkably valuable to adopted children seeking therapeutic help. Corissa has also been the coordinator of our Colorado Heritage Camps HeArt Talks™ program for 4 years and active within the program for 3 years prior. She has been very successful in making this important program fresh and relevant, while maintaining the basic tenets it was founded on – to give our campers, from the ages of 3 to 10, a comfortable and open way, through art projects, to process and talk about their feelings around being adopted, being a minority, and more. Corissa truly makes a difference for adopted children and their families – in her private practice and in the community.

Pam Sweetser – Director: Colorado Heritage Camps, Denver, CO - <http://heritagecamps.org>

Corissa was able to connect with each of us on our own level and ignite the sparks we all needed to connect as a family again. (Anonymous therapeutic client)