



# Adoption Council of Ontario

## Transracial Parenting Initiative

### **Transracial Parenting Initiative – resource and training material collection – GET INVOLVED!**

The Halton Multicultural Council, (Oakville, ON) with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is currently developing the Transracial Parenting Initiative, a three year project that aims to create education and training curriculum for parents fostering/adopting a child of a race or culture different from their own. The project includes: developing a literature review; offering an online survey and holding focus groups in the KW, Halton and Peel regions; creating an educational training video to be used by agencies which will be accompanied by a comprehensive curriculum for practitioners and take away resource for parents.

We recognize the importance of having the input of transracial adoptive/foster parents, prospective applicants, professionals and transracial adoptees to make this Canadian curriculum a meaningful tool that will make a difference in the lives of transracial families in our communities. We are particularly interested in collecting creative activities used in training sessions; reflective questions to help augment the training material; personal testimonials, anecdotes, life experiences, advice, teachable moments (i.e. I wish I had known...; I learned...) and resources (books, videos, articles, quotes, self reflection, etc.) you have found helpful. All submissions, suggestions, and recommendations will be considered to help in the creation of this innovative teaching resource.

Please email or fax your submission to Susan Crawford, Project Researcher at [transracial.initiative@gmail.com](mailto:transracial.initiative@gmail.com) or ATTN: Susan Crawford at (905) 842-8807. Send in your submissions no later than February 28, 2009 and please share this with all transracial adoptive/foster parents or applicants, transracial adoptees, and professionals that you know. If you would like your name to be added to the Transracial Parenting Initiative list serve to receive project updates and notifications for curriculum review sessions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Susan Crawford



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