

# Desperately Seeking Attachment

Understanding How Trauma and Neglect Disrupt Attachment: A Guide to Healing

## Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 4, 2019  
Registration: 8:00–8:30 am  
Conference: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

## Location

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
909 W. 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD

## Cost

\$75, includes on-site lunch

## CEU Credits

Available for Professionals

**Register Online by Tuesday, March 26**

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### Distinguished Speaker

**Allison Davis Maxon**



As a clinician, educator, and advocate specializing in adoption/permanency, attachment, and trauma, Allison is passionate about creating systems of care that are permanency-competent and strength-based.

Allison is the Executive Director of the National Center on Adoption and Permanency and was the foster care consultant for the Paramount Pictures movie *Instant Family*.

She is co-author and master trainer of Kinship Center's *ACT: An Adoption and Permanency Curriculum for Child Welfare and Mental Health Professionals* and co-author and master trainer of *Pathways to Permanence: Parenting the Child of Loss and Trauma*.

In 2017, Allison received the Congressional Coalition's "Angels in Adoption" Award.

### Conference Objectives

- Describe Attachment Theory, types of attachment patterns and how a crisis in the "attachment relationship" is an opportunity for change and healing
- Explain how attachment-deflecting behaviors serve as a self-protective mechanism for a child stuck in chronic fear/distress/anger
- Learn the Seven Core Issues in Adoption/Permanency for both children and parents; identify tools and skills to strengthen resiliency and mastery
- Practice utilizing a developmental lens to focus clinical treatment on needs, not pathology
- Describe how family systems attachment therapy empowers the family system to become the healing mechanism for the child. Relational trauma requires relational healing.
- Tools to apply the **10 Things Your Child Needs Every Day** to feel valued, connected and empowered.

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