

Since its establishment in 1996, the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute has been the pre-eminent, independent voice providing leadership and support to improve laws, policies, and practices – through sound research, education and advocacy – to enhance the lives of everyone touched by adoption.

The Institute conducts and synthesizes research; offers education to inform public opinion; promotes ethical practices and legal reforms; and works to translate policy into action.

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**Please support the Institute and its unique initiatives. Here are just a few of our current projects:**

- **TRANSCULTURAL ADOPTION & IDENTITY**

With seed funding from the Kellogg Foundation, this groundbreaking research project is examining factors that contribute to healthy identities for internationally and transculturally adopted people, including “best practices” for professionals and practical recommendations for parents.

- **EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ADOPTEES & BIRTHPARENTS**

Our unprecedented research is expanding the understanding of key policies and practices that are most helpful to birthmothers/fathers during the adoption process and throughout their lives, while our research and advocacy work aims to help adult adoptees gain access to their original birth certificates.

- **EXPANDING RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

Several projects are helping to increase the pool of adoptive parents for the more than 129,000 children waiting for permanent homes, including by removing barriers to adoption by gay and lesbian prospective parents, and supporting diligent recruitment of African-American adoptive families.

- **EDUCATE THE EDUCATORS & ADOPTION IN THE MEDIA**

The Institute works to improve curricula, and create a more supportive school environment for children who were adopted and/or in foster care. We also work with journalists to provide up-to-the-minute research, and to help them present a more accurate picture of adoption.

- **ADOPTIVE PARENT PREPARATION**

The Institute is working to make sure that adoptive placements are successful and permanent by shaping best-practice standards and providing training materials to assist adoption professionals in the preparation and support of adoptive parents.

To learn more about our work, please visit [www.adoptioninstitute.org](http://www.adoptioninstitute.org).

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The Institute's projects include: (brief descriptions on back)

- Transcultural Adoption & Identity
- Equal Rights for Adoptees & Birthparents
- Expanding Resources for Children in Foster Care
- Educate the Educators & Adoption in the Media
- Adoptive Parent Preparation