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Specifically, the Institute accomplishes its mission through work that includes:

- Providing reliable information and developing “best practices” for professionals, policy-makers and families;
- Working with the media, schools, and employers to benefit adopted/foster children and their families;
- Reducing barriers that impede the adoption of children who need permanent, loving families.

Current projects include:

- **HEALTHY IDENTITY IN ADOPTION:** This groundbreaking research examines how to shape healthy identities for adoptees, including “best practices” for professionals and practical recommendations for parents.
- **EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ADOPTEES & BIRTHPARENTS:** Our unprecedented research and advocacy are improving laws, policies and practices so that everyone touched by adoption is treated more fairly.
- **EXPANDING RESOURCES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN:** Several projects help “waiting” children find loving homes, including by lifting barriers for gay/lesbian parents and recruiting more African-American adoptive families.
- **EDUCATE THE EDUCATORS & ADOPTION IN THE MEDIA:** The Institute improves school curricula and works with journalists, all with the aim of helping adopted children — and their families — succeed.
- **ADOPTIVE PARENT PREPARATION:** This program works to ensure that adoptive placements are successful by providing training materials to assist adoption professionals for preparation and support of adoptive parents.

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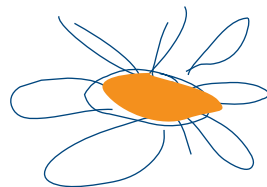
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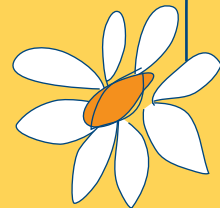
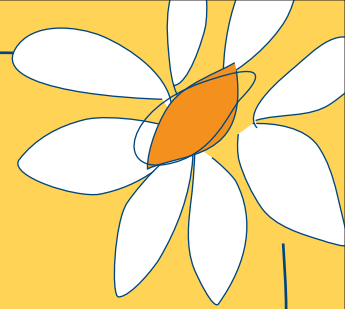
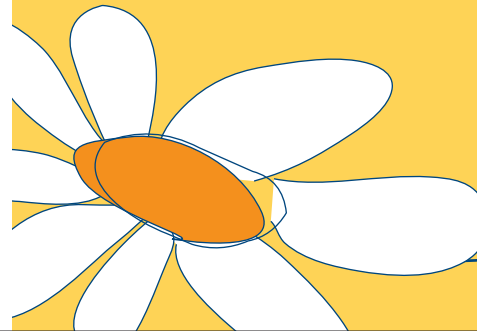
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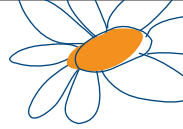
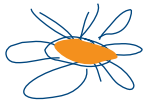


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## About Our Honoree

# Peter Levine

The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute is proud to honor Peter Levine at our Celebrating... Our Families, Our Children Annual Los Angeles Benefit. Peter is well known to the Los Angeles community as a motion picture talent agent at Creative Artists Agency (CAA), and represents many of the world's leading actors including Naomi Watts, Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Drew Barrymore, Ethan Hawke, Carla Gugino, Matthew Perry, Kelsey Grammer, Helen Hunt, Demi Moore, Angela Bassett, Leslie Mann, William H. Macy, Peter Krause, Famke Janssen, Simon Baker, Zooey Deschanel, and Rita Wilson.

A Boston native who graduated with a BFA in Performing Arts from USC – where he studied under John Houseman – Peter began his career in the entertainment industry as an actor, working in such esteemed theatre companies as the New York Shakespeare Festival and Asolo State Theater.

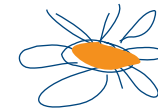
Peter has used his talent, creativity and the strong relationships he has built over the years to be a passionate advocate for children who need loving, permanent families. The wonderful home he has created with his husband, Eric Mathre, for their children – Lily and Reed, adopted from China and Vietnam, respectively – is the embodiment of what the Adoption Institute stands for. Peter is also a founding and current member of both the Adoption Institute's Honorary Board and its L.A. Advisory Council, a former member of our Board of Directors, and a devoted supporter of our vital work. He not only richly deserves this honor, but also has earned the gratitude of all of us who care about children, families and social justice.

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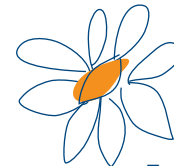
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