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Sandra is an adoptive parent and social worker who has advocated for over 40 years for improved permanency planning and support services for children and youth in child welfare.

She has worked for the Province of Manitoba, the Catholic Children's Aid Society in Vancouver and the Children's Aid Society of Metro Toronto. She was Adoption Coordinator and Director of Children's Services for the Province of Ontario. She was the Founding Executive Director of the Child Welfare League of Canada.

Sandra attended the final deliberations on the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption as Canada's non-governmental representative.

She co-chaired a Task Force in B.C. on Safeguards for Children and Youth in Foster or Group Home Care; co-authored the Children's Residential Resource Review for the Yukon government; conducted reviews of child protection services in Newfoundland and PEI, adoption services in Alberta and inter-country adoption issues for the federal government. In 1997 she was awarded the Friend of Children Award from the North American Council on Adoptable Children.

Currently she is President of the Board of the Adoption Council of Canada, and vice President of the Board of the North American Council on Adoptable Children. She also consults on children's issues.

