

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY ON PRE AND POST ADOPTION SERVICES

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter to invite you to participate in a research study that reviews best practices in pre and post adoption support services for families created through transracial adoption. The following overarching questions are being posed with this research project including:

What pre and/or post adoption services does your agency/organization offer? Is your agency/organization developing or planning to offer pre and post adoption services not currently offered? What is the level of interest/participation by transracial families in these services? How is efficacy of these services accessed?

If you have any success stories, programs or services that you feel are beneficial to adoptive families we would like to know about them. We are also interested in hearing your concerns – are there problems or barriers to providing necessary pre and post adoption services that you think policy makers and federal/provincial funding agencies should be aware of?

Your input is valuable and will be kept strictly confidential. No identifying information about respondents will be used.

Your organization can assist us in three ways:

1. By filling out the online survey which can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.swgc.mun.ca/adoptionsurvey/>. You will notice when you go to this link that there are two surveys. One is designed for parents of transracial children. The other is for organizations that work in the adoption field.
2. By volunteering to be interviewed by the researchers via telephone. (The researchers live in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Regina, Saskatchewan so unless someone from your organization will be in either of these locales we will have to speak with you over the phone).
3. By sharing this invitation with other individuals and people working in the adoption field and families that have been created through transracial adoption so that we can get as much input as possible.

This research project has been funded by the Atlantic Metropolis Centre and has received ethics approval from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University of Newfoundland. The researchers are Dr. Sonya Corbin Dwyer, who is associate professor of Psychology at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and Lynn Gidluck, Graduate Student at the University of Regina. Both researchers are white parents of Chinese children.

If you or someone in your organization would like to be interviewed as part of this study, you may contact the researchers by e-mail at scorbin@swgc.mun.ca or telephone: (709) 637-6200 x 6454.