



## Urgency around Permanency National Best Practices Summit

November 4 & 5, 2015      Hilton Garden Inn, Ottawa Airport

DAY ONE: Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Time	Location
Registration/ Check-in/ Refreshments	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Main Room
Opening Remarks by Laura Eggertson <i>ACC Interim Executive Director</i>	9:00a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Bob Rae,</b> <i>Ontario's 21<sup>st</sup> premier, former leader, Liberal Party of Canada, author of "What's Happened to Politics"</i>	9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Panel Presentation: Youth Speak Out</b> <i>BC, AB, ON and NB youth in/from care with (dis)Abilities share their lived experiences on why permanency is particularly critical for them.</i>	10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Main Room
<b>BREAK</b>	11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Overview: ACC Best Practices Project – Finding Permanency for Vulnerable Canadian Children and Youth with (dis)Abilities</b>	11:30 a.m. – 12:15p.m.	Main Room
<b>LUNCH with the Honourable Tracy MacCharles</b> <i>Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services</i>	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Panel Presentation: Aboriginal Communities</b> <i>Best practices in child welfare and permanency from Aboriginal perspectives</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Carolyn Peacock, Executive Director, Kasohkewew Child Wellness Society &amp; Jeannine Carrière, Professor, University of Victoria</b> <b>Addie Price &amp; Molly Peters, Lalum'utul' Smuneem Child and Family Services</b> <b>Edward John, Grand Chief and Senior Advisor on Aboriginal Child Welfare (Ministry of Children and Family Development, BC)</b>	1:15p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Main Room
<b>BREAK</b>	2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Panel Presentation: Agencies and Organizations</b> <i>The Dave Thomas Foundation, Adoptive Families Association of B.C. and the New Brunswick Adoption Foundation share their best practices in promoting permanency.</i> <b>Panelists: Angela Marshall, Dave Thomas Foundation</b> <b>Karen Madeiros &amp; Philip Djwa, Adoptive Families Association of BC</b> <b>Suzanne Kingston, New Brunswick Adoption Foundation</b>	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Main Room
Wrap Up and Daily recap	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Networking Event</b> <b>Songs and Stories with Susan Aglukark</b> <i>Juno-award winning singer/songwriter, former chair of Arctic Children and Youth Foundation, and founder of the Arctic Rose project</i>	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Keynote: 5:30 to 6:30	TBA

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DAY TWO: Thursday, November 5, 2015	Time	Location
Welcome/ Check-in/ Refreshments	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Main Room
Opening Remarks by Deborah Brennan <i>Chair, Adoption Council of Canada</i>	9:00a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Speaker: The Honourable Stephanie Cadieux</b> <i>BC Minister of Children and Family Development</i>	9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Main Room
Introduction to breakout sessions	9:40 am – 9:45 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Breakout session: Identifying Barriers to Permanency</b> <i>Discussion and identification of top barriers in your province/territory</i>	9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	TBA
<b>BREAK</b>	10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Main Room
<b>Breakout Session: Identifying Strategies to Achieve Permanency</b> <i>Discussion and identification of strategies to overcome barriers to permanency</i>	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm	TBA
<b>LUNCH with Youth Speak Out Panel</b> <i>The impact of youth advocacy on focusing the child welfare system around permanency, with Youth Speak Out members from Manitoba and British Columbia</i>  <b>Sponsor: Winnipeg Community Foundation</b>	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Reporting Back: Summary of Breakout Sessions</b>	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Panel Presentation: Parenting – Focus on (dis)Ability</b> <i>A frank discussion about what it takes to foster/parent a child with (dis)Abilities and the importance of post-adoption services.</i> <b>Panelists: Judi Varga-Toth, Melissa MacLean and Scott Hagerman</b>	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Main Room
<b>Panel Presentation: Provincial Advocates</b> <i>A look at the most pressing barriers to permanency in different provinces from the advocates' perspective.</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond</b> , BC Representative for Children and Youth <b>Irwin Elman</b> , ON Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth <b>Del Graff</b> , AB Child and Youth Advocate	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Main Room
Closing Remarks – Laura Eggertson	4:00 p.m.	Main Room

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