

## Member Agencies

### Adoption Advocates

Shelburne - (802) 985-8289

### Camp For Me

Burlington - (802) 985-8289

### Department for Children & Families

Waterbury - (802) 241-2131

### Dothan Brook Associates

Wilder - (802) 356-9393

### Easter Seals Vermont

Berlin - (802) 223-4744

### Friends in Adoption

VT & NY - 1-800-982-3678

### Howard Center

Burlington - (802) 488-6600

### Lund

Burlington - (802) 864-7467

### Northeastern Family Institute

St. Albans - (802) 524-1700

### Northeast Kingdom Human Services

Newport - (802) 334-6744

St. Johnsbury - (802) 748-3181

### Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership

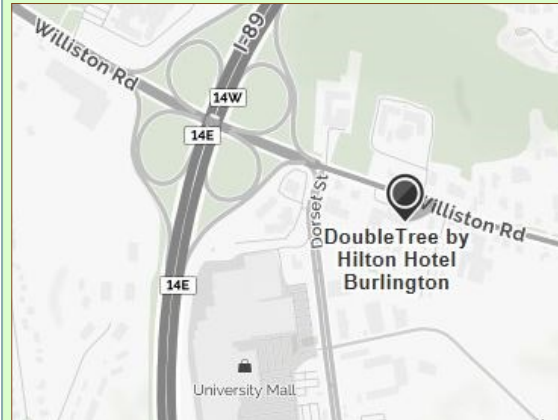
Burlington - (802) 656-3311

### Vermont Foster & Adoptive Families Assoc.

Essex Junction - (802) 878-3984

### Vermont Kin As Parents

Winooski (802) 871-5104



### Directions to the DoubleTree

#### From I-89 South:

- take Exit 14 E
- Proceed through traffic light on Williston Road
- The hotel is .10 mile on your right, immediately after the Vermont Gift Barn

#### From I-89 North:

- take Exit 14 E
- Proceed through traffic light on Williston Road, make sure you stay to the left and don't get into the Dorset Street only lane
- The hotel is .10 mile on your right, immediately after the Vermont Gift Barn

## Conference

November 3rd, 2017

DoubleTree Hotel

Burlington



## HAVING FUN

## AGAIN:

## THRIVING FAMILIES

With

Deborah Gray



The Vermont Adoption Consortium is comprised of agencies and groups from around the state who have joined together for a common purpose:

To support Vermont's guardians and families formed through adoption.

**Vermont Adoption Consortium**  
**Conferences provide time to join together as a community, build our adoption/guardianship knowledge and skills, to reenergize ourselves, and strengthen our commitment to these amazing children!**



Deborah Gray, MPA, LICSW specializes in the attachment, grief, and trauma issues of children in her practice, *Nurturing Attachments*. Her passion is to help families develop close, satisfying relationships. She has worked over 25 years in foster and adopted children's therapies and placement.

In 2015 Deborah received a lifetime achievement award from the International ATTACH organization for her contributions to the attachment field. Deborah is core faculty for the Attachment/Trauma-Focused Therapy Program and Portland State University Foster and Adoption Therapy Program

Deborah Gray is a popular presenter due to her practical and positive approaches. She continues to work in a clinical practice with parents and children, who help to teach her new approaches and techniques every day.

Deborah is the author of the books, *Attaching in Adoption: Practical Tools for Today's Parents*, *Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma*, *Attaching with Love, Hugs, and Joy*, and co-author of *Games and Activities for Attaching with Your Child*. She provides additional information at [Nurturingattachments.com](http://Nurturingattachments.com)

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

**8:00-9:00**– Registration, enjoy light refreshments, and browse the Resource Fair that will be available throughout the day

**9:00-9:30** – Welcome and Reading of the Adoption Month Proclamation

**9:30-12:00** – Keynote: Deborah Gray: Having Fun Again: Thriving Families

**12:00-1:15**– Lunch (Provided) during lunch please join us for “Things I Wish My Parents Had Known” a panel of people who have joined their families through adoption or guardianship

### **1:30-2:45—Session I Workshops:**

- ◆ Be Playful! Toddlers through Elementary School
- ◆ Talking with Your Child about Adoption—Getting Comfortable
- ◆ Transracial/Transcultural Adoption

### **3:00-4:15—Session II Workshops:**

- ◆ Be Playful! Middle School through Teens
- ◆ Considerations When Thinking about Adopting
- ◆ Learnings from the Vermont Permanency Survey

## REGISTRATION

**You may register at**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/having-fun-again-thriving-families-conference-tickets-37701816147>

**or**

by mail:

*Please fill out your information and send along with a check for \$50.00 payable to:*

**ADOPTION ADVOCATES**

Conference Registration

521 Webster Road Shelburne, VT 05482

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us who you are (you can tick more than one):

\_\_\_ a parent/foster parent/guardian

\_\_\_ a kinship provider

\_\_\_ a pre-adoptive parent

\_\_\_ considering fostering and/or adopting

\_\_\_ a birthparent

\_\_\_ a professional with \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special dietary needs:

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If you require special accommodations, please contact us in advance and we will endeavor to assist you.

Scholarships are available for families who have adopted or are guardians. To apply for a scholarship please call 802-241-0901 or email [vtadoption@vermont.gov](mailto:vtadoption@vermont.gov)

**CEUs are available**