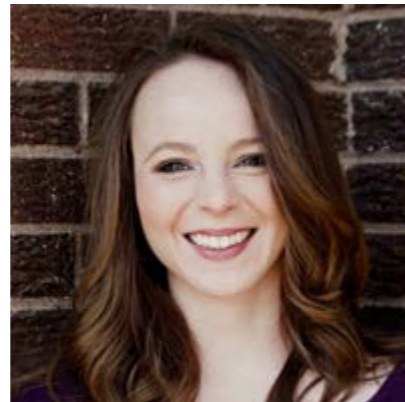


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Who am I?

- Parent (Adoptive, one-time kinship, step, and even grand!)
- Therapist in Indianapolis
- The Villages advisory board
- MLJ Adoptions founder and VP of Social Services
- Author: Adoption Therapy...

What to Expect

- Importance of Teachers
- Adoption in the Classroom
- Talking about Adoption
- Child impacted by Adoption
- Advocating

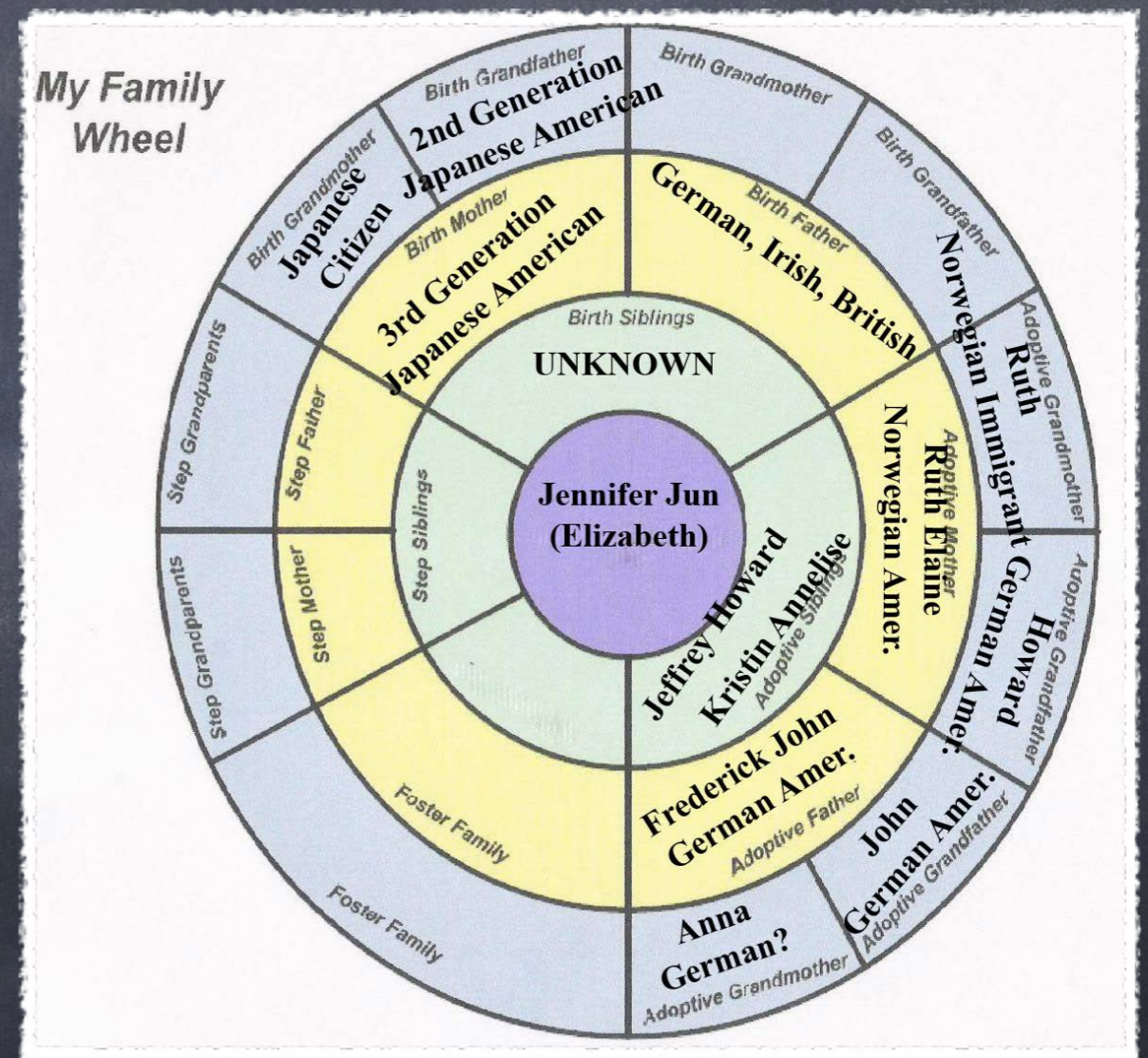
Importance of Teachers

- Psychosocial development
- 35 hours per week with my child
- Bullies and curious peers

Adoption in the Classroom

Problematic Assignments

- Baby photos
- Family tree
- Genetics
- Interviews
- Timeline
- Immigration



Tips for Teachers

- No presentations
- No exceptions
- Change the curriculum
- Beware of movies



Talking about Adoption

- In the classroom, use books not the child's story
- "Dear Teacher" letter
- Team approach with parents, teachers, and administrators
- What to share and what not to share

Child impacted by Adoption

- Every story is different!
- Core adoption issues
- Race/ethnicity is an issue
- Stress
- Survival behaviors
- Language

Resources

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How to be an Adoption Advocate

- Testing
- Inform parents
- Sensory Issues
- Nutrition
- Pass on Resources

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