



Adoption Expert Webinar

Establishing a Healthy Feeding Relationship

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Katja Rowell, M.D., aka "The Feeding Doctor," is a family physician who works with parents to establish healthy feeding relationships by focusing on the *how* of feeding. She has developed a special interest in supporting adoptive and foster families with feeding and weight worries, and recently published *Love Me*, *Feed Me*: *The Adoptive Parent's Guide to Ending the Worry About Weight, Picky Eating, Power Struggles and More*.

Dr. Rowell is a sought-after speaker, blogger, mother, and family cook.

"Knowing deep within us that someone is going to feed us when we are hungry is how trust and love begin..."

- Mr. Rogers



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feeding and attachment

- opportunity to complete attachment cycles
- repetitive, patterned, relationship building, sensory (Dr. Bruce Perry)
- opportunity lost when families get stuck around feeding



Worry cycle: breakdown of trust



Peace and joy





"Adina played, STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO her brothers, totally unconcerned with their food...she said, "Mommy I don't need to eat because I can wait for Iunch." That is BIG. That has NEVER happened. EVER. EVER. Yay!!!!"— Adina's mom

"Dinner has become pleasant, relaxed and is not stressful. She feels respected at mealtime rather than hassled."

- Yiseth's mom, dealing with picky eating





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