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## Inside Transracial Adoption Beth Hall

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## Inside Transracial Adoption

Breaking the Racial Sound Barrier

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#### **6-Word Narratives**



The Race Card Project begun by journalist Michele Norris as a means of asking folks to distill their thoughts about race into compact "conversation starters" that wound up instead giving her and the world insight into a plethora of experiences, questions, hopes, dreams, laments and observations about race and identity. Jae Ran Kim, author of the blog Harlow's Monkey, knew of Norris's project and first suggested that it would be interesting to have an adoption version.

## 6-Word Narrative Breaking the Racial Sound Barrier



- 1. Listen
- 2. Get-over-it
- 3. Zero-tolerance
- 4. Change-agent
- 5. Connection
- 6. Ally

## Listen to Your Children & Other People of Color



For white parents and professionals, it is often more comfortable to speak for and about people of color than to speak for and about white privilege and problems within the white community – it is OUR JOB to change that pattern

### Get Over It

Indulge in guilt or self pity when needed but never for very long



## Why Transracial Parents Are Ineffective



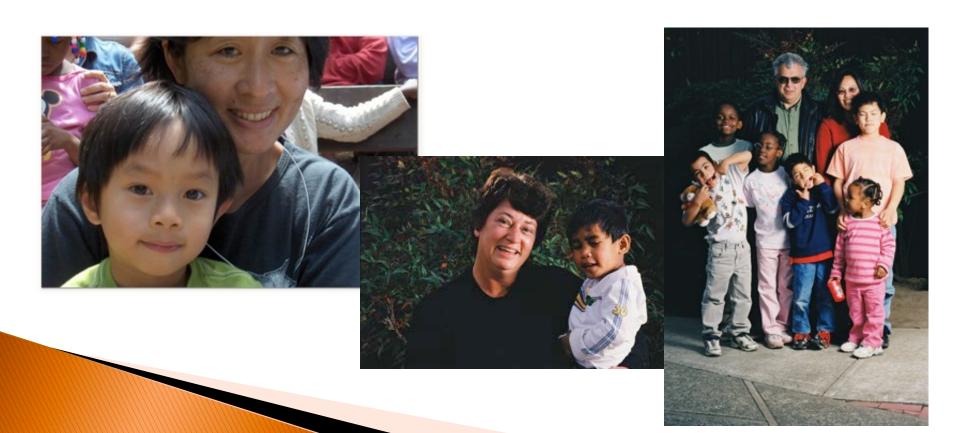
- Personality type
- Shame of cultural incompetence
- Fear that acknowledging racism promotes victimization instead of providing protection
- Unacknowledged racism

## Develop Zero Tolerance for Racism

For children/people of color daily encounters with racism have a cumulative impact and these experiences restrict social, economic & political mobility.



## Transracial/Transcultural International/Domestic Biracial /Monoracial



### Become a Change Agent

Developmental
Disconnect:
Adoptive Parent
vs. Adoptee



## Two Step Learning Process for parents to

#1
Understand
the
Issues



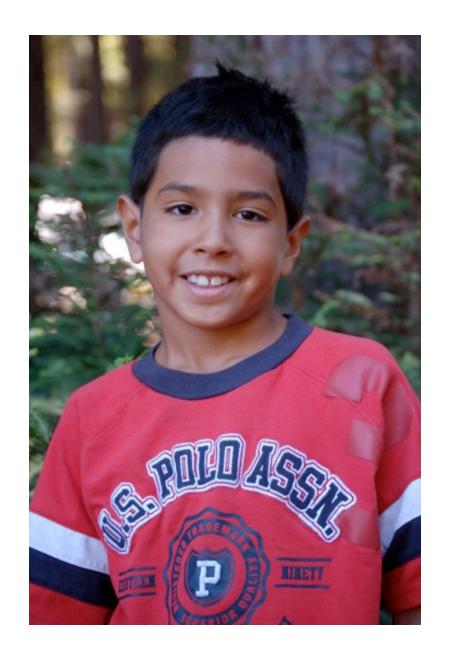
#2
Learn
the
Tools

#### Connection

#### **Being Born To**

- a Family
- a Heritage
- a Community
- a Country

Is Important



#### **Racial Isolation**

**Geographical Isolation** 

Residential Isolation (self-segregation)



## Act Like an Ally



- Make race and racial justice part of your daily diet
- Start at the beginning skin color comes from melanin
- Teach your children racialized values
- Explain the hard stuff discussions of history & racism

#### **6-Word Narrative**



## Love is easy. Courage is not.

Transracial Adoptive Parent

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