



Presenters Biographies

Janelle Althen, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker with over 13 years experience working in the field of international adoption and over 14 years experience working as a marriage and family therapist in both community mental health and private practice settings. She has three children, one of whom was adopted through CCAI.

Sarah Harmon has been with CCAI since 2002 in the China and Intake Departments and Waiting Child Program, where she serves families adopting children with special needs, edits the CCAI Circle Newsletter, and contributes to Match Day and Waiting Child information translation. Before joining CCAI, she taught English to elementary students in Harbin, China.

Kelly Perez, MSW, manages the Denver Early Childhood Council. She has worked as an adoption Social worker through CCAI, has worked as a teacher and educator through Denver Public Schools, worked as a counselor in Denver as well as East Harlem and the South Bronx related to HIV/AIDS domestic violence, homelessness, and substance abuse. Ms. Perez grew up in an Anglo community and was the only person of color in her family, giving her a unique perspective on race.

Jean Rohrbach has a degree in Speech Communications and is a former computer programmer who has worked and volunteered in many areas at CCAI since 1999. She was the CCAI Travel Manager for 5 years and is now the Director of CQI & HR. Jean and her husband Joseph are the proud parents of two Chinese daughters, Mae and Lily.

Cara Spencer is a Family Nurse Practitioner working in private practice since 1997 and has done a variety of volunteering for CCAI since 2004. She and her husband are the proud parents of a daughter from Jiangxi and a daughter from Guangdong.

Judy Winger, MSW, is a social worker and the Child Placement Supervisor for CCAI. She has been working in the world of adoption since 1988, both domestically and internationally. She has three children, one of whom is adopted from China.