



Subject Matter Expert Judy Stigger, Senior Advisor



Expertise

Adoption and foster care

Judy Stigger is a nationally recognized trainer for families, schools, and professionals for the topics of adoption and foster care. She is a therapist who provides counseling to adoptive, foster, and birth families with a focus on tweens and teens.

Experience

Ms. Stigger is Clinical Director of Adoption Learning Partners (adoptionlearningpartners.org), an interactive Web-based educational site. She has more than 30 years of experience in the development and delivery of training and education programs for adoptive and foster families, professionals, and organizations.

Ms. Stigger has presented numerous workshops on adoption and foster care at major conferences, both nationally and internationally. For the adoptionlearningpartners.org Web site, she conceptualized and created content for the online and in-person educational programs for professionals, individuals, and families involved in adoption. Ms. Stigger is also a therapist and trainer on post-placement and post adoption services for children and families.

Publications

Ms. Stigger is author of *Coping with Infertility*, Augsburg Press 1981; contributor to *Talking with Young Children About Adoption* by Watkins and Fisher, Yale University Press; and has been interviewed by the New York Times, Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Public Radio (US and England), and MSNBC.

Awards and Affiliations

Ms. Stigger is on the editorial advisory board of *Adoptive Families* Magazine. She was Board President of the Joint Council on International Children's Services from 2001 to 2004 and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW and ACSW). She received the Award in Adoption award in 2000 from the US Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

Education

Ms. Stigger is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker by the state of Illinois and holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Chicago.