**Basic Statistics regarding Experiences with Birth and Adoptive Families**

Since 1988 I have worked with approximately 300 families.

Approximately 200 of these families were birth families and the remaining families were adoptive families.

Breakdown of adoptive family characteristics:

* Kinship adoption- 26 families
* Foreign Adoption-Eastern Europe-15 families
* Foreign Adoption- Asia-16 families
* US Foster Care Special Needs-40 families

Issues identified in adopted children within these families were the following: trauma and losses, fetal alcohol and drug exposure, physical and sexual abuse, attachment issues.