

**OBJECTIVES:** Participants will be able to:

- Summarize the Adoption Process.
- Identify and summarize counseling techniques with adoptive families and birth families.
- Identify Adoption Home Study Criteria.
- Define the difference between Domestic, International, private and Alabama State DHR Home Studies.
- Recognize and summarize openness in adoptions.
- Summarize openness and reunification trends.
- Recognize adopted adolescent transitions in the home, school, and family environments.
- Identify counseling techniques working with adolescent adoptees.

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### **Directions to Hyatt Place**

**2980 John Hawkins Parkway (Hwy 150)**

**Hoover, Alabama 35244**

**From I-65 North or I-65 South:** Exit onto I-459 South via EXIT 250 toward Hoover. Take the Galleria BLVD exit, Exit 13A, toward AL-150. Stay straight to go onto Galleria BLVD. Turn **RIGHT** onto AL-150/ John Hawkins Parkway. The Hyatt Place is on the left.

## **Alabama Society for Clinical Social Work**

**Fall Conference**

**September 23, 2011**

### ***“Trends in Adoptions”***

*Presenters:*

***Margo Harwell, MSW, LGSW***

***Margie Gilbert, LCSW, PIP***

***Suzanne Peden, LCSW, PIP***

***John Douglass, III, M.A., LPC***

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# Registration Form

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Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, breaks, conference material and **6 Contact Hours**. LUNCH IS OWN YOUR OWN. Mark appropriate cost/category & send completed form & check to:

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ASCSW Member	_____ \$60.00
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Questions? Contact ASCSW President, Sue Ann Brown, LCSW, PIP. Phone: (205) 823-8449 or Email: [sabb@gilbertandbrown.com](mailto:sabb@gilbertandbrown.com)

# Agenda

## *“Trends in Adoptions”*

Friday 9/23/2011

### Morning

- 8:00-8:30** Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45** Welcome & Introduction: Sue Ann Brown, LCSW, PIP, ASCSW President
- 8:45-10:15** Counseling Adoptive Families and Birth Families through the Adoption Process (Margo Harwell, MSW, LGSW)
- 10:15-10:30** Break
- 10:30-12:00** Home Studies from the Field! (Margie Gauden Gilbert, LCSW, PIP)
- 12:00-1:15** LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

### Afternoon

- 1:15-2:45** Openness in Adoptions (Suzanne Peden, LCSW, PIP)
- 2:45-3:00** Break
- 3:00-4:30** Adolescent Adoption Hot Topics- Transitions in the home, school, & family (John Douglass, III, M.A., LPC)
- 4:30-4:45** Evaluation & Adjourn

*Turn in your evaluation and pick up your certificate as you adjourn.*

**Margo Harwell, MSW, LGSW** is Supervisor of Domestic Social Work with Lifeline Children’s Services where she supervises all domestic adoptive placements, supervises international and domestic disruptions and dissolutions, conducts home studies and provides support counseling for adoptive families, birth families, and adoptees. Margo earned a BME from Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY in 1989; and MSW from LSU in 1993.

**Margie Gauden Gilbert, LCSW, PIP** is a managing partner with Gilbert & Brown Counseling and Consulting Services, LLC. Margie has over ten years experience counseling individuals and families. Margie has conducted Home Studies for private adoptions, State of Alabama Department of Human Resources adoptions, Domestic adoptions, and International adoptions. Margie earned a BSW from UAB in 1996; and MSW from UA in 1998.

**Suzanne Peden, LCSW, PIP**, is the owner, founder, and Executive Director of A Angel Adoptions, a private child placing agency licensed by the state of Alabama. Suzanne has extensive adoption experience in the areas of family, marriage, and individual counseling, as well as extensive therapeutic and supportive counseling to birth mothers. Suzanne has been interviewed by local ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX affiliates, as well as local newspapers and local radio stations for her expertise in the adoption arena. Suzanne earned a B.S. in Sociology from Auburn University in 1983; and MSW from UA in 1985.

**John Douglass, III, M.A., LPC** is an APAC (Alabama Pre and Post Adoption Connections) Family Therapist. APAC is a program of Children’s Aid Society, whose goal is to provide education and support to Alabama’s adoptive families. John provides therapeutic counseling to adoptive families and children. John earned a BA in Political Science and English from UA in 1992 and a Master of Arts, Counseling from UAB in 2003.