

## Transracial Adult Adoptee Panel

**Not to be missed!!** This is a unique opportunity to hear the recommendations and insights first hand of transracial adoptees and an adoptive parent who are willing to share their experiences of raising and being raised in communities with parents, family, friends who were/are of a different race than their own. Today's adoptive families and professionals working with them are of a generation who, through education, have the opportunity to mitigate some of the challenges faced by adoptive parents of the past while learning to maneuver new challenges of today. Come listen, engage and learn what it is/was like for them to be adopted into a mixed race family in the United States. This panel of adult adoptees and one adoptive parent will share their experience of living in a transracial family.

Topics will include:

- Importance of birth-family, birth culture, birth country, language
- Discussion of Identity – Race Identity, Cultural Identity and Family Identity
- Communication with adoptive parents about adoption, race and culture
- Recommendation for today's adoptive parents

The panel will be facilitated by Astrid Dabbeni. Astrid, a co-founder of Adoption Mosaic, travels across the country on the topic of transracial adoptions, leads youth activity groups and an adult adoptee movie group. She has worked and volunteered for adoption related organizations for over 14 years. Astrid's life-long interest in adoption is rooted in her own transracial adoption at the age of four with her older sister.

Cost- \$30 per person. Pre-Registration is required. Download application and additional information from the Adoption Mosaic website [www.adoptionmosaic.org](http://www.adoptionmosaic.org) or email Silvia at [info@adoptionmosaic.org](mailto:info@adoptionmosaic.org)

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**Why Mosaic? Like adoption, a mosaic is a picture created of bits and pieces. The spaces between remind us that each piece has a history of its own.**