



### **Learning Objectives**

1. Define and identify characteristics of birth mother grooming within adoption practices
2. Analyze how systemic power dynamics influence relinquishment decisions
3. Evaluate ethical considerations around informed consent in adoption
4. Understand the long-term mental health impact of relinquishment
5. Learn how to build ethical, non-coercive relationships with birth parents
6. Recognize their role in either compounding or relieving harm

### **Timed Agenda**

10 Minutes: Welcome, Introduction of presenter's background and the study

10 Minutes: History of relinquishment in the US

10 Minutes: Birthmother grooming and Relinquishment (learning objectives 1&2)

10 Minutes: Informed consent: past, present, future (learning objective 3)

10 Minutes: Mental health & relinquishment (learning objective 4)

10 Minutes: Adoptive parent's role in supporting the birth family and child (learning objectives 5&6)

30 Minutes: Q & A