The following principles:

- Adoption is different. The dynamics of a family created by adoption are different from the dynamics of a family created by birth.
- Adoption is lifelong and its impact creates unique opportunities and challenges for families and communities.
- Adoption is mutually beneficial to parent, child, and society.
- Society is responsible for supporting and aiding integration and preservation of adoptive families.

Serve as a guide to:

A LOCAL CROSS-SYSTEM NETWORK OR TEAM of Adoptees, Parents, Peers and Professionals

who deliver and facilitate services that are:

- Community-based
- Family-centered
- Adoption-sensitive & competent
- Multi-disciplined
- Strength-focused & normalizing
- Directed by family
- Culturally sensitive & competent

and that result in:

- Strengthened family integration
- Strengthened attachment
- Strengthened family functioning
- Strengthened parental entitlement and claiming
- Strengthened identity formation of family members
- Strengthened community networks