



## 7 Reasons Why You Should Hire Lived Experience Adoption Trauma Speaker, Writer and Advocate, Paula Maddox

1. **Expertise.** Paula has a nearly 25-year knowledge about adoption trauma. Her examples of symptomatic behaviors displayed by her children are specific and hard-hitting. And they are all textbook for the diagnoses her adult children are living with today.
2. **Fresh topic.** Adoption trauma (also called relinquishment trauma) from separation loss isn't found on most mental health or adoption and foster care meeting agendas. This fresh topic engages audiences and invigorates thinking around the impact of first loss through child relinquishment.
3. **Relevance.** Paula shares examples that are directly connected to her children's diagnoses. Her illustrations provide a unique perspective you won't hear anywhere else. This high value content is easily readily shared with easily understood relevance.
4. **Easy to Work With.** Paula is a professional who is responsive, approachable and flexible. She provides the content you want and your audience needs.
5. **Interaction.** Paula engages the audience as she shares insights into the past 25 years. Make no mistake – this is NOT a lecture! Paula invites eager minds to share thoughts, feelings, and emotions.
6. **Experience.** Paula has amassed real world experience living and loving children with symptomatic behaviors stemming from adoption trauma. Her candor around the realities of how separation loss manifested in her two children as early as 2 years of age is informative, thought-provoking and educational. And she knows how to present!
7. **Authenticity.** Paula can relate to others who care for or care about children living with adoption trauma. She's lived it. She's learned from it. She's ready to share it. Her perspective comes from her heart and from the love she has for her two adult children.