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**NEWEST MEMBERS OF NATIONAL CENTER ON ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY
INCLUDE MAJOR FIGURES IN RESEARCH, PHILANTHROPY, LAW AND PRACTICE**

BOSTON, Dec. 12, 2014 – The National Center on Adoption and Permanency today proudly announced that five of the most accomplished experts in a variety of professional disciplines relating to child welfare are joining the NCAP team, effective the start of the New Year. They are:

- **David Brodzinsky, Ph.D.** is a pre-eminent scholar, clinical psychologist, researcher, author and trainer. He consults widely across North America and Europe, and comes to NCAP from the Donaldson Adoption Institute and Rutgers University, where he is a Professor Emeritus.
- **Paul Freese, J.D.** Paul is a nationally recognized expert in public interest law. Most recently, he was VP of Public Counsel, the nation's largest provider of pro bono legal services. He also served on the ABA's Commissions on Youth at Risk and on Homelessness & Poverty.
- **Pat Reynolds-Hubbard, MA, MSPH**, a forerunner of modern best practices in adoption and foster care, brings four decades of experience (and successes) to NCAP. Her leadership positions have included posts with the Stuart Foundation and California public agencies.
- **Ron Huxley, LFMT** is an expert family therapist with over two decades of experience in cutting-edge research on trauma, adoption and sensory-based therapies. He is a national trainer for social workers, therapists, policymakers and faith-based organizations.
- **Renette Oklewicz** is a highly respected thought leader who enabled significant progress in adoption, foster care and child welfare with her philanthropic management at the Freddie Mac Foundation for 23 years, including of the media-based Wednesday's Child program.

"We are honored to have such an accomplished group of professionals join our team," NCAP's leaders, Adam Pertman and Carol Biddle, said in a joint statement. "We feel that we're now truly poised to accomplish our mission – not only working to ensure that every child, teen and young adult can live in a permanent family but, vitally, enabling those families to succeed."

The expansion of NCAP's team comes in the wake of the launch of our new website, which is designed as a one-stop destination for information, resources and services in the realms of adoption, foster care and child welfare: www.nationalcenteronadoptionandpermanency.net; please cut/paste it into your phone book, bookmark it and/or use this [hyperlink shortcut](#). Stay tuned, too, for our new Facebook site, which will be up and running early in 2015.

NCAP's principal offering is its extraordinary people, now a team of 25 of the most accomplished and experienced trainers, presenters, practitioners, clinicians, researchers and educators in our country in their respective fields. **The team is headed by two highly respected thought and practice leaders: Adam, formerly President of the Donaldson Adoption Institute, and Carol, founder and former CEO of Kinship Center.** NCAP is the child welfare division of [Myriad Strategic Partners](#), a consultancy founded by Pertman that provides a broad range of organizational, strategic and communications services.

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Our website, like NCAP itself, is intended to serve the full range of professionals, families and individuals who have an interest – in their personal and/or work lives – in the areas in which we specialize. The site does not seek to recreate any wheels; that is, we know there are many good places on the internet that deal with adoption, foster care and child welfare, but it's sometimes tricky to know where to go for what. So NCAP provides a “one-stop portal” designed to steer you, our users, to the information, research, data, resources and services you want or need.

That can be done in one of two ways (or both): by clicking on a specific topic from the provided list – which will grow over time – or by clicking on a category; these currently are Family Members (anyone in an expectant family, pre-adoptive family, family of origin, adoptive family, foster family, etc.), Journalists & Bloggers, Professionals & Practitioners, Legislators & Policymakers, Researchers & Scholars, and Advocates & Activists.

Our personnel can be retained individually or in specialized teams with one or more NCAP colleagues. To read their bios and learn more about the services we offer, please go to our [website](#). **To retain one or more of our team members, to ask questions and get additional information, or to set up an interview (for journalists, bloggers, newsletter writers, etc.), contact Adam at 617-903-0554 or apertman@myriadsp.com.** Finally, read more about us in [this announcement](#).

The information and resources provided by the National Center on Adoption and Permanency are intended to address the needs of agencies, foundations, journalists, nonprofits, governments at all levels and advocates/activists whose passion – like ours – is to help children and families, whether those needs are a conference presentation, a keynote address, a professional training, information for a news story, or expert consulting to strengthen organizational or clinical performance. Our diverse services include, but are not limited to:

- Program and project development, consultation and/or evaluation
- Board development, consultation and/or executive transition planning
- Staff development and training to improve clinical and practice competence
- Parent/caregiver training to strengthen families with children with histories of trauma
- Writing, editing, media consulting, print and online/social media and related activities
- Consultation related to development and fundraising, as well as community relations
- Conference/event consulting, including provision of keynote speakers and other presenters
- Executive training/coaching, as well as policy development/analysis and practice protocols

A Q&A with Adam about NCAP is in [Adoption Today magazine](#). NCAP is also the subject of this [radio interview](#). And here's a related story in the [Chronicle of Social Change](#), plus a recent news article in the [Chicago Tribune](#). To read a sampling of Adam's commentaries on adoption, child welfare and family issues, go to the [Huffington Post](#).