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Denise Goodman has been a child welfare professional for over 45 years. She began her career working with emotionally disturbed teens in a residential treatment facility and has held varied positions in Child Welfare including a foster parent of teens. In addition, as an independent consultant, Denise conducts workshops and provides consultation throughout the United States and Canada on topics related to foster care, adoption and kinship care. She works with local and state jurisdictions to build their foster care, adoption and kinship care programs.

Denise earned MSSA from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and her PhD in social work from The Ohio State University. She has written many curricula for staff and resource parents, co-authored a section of *The Field Guide to Child Welfare* and published numerous articles and tools on foster care/adoption issues including the Icebreaker Toolkit, Resource Family Guide, Child Specific Recruitment Tool, Recruiting 4 Free and Step by Step Guide for Targeted Recruitment.

She has received recognition for her training from the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program including the Linda Pope Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award for Training, OCWTP Award of Excellence, the Northeast Ohio Regional Training Program Trainer of the Year and the North Central Regional Training Program Trainer of the Year. In addition, Denise was inducted into the Ohio State University-College of Social Work's Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumni and was the North American Council on Adoptable Children's (NACAC) Child Advocate of the Year for 2015. Denise served on the Board for Families Rising, formerly known as NACAC for eight years, 6 years as president.