

## ***About Us***

Adoption 2 Action is a collaboration formed out of urgency and necessity.

The founder of the agency is an adoptive parent of two special needs children, who were placed into the Florida foster care system at very young ages.

She knows first hand the struggles that accompany the courageous decision to adopt, and the self-reflective questions that come with trying to bond and attach to a child who, at times, seemingly is doing everything in their power to fight it.

Melissa and the A2A team all have extensive social service backgrounds, and know how to get the help that adoptive parents need to make each and every child a thriving success!

Melissa Merritt  
CEO/President

Melissa is the adoptive mother of two lively and vivacious boys. She lives in Central Florida with her sons and her husband.



**ADOPTION2ACTION**

**Serving Florida's Adoptive Families**

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Adoption2Action (A2A) was co-founded in 2015 by Melissa Merritt. Her children, now ages 6 and 8 were placed in her home with a myriad of special needs, each of them having been in numerous placements after removal from their birth families. Over time, and with much trial and error, Melissa was able to navigate the vast waters that are the needs of the post-adoptive child. Everything from education to socialization, therapy to attachment training was

*"little souls find their way to you, whether they're from your womb or someone else's."  
-Sheryl Crow*

uncovered and explored. Then, and only then, did it become clear that a better post-adoptive support system was desperately needed. So...A2A was born. This agency's sole focus is to support and guide parents who take on the most challenging of tasks...raising the adopted special needs child. Through advocacy & crisis intervention, it is our hope that no adoption will ever fail....and no child will go out without the services he/she so desperately needs & deserves. It is with knowledge, guidance, education, and insight that this

agency is able to provide the services so critical to ensuring each and every adoption's success.

*A2A believes that EVERY CHILD deserves the right to a forever family, and that every forever family deserves the right to feel supported and understood.*

## RESOURCE NAVIGATION

A2A has created a state-of-the art, ever evolving, online resource directory to provide adoptive parents with the most cutting-edge information regarding the teams of providers who may be needed to support the adopted child. This includes psychiatric, therapeutic & medical providers; educational liaisons & attorneys, residential treatment facilities, respite care, & individualized services based on need. Detailed information; including specializations and provider reviews can all be located through the A2A directory.

## REFERRALS

Through our crisis intervention program, adoptive parents are able to call and request specific referrals to providers based on current need.

Facilitation between adoptive parents and their chosen provider, assistance in navigating insurance denials for extended coverage benefits, and follow-up are all integral parts of the services we provide.

## SUPPORT

Another one of A2A's core services is that of the online support forum. Using the North American Council for Adopted Children's best-practice post-adoption support model, A2A facilitates a forum where topics and peer support can be turned to 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy is an integral part of the post-adoptive family's world. A2A will help you, the adoptive parent, uncover and obtain all of the services and benefits that your child/ren need to ensure their long-term goals and success.



**We are in the business of breaking down the barriers!  
Contact us Today!!!**

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