

Adoption Realities, Possibilities and Challenges Speaker Bios

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Kristin Aucoin, Licensed Clinical Social Worker: Kristin Aucoin joined St. Elizabeth Foundation Adoption Agency in December of 2011 after working 3 ½ years at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center. She graduated from Louisiana State University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and with a concentration in criminal justice. She also received a minor in psychology. Kristin received her masters of social work from Louisiana State University in 2008. Since graduating in 2008, Kristin has provided mental health and grief counseling, and a variety of social services to a diverse population of clients. Kristin is a member of NASW-LA.

Stephanie Breeden, MSW, LMSW: Stephanie Breeden has served as a Lead Advocate Supervisor for the CASA Program of Child Advocacy Services in Ascension Parish, Louisiana since 2006. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Master of Social Work degree from Louisiana State University. During her time with Child Advocacy Services, she has overseen the advocacy of volunteers to ensure that foster children have a voice in Court and that their best interests are of utmost importance. She has taken part in countless successes for abused and neglected children who were able to find a safe, permanent home. In addition to her role with volunteers and in Court, she has supervised three major fundraising events for her agency and built leadership committees within the community to enhance awareness of child abuse and neglect. In 2010, she won the Louisiana CASA Staff Member of the Year award.

Jennifer Eller, Director of Development and Outreach joined St. Elizabeth Foundation in April of 2013. She has over 12 years of fundraising experience in higher education and nonprofit settings. Prior to her career in fundraising, Jennifer taught in the special education field, focusing on children with autism and behavior disorders. From 1999- 2001, she served as Lead Teacher and Service Coordinator at Walden Early Childhood Center (Emory University's demonstration model for children with autism) in Auburn, AL. She also taught students in the Correctional and Transitional programs at Lee County Youth Development Center in Opelika, AL. Jennifer is a 1997 graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Ashley Scott, LMSW: Ashley is a native of Lafayette, Louisiana but she has lived in Baton Rouge, LA since 2007. She moved to attend LSU and she graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, concentration in Criminology. She also received a minor in French. She chose to pursue a higher education immediately by returning to LSU for her Master's degree in Social Work, which she completed in 2013. During her second and final year of the program, Ashley interned at St. Elizabeth Foundation under Kristin Aucoin, LCSW. Upon graduation, she was offered a full time position and has been working for St. Elizabeth since July 2014, while also working towards her LCSW certification.

Georgann Mire joined the St. Elizabeth Foundation Adoption Agency in 2010 as Professional Development Coordinator where she presents at conferences, symposiums and professional development to teach professionals about the benefits of open adoption to birth parents through St. Elizabeth. She is also on the board of directors of the Louisiana Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and the Greater Baton Rouge Learning Disabilities Coalition. She works at Baton Rouge Community College helping students with disabilities and as a Learning Disabilities Consultant helping families advocate and find services for their children with learning disabilities. She has been the keynote speaker at the Dubard Dyslexia Conference at Mississippi State University and some of the conferences she has presented at include the National Black Children's Development Institute, Adoption Option Symposiums at LSU and Tulane, NASW-LA, LCA, Louisiana College and Technical College System Conference. She graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and received training from Lindamoodbell, IDA, LaBIDA, CHADD, NSU and GBRLC.