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The Park Adoption Community Center | Centennial, CO

OVERVIEW OF THE PARK ADOPTION COMMUNITY CENTER

The Park is a non-profit organization that provides post-adoption support programs for adoptees and their families. While located in Centennial, CO, they run both national and international-reaching programs. These programs encourage community engagement, youth empowerment, identity affirmation, and cultural competency.



EXPERIENCE

I served as an adoption research intern. This meant that I collected information through online resources and interviews to create easily digestible material. For example, I provided the information to create a timeline of the history of The Park and its parent organization, CCAI. This helps answer the questions that families often have.

I also completed a research project that focused on adoptees' thoughts about their adoption. Using adoptee art pieces to prompt conversation, I interviewed adoptees and organized their responses to use as future references.



PURPOSE

As an adoption research intern, my main goal was to improve my research and interview skills. I also wanted to gain more experience with working in an office setting. And an adoptee who was already passionate about post-adoption work, I found a strong sense of purpose through this internship.



CONCLUSIONS

My time with The Park solidified that I want to work in the post-adoption field after graduation. It also confirmed my interest in focusing on the adoptee community for my Independent Study. I learned how to better interview people, communicate effectively, and balance work with personal time. But most importantly, it meant the world to have the opportunity to work with a community that I am a part of myself.



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