



## The Power of Story

Alisa Matheson

Founder & Executive Director  
The Power of Story

Keynote Presentations  
9-11:30am

*"The desire is that young people who have experienced out-of-home placement have equal, consistent person-centered access to their history, stories, photos, and medical information."*



## The Belonging Difference: Maximizing the Positive Difference We Make In the Lives of Youth

Gaelin Elmore

Lived Experience Expert  
and Belonging Champion



*"The difference between me reaching my full potential and falling to my circumstances has very little to do with me, it has a lot more to do with people like you. Let's cultivate a culture of belonging."*



## Belonging As An Antidote to Trauma: Preventing Trauma, Mitigating the Effects of Trauma and Reducing System Trauma

Lisa Cherry, MS

Schools, Services & Systems Consultant  
Trauma Informed & Relationship Focused Practice  
That Makes THE Difference.

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*"Children who are 'excluded' from their home, in whatever way that has come about, and are excluded from school create a double challenge in relation to making sense of the fundamental need to belong."*