

Sue Badeau

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Sue Badeau is a nationally known speaker, writer and consultant with a heart for children and families. After receiving a degree in Early Childhood Education from Smith College, Sue worked for many years in child welfare and juvenile justice systems. She currently serves on several national and international boards including the Association for Training on Trauma and Attachment (ATTACH), Justice for Families and Imara International. Sue writes and speaks extensively to public & private agencies, prison systems, courts, parent groups, churches and missions in the USA, Canada and Kenya. She has worked closely with the North American Council on Adoptable Children, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, A Second Chance, Inc., All Children, All Families, the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Casey Family Programs and was the Deputy Director of the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care. Sue has developed curricula and provided training in all fifty states, several Tribal nations and internationally in North America and Africa.

Sue and her husband, Hector, are lifetime parents of twenty-two children, two by birth and twenty adopted (three, with terminal illnesses, are now deceased). They have also served as foster parents to several dozen children and twice hosted refugees from Kosovo and Sudan. They have co-authored a book about their family's parenting journey, *Are We There Yet: The Ultimate Road Trip Adopting and Raising 22 Kids*. Sue and her daughter Chelsea have also co-authored a book on child trauma, *Building Bridges of Hope: A Coloring Book for Adults Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma* and a companion volume for children entitled *Bubbles and Butterflies*. These books, can be found on Amazon.com or on Sue's website – www.suebadeau.com - Sue may be reached by email at sue@suebadeau.com. Sue lives in Philadelphia with Hector and enjoys spending time with her many grand and great-grandchildren.
