U.S. Response to Throwaway Children: From Orphan Trains to the Current Migrant Crisis

Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

Community symposium with The Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research. Special Guest: Christina Baker Kline, Author of Orphan Train

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The United States has historically faced the challenge of responding to the needs of children without parents to provide for their care. The Orphan Train provides a historical context for today’s social, moral and legal crisis created by large numbers of unaccompanied migrant children arriving at our borders.

The University of Pennsylvania’s Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research is holding a Community Symposium featuring three of the nation’s leading experts on this topic:

Chris James-Brown, CEO of Child Welfare League of America, the nation’s oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization who has been at the forefront of the current crisis facing migrant children.

Cindy Connolly, PhD, RN, PNP, Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and Field Center Faculty Director whose research analyzes the forces that have shaped children’s health care delivery and family policy in the United States.

Howard Davidson, JD, Director of the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law, and an instrumental voice regarding immigration and children’s rights.

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