



## Biography for Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, APSW, PACC

Amelia Franck Meyer has been the CEO of Anu Family Services since 2001. Anu is a child welfare agency located in Wisconsin and Minnesota which is producing nationally-recognized child permanence and placement stability outcomes for children in out-of-home care and is on the leading-edge of promoting and measuring wellbeing. Anu is a winner of the prestigious *Bush Innovation Prize* (2013) and also received *Youth Thrive Award for Exemplary Programs* (2014) from the national Center for the Study for Social Policy, and the *Eureka! Innovation Award* (2014) from the Twin Cities Business Journal. Anu has also received honorable mention for the 2011 Council on Accreditation's *Innovative Practices Award* (2012) and *Special Recognition for Quality Initiative* (2011 & 2013). In 2015, Amelia

was named as a recipient of the prestigious *Bush Fellowship* by the Bush Foundation and an *Ashoka Fellow* by Ashoka Innovators for the Public.

Amelia is an Advanced Practice Social Worker in Wisconsin and a Licensed Independent Social Worker in Minnesota. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work from U of MN, a Master's Degree in Sociology/Marriage & Family from Illinois State University, has a Graduate Certificate from the University of Minnesota in Disability Policies and Services and holds a Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate (PACC) from the U of MN's Center for Advanced Studies in CW.

Amelia has spent her 25 year career dedicated to serving children and families in the areas of out-of-home care, family-based services and disability services. Prior to coming to Anu Family Services, Amelia worked for four years in Minnesota in a community-based and residential training center with children, adolescents and adults who were DeafBlind. She has conversational American Sign Language skills. She also worked for eight years in Illinois in the areas of out-of-home care and domestic violence.

Amelia received the *2010 Alumna of the Year Award* from the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, *2010 Alumna of the Year Award* from the Department of Sociology at Illinois State University, and was also named the *2010 Emerging Leader* by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota for achieving "early distinction" in her career.

Amelia was also selected to serve the national Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) as a Subject Matter Expert on the Practice Analysis Task Force, on the 2010 Passing Score Study in the area of macro practice at the Advanced Generalist level of the national social worker licensing exam. In addition, Amelia is the Co-Founder and former Secretary of AMPSW (Association of Macro Practice Social Workers), designed to further training, networking, and public policy.

Amelia has presented nationally and internationally on topics including understanding grief, loss and trauma for children living in out-of-home care, child wellbeing, child permanence and placement stability, change management, social work leadership, management, supervision, and many other topics. Amelia has consulted through Casey Family Programs to provide training and consultation on child welfare practices in counties and states throughout the country.

Amelia has consulted with the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work and served in various community representative roles including the MSW Advisory Committee, review of curriculum standards for Human Service Management. Amelia is the author/co-author of several articles on topics in national publications, including: achieving permanence for children in out-of-home care (2010); the use of media in foster homes (2011), trauma, grief and loss (2013); and converting an organization to a wellbeing focus (2014) for the University of Minnesota Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare national publication *CW360*.

Amelia served two terms on the national Foster Family-based Treatment Association's (FFTA) Board of Directors serving in the roles of President, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair, Research Committee Co-Chair, and Treasurer. Amelia is currently serving as the Chair of the President's Advisory Council and as the FFTA's Minnesota/Wisconsin State Legislative Liaison. Amelia has taught social policy course work at the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College, and has also taught a variety of other social work, sociology, and psychology classes at community colleges in IL and MN.

Amelia has also served on the Council on Accreditation (COA) Social Policy Standards Revisions Committee. Amelia has served as an invited member of the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Rate Regulation Committee and the Secretary's Rate Regulation Committee, Finance Sub-committee, Performance-based Measures Sub-Committee, Practice Model Development Committee, and Future of Child Welfare Initiative Steering Committee.