Barry Chaffkin Bio

Barry has worked in child welfare for over 35 years, directly supervising the reunification of over 900 children with their families as well as finalizing adoptions of over 900 children from the New York foster care system. He is the co-founder and CEO of Fostering Change for Children, as well as the co-creator of Children's Corps, a program that looks to strengthen the child welfare workforce.



Barry is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer. He was named Adoption Activist of the Year in 2005 by the North American Council on Adoptable Children. Barry also served as an Adjunct Lecturer at Columbia School of Social Work in New York City and has guest-lectured in family counseling at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, NY. Barry strongly believes that every child deserves a safe and permanent family, and has dedicated his life to finding new and creative ways to achieve this. Barry has two wonderful children of his own with whom he loves to spend time.

Selected Key Professional Positions and Dates:

- With over 35 years of experience in child welfare, Barry has directly supervised the reunification of over 900 children with their families, as well as finalizing adoptions of over 900 children from the New York City foster care system.
- 2005: founded and created Fostering Change for Children (FCFC);
- 2011: co-created Children's Corps, a signature program of FCFC that looks to strengthen the child welfare workforce;
- 2005 – 2020: Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's School of Social Work in New York City

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