

# MEETING THE ATTACHMENT & OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

## ANGER

Children's removal  
System moves too slowly  
Children not the same  
Envy of foster parent

## GRIEF

Loss of children  
Loss of parenting role  
Old losses not grieved

## SHAME

Guilt about harming children

## HELPLESSNESS

Never parented sober before  
Limited support system

## OVERWHELMED

Demands of treatment & finding housing & work  
Legal problems, including immigration

## PARENT'S STRENGTHS

Affectionate  
Happy to see children



### 3-year old's needs

- To be played with in the activities he likes to do
- To be told "I love you" & hugged & smiled at
- To say more words

### Infant's needs

- To be rocked, sung to & talked to
- To be gently calmed down when she cries