



## The Road to Evergreen: Adoption, Attachment Therapy, and the Promise of Family

By Rachael Stryker

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