

Hi Vama. WE ARE JENNI AND JON!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. We are here to support you and have any level of relationship that you choose to have with us. We are open minded and flexible. We promise to always respect you, listen to you, and support you.







Hi. I'm Jenni

I am a Special Education Teacher a Reading Specialist and Speech Language Pathologist. I own my own private practice and have worked in public schools, private schools, and special education schools.

I mainly work with kids with autism spectrum disorder or kids that have experienced trauma. I was raised by my aunt and uncle. My aunt and uncle are like the kids grandparents and we talk to them daily. Since I was raised by my aunt and uncle, I know firsthand how family can come in all shapes and sizes.

I am a huge animal lover. One of my favorite things is to rescue dogs and bring them with me to work with my kids!

I love yoga, reading, anything Disney, the beach, hiking, anything to do outside and nature. I like to garden, and cook with whatever I can grow.

Hey. I'm Jon

I own my own business and sell franchises. Most of the time I can work from home. I love to be on the boat, have family dinners, and watch football or basketball. I was once a professional water-skier for SeaWorld Orlando.

I'm known as the field trip Dad. I go on every single field trip, along with Jenni and Grandpa Stan. I'm also the fun dad that takes all those kids out in the boat with all of their friends.

I have both older and younger siblings, and we're very close with our adult and younger nieces and nephews—one even works with me at my company!

Why we want to ADOPT

Jenni was raised by her aunt and uncle. Her sibling was actually a cousin and they were inseparable. Jenni started to say she wanted to adopt as young as middle school. She's been adamant for as long as I've know her. Five years ago, we helped a child who was going through severe trauma and was part of the foster care system. Jenni and I both loved her extended family and we have many years of being able to go to Disney together, having the little girl and her entire family over for holidays.

I noticed the majority of our friends were adopted and blended families. We seem to always have gravitated towards adoption, from day one. Jenni always fell love with any student that came from an adopted background because she could relate to them so easily. She has been talking about adoption from the day we met. As a couple, it's been our dream. We feel like because of her background as a teacher, and also as someone raised by a non-biological relative, our family is in a unique situation where we can understand any feelings that may come up for the birth mama or the children.

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We have a big. loud. loving household filled with boys.

WE HAVE FOUR BOYS, WHO ARE 17, 15, 10, AND 5!

Our **17-year-old** loves creating art and playing football. He is a very kind hearted soul and a favorite of his younger cousins. Our **15-year-old** is also a football player. Both he and his older brother attend a small private Christian school, and they do a fantastic job with academics. The house is always filled with other teenagers, as our house is typically to hang out for all the kids.

Our **10-year-old** is a very sweet little guy who plays basketball and loves animals. His favorite past time is to jump on the trampoline in our yard and snuggle with his dogs. He is genuinely one of the kindest kids I have met. He is very laid-back kid.

Our youngest little guy is **5-year-old**. He just idolizes his older brothers and plays basketball with our 15 year old every day and reads with our 17 year old. He goes to storytime five days a week, swim lessons, music class, mom and me yoga, and art classes. He is a very chill kid!

Volunteering is part of our family life. We all love helping with animal-related causes, and volunteer with shelters, school and church boards, and children in foster care.



















About our home and neighborhood

We bought our home as newlyweds and live just outside Orlando in a quiet, kid-friendly neighborhood full of big oak trees and holiday spirit. Our two-story, five-bedroom house sits on a tree-lined brick street where the kids ride bikes, shoot hoops, and play with neighbors. Jenni and the kids walk the dogs daily and know everyone—and every dog—on the block.

We're 15 minutes from Disney and Universal and we wish we were closer! We are also less than an hour from the beach. Our fenced yard is perfect for play, and for years we lived next to Grandpa, who recently passed —our kids loved running between our homes for treats and hugs.

Holidays are a big deal—our home is decorated inside and out, and the kids love it. We celebrate with church, family meals, and time with friends. Birthdays are just as special, with the kids choosing the meals, activities, and helping bake a cake from scratch. Our street is famous for Halloween: we close it down, rent bounce houses, and every house joins the fun. We also decorate year-round with our neighbors and love the festive vibe.

We have two dogs: a sweet King Charles Cavalier who works with Jenni in therapy sessions, and Harley, a 14-year-old Havanese gifted by a student. The kids have their own rooms, but everyone—including the dogs—end up in our bed sometimes. Our home has a cozy, bohemian feel. Jenni keeps it spotless and full of fun: Legos, art supplies, a trampoline, bikes, and more. We end most days with family movie nights.

We love our town's history, close-knit community, and how safe it feels. When we travel, our neighbors check in and help with the dogs—unless Jenni can convince us to bring them along.

Many of our closest friends are fellow teachers, many of whom have also adopted. They're a tight-knit, funny group who adore kids and animals. We feel lucky that one of our best friends adopted at the same time our youngest was born—our boys have grown up like brothers. Many of our friends have blended or adoptive families too.

Jon's dad, who lived next door, passed away in March 2025. We were his caregivers for nearly a decade, and the kids loved spending time with him. Jenni especially misses their porch tea time watching the birds.



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