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## Project Oz Adoptions



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## Reviews

kerry palakanis

Thu, 02/21/2008 - 11:06pm — Anonymous (not verified)



Her husbands name is David and they live in Tarboro NC. They now own a small cafe/bar?? Sorry to hear about what she has done. Look her history up on her nursing career as well.

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Left Lost

Sat, 01/19/2008 - 12:58pm — Anonymous



Kerry Palakanis, the CEO and owner of Project Oz Adoptions, just up and quit so the agency is being run by a board of directors (2 people that I am aware of) who claim NO responsibility. The board claims that there is NO money and is tellingly families that they should hire adoption supervisors to monitor the facilitator who is trying to EXTORT money from the families. The facilitator told us that unless we send thousands of dollars she would stop our adoption. This facilitator was hired by Kerry Palakanis and it isn't the first facilitator that has caused major problems and holdups with adoptions.

Stay clear of Kerry Palakanis. Stay clear of any agency that she owns, operates, or works for now and in the future. You do not want her working for your family. Your family's future WILL depend on this decision.

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## Know Who You Are Doing Business With

Sat, 01/19/2008 - 12:47pm — Anonymous



As noted above, Kerry Palakanis abandoned her clients and the children of Guatemala. As the clients find each other, they are finding similarities in their case histories:

1. multiple lost referrals
2. fee structures designed to reel in the paps, and render them powerless in the transaction
3. forged documents
4. Guat contacts who are not attorneys
5. agency complaints that were ignored by the state licensing boards
6. case management style that included fear and intimidation on behalf of the agency.
7. a "board of directors" who accept no responsibility for the financial mismanagement of the company, nor the predatory activities of it's employees.

It is doubtful that Project Oz Adoptions will ever "exist" again. However, it is important that the principal, Kerry Colleen Goldman Palakanis is known - as Kerry has kept under the radar by switching states and starting up new businesses.

Remember Kerry's name - and not just Project Oz. For, a rose by any other name ....

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## POZ took on "NEW" case/ABSURD/they owe big time

Sun, 05/04/2008 - 6:55pm — DISGUSTED! (not verified)



I am beside myself with total disgust! AMYSUE DAVIS has just informed us waiting PAP's that have been screwed out of our adoptions and / or fees, that they just took on another domestic case! If I want my case to be completed I am one of many that will have to pay almost \$10,000 to complete my adoption, even though I already paid for it in full over a year ago!!! NOW this woman has the audacity to take on another case! WHO THE HELL WILL PAY "MY" fee to complete my adoption, while she rakes in more money????? Certainly not the insurance company who is refusing to pay the money KERRY PALAKANIS has stolen!!!! Their license was taken, yet they filed an appeal, "JUST TO BUY FOUR MORE MONTHS OF TIME!!! The nerve of some people!!!

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## Check out Daily Southerner Newspaper

Tue, 04/22/2008 - 10:16am — Another screwed PAP (not verified)



Apparently this paper records her whole life. Her daughter just ran away with a 20 year old boy!

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## Now she's moving again

Tue, 04/08/2008 - 8:35pm — Karen (not verified)



Now she is selling her Bed and breakfast AND cafe to leave Tarboro, NC! I guess she's on the run! I guess the PAPs that were stolen from funded these two businesses!

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## Project Oz insurance claim

Sat, 03/08/2008 - 9:43pm — Anonymous (not verified)



We have just been contacted by UnitedAmerica Insurance Group regarding our identification by Project Oz "as having a potential claim...for its failure to provide services for which you paid." Does anybody know more about this? We heard rumors of a lawsuit but were never able to confirm it & would like to be in contact with other folks burned by this terrible agency.

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## We took were mixed up in all

Sat, 03/08/2008 - 1:29am — Heather (not verified)



We took were mixed up in all of Kerry's lies. She never had any answers for us and tried to place blame on us for not doing enough on our own and depending on her too much--isn't that why we were paying her!!!!!! We started the process in April of 2006 and finally brought our son home in December of 2007. We got our referral the day of his birth in August 2006 and in about February 2007 she started to not know anything that we asked her. We stopped getting our updates in July. She stopped responding to any emails or phone calls. After calling and emailing the US embassy for over 2 months and getting nowhere we went to our state Senator. Our son was legally ours in July of 2007 and it took us 5 months to get our appointment at the embassy. We called our senator's office after it was suggested by another adopting family from a different agency and the very next day we had our appointment scheduled. We were our money like everyone else. I'm just glad that the agency is now shut down. I feel for those still in limbo. We were contacted by the FBI shortly after we came home but haven't heard anything further.

For those of you caught in the middle, have faith. Believe that you were connected with your child for a reason that someday you will be united as a forever family.

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## We finally brought our son

Sun, 02/24/2008 - 10:58am — Anonymous (not verified)



We finally brought our son home after many months of turmoil with Project Oz. We received a note from our foster mother at our pick up trip that Project Oz had stopped supplying milk some months before, so our son was deprived of milk (and, no doubt, many other necessities) due to the greed of this agency. Kerry Palakanis displayed despicable disregard for the welfare of the children she was purporting to "help." It was all about exploiting the hopes and dreams of adoptive parents and bilking unsuspecting paps of money - We made the unfortunate mistake of trusting that the money was going to ethical parties in Guatemala who were caring for our children and providing ethical legal representation through the adoption process. By the time we figured Kerry out, we were already mid-process - and when we started asking questions, she sent us a threatening letter telling us we needed counseling. I am so sorry to hear that she has left so many adoptive parents in the lurch, but I am truly thankful that her unethical practices have been exposed and that her agency has been shut down. Hopefully, she will never victimize another vulnerable child or another unsuspecting adoptive family.

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## Director QUIT, Money GONE!

Sat, 01/19/2008 - 9:16am — Anonymous



The Director/Owner, Kerry Palakanis, QUIT the company, leaving NO money, a facilitator UNPAID, and PAPs left to fend for themselves. The financial records are a mess as well. Most PAPs have paid in full, and will have to hire Adoptions Supervisors and pay the second half of their fees again, to complete their adoptions!

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## Semillas de Amor/POZ

Tue, 05/20/2008 - 5:27pm — alejansmom



Looking for any information - please respond -  
Thanks.

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## Semillas de Amor and Project OZ

Tue, 05/20/2008 - 4:33pm — Ripped off By Semillas (not verified)



Remember too, Kerry was the Treasurer of Seeds of Love (Semillas de Amor's US non profit) and they too have been implicated in a number of adoptions gone bad.

I would stay as far from Semillas as I would from Project Oz.

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## I only have good thoughts for Kerry

Mon, 03/03/2008 - 7:21pm — Anonymous (not verified)



Kerry help bring our son home and we have no problems with Project Oz or Kerry. I understand I have my son and so many others do not and for that I pray for your families that you too will have peace and happiness soon.

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## Thank you for all your help Kerry

Mon, 03/03/2008 - 8:07pm — Anonymous (not verified)



My prayers and thoughts are with all the families and especially the little one's trapped in this nightmare of an adoption system. Kerry and her staff worked with extreme professionalism to help bring home our son, after a year and four months even with all the new law changes done by both governments. Please keep your energy focused on the completing your adoptions, the children really need wonderful homes that each of you will provide. Our prayers are with each of you.

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