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On Their Own: What Happens To Kids When They Age Out Of The Foster Care System
by Martha Shirk & Gary Stangler
What does it mean to be eighteen and on your own, without the family support and personal connections that most young people rely on? With foster care children, for most of their lives a government agency has made every important decision for them. Suddenly, at eighteen they are entirely alone, with no one to count on. This book tells the compelling stories of ten young people whose lives are full of promise, but who face economic and social barriers stemming from the disruption of Foster Care.

Hardcover, 305 pp, 2004, English

Adoption Disruption And Dissolution: Numbers And Trends
This fact sheet reports statistics about adoption disruption (before finalization of the placement) and dissolution (after legal finalization). Differences in disruption rates by age of the child and placement history, reasons why disruption and dissolution occur, and disruption and dissolution trends are noted.

http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/search/view_pub.cfm?recno=48498&simple=1&criteria=disruption&cb_website=1&rps=1&uberorgs=1&cb_express=1&calendar=1
Website, 5 pp, 2004, English

Dissolution Of Adoption Or Death Of Adoptive Parents
As part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 (Public Law 105-89), children's eligibility for federal adoption assistance continues if the adoptive parent(s) dies or the adoption dissolves. This is important because it encourages the re-adoption of children with more severe disabilities. This article discusses the actual law.

http://www.nacac.org/subsidyfactsheets/readoptionbenefits.html
Website, 2 pp, 1998, English

Adoption: Making It Last
by Virginia Department of Social Services
A compelling look at the need for supportive services to keep adoptive families together. Produced by CS Communications in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Social Services, looks at four adoptive families facing a wide range of challenges and the array of adoption support and preservation services required to prevent dissolution.

Video, Viewing time 16 min, 1990, English

What To Do When Your Adoption Is Failing
This article is a parent’s guide to adoption disruption and dissolution providing information on Before; Answers to parent’s first questions, During: The process, After Disruption: Now what? and Reading Resources.

http://www.adoptioninformation.com/directory/adoptloss_a_disruptionintro.htm
Website, 10 pp, 2003, English
How I Was Adopted
By Joanna Cole
Sam has a joyful story to tell, a story completely her own, yet common to millions of families. It is a story of how babies are born and how children grow; a story of what makes people different and what makes them the same. But most of all, HOW I WAS ADOPTED is a book about love. This is a uniquely reassuring book about adoption that captures all the joy of loving families.
Paperback, 48 pp, 1995, English

Creating Ceremonies: Innovative Ways To Meet Adoption Challenges
by Cheryl A. Lieberman, PhD., and Rhea K. Bufferd, LICSW
Ceremonies and rituals help us to cope with the day to day changes and challenges of life. Creating Ceremonies covers the complete spectrum of adoption life cycle phases, from adjustment to finalization and beyond. The ceremonies within provide an appropriate way to say goodbye and to welcome home, to celebrate transitions and to grieve losses, to acknowledge fears and to encourage learning.
Paperback, 137 pp, 1999, English

Adopting A Toddler: What Size Shoes Does She Wear
by Denise Harris Hoppenhauer
Finally, a childcare book written with the unique needs of a adopted toddlers in mind. Written by an adoptive parent, Adopting A Toddler: what Size Shoes Does She wear? is an indispensable wonderful world of toddler adoption. Filled with essential parenting information, The book answers many questions that parents ask, including questions about changing names, are beginning potty training.
Paperback, 2004, 240 pp, English

The Day We Met You
by Phoebe Koehler
“The Day We Met You” describes a mother and father’s loving experience of the joyful, excited preparations for bringing home their adopted baby. Koehler’s simple, affectionate words and soft, rich pastels combine to create the perfect read-aloud for adoptive parents to explain the adoption experience to even the youngest children.
Paperback, 34 pp, 1997, English

Adoption Finalization
Finalization is the last formal step of the adoption process, but just the beginning of your new family. This short article outlines what you can expect regarding the finalization hearing.
Website, 1 p, 2005, English

Happy Adoption Day!
by John McCutcheon
This bright cheerful book shows the joy and love of new parents as they watch their child grow and as they mark each year with an adoption celebration. Parents celebrate the day on which they adopted their child and continue to reassure the new addition to their family that they are wanted, loved, and very special.
Hardcover, 32 pp, 1996, English
Child Welfare And Juvenile Justice: Improved Coordination And Integration - A Special Issue of CWLA’s Child Welfare Journal
by John A. Tuell & Nancy P. Gannon
In this issue:
- The Durham Family Initiative: A Preventative System of Care;
- Organizational Merger and Cultural Change for Better Outcomes: The First Five Years of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services;
- Integrating Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Other Agencies in a Continuum of Services;
- Child Welfare Services and Delinquency: The Need to Know More;
- Examining the Link Between Child Maltreatment and Delinquency for Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.

CWLA: Journal Of Policy, Practice And Program
by CWLA
In this issue:
- Inter-jurisdictional Placement of Children in Foster Care;
- The Child Welfare Response to Serious Non-accidental Head Trauma;
- Comparison of Role Perceptions of White and African American Foster Parents;
- Psychosocial Factors Associated with Types of Child Maltreatment.
Paperback, 5-104 pp, 1993, English

Keeping Families together: The Case Of Family Preservation
by Edna McConnell Clark Foundation
In this booklet, Keeping Families Together; the authors bring us painfully close to our contradictions. Too often our system, in focusing on the individual, endangers the group. When a child is protected, but its family is shattered, we are forced to question if indeed our process has succeeded. Or are we, in fact, living the cliché that "the operation was a success, but the patient died?"
Paperback, 43 pp, 1985, English

Making Reasonable Efforts: Steps For Keeping Families Together
by CWLA
This book focuses on the responsibilities that the attorney, judge and administrators have when providing services to children and their families. The reasonable efforts requirement is an opportunity for effective advocacy for children and their families, an occasion for open examination of community options, and a tool for sensible fiscal policy in which scarce funds are spent on the most cost-effective and appropriate services. The guidelines provided in this book will assist the reader in defining, providing, and enforcing these reasonable efforts.
Paperback, 120 pp, 1987, English

Adoption and Privatization: An Issue Brief
by CWLA
This brief provides background information, examines the privatization of adoption services, and offers recommendations for professionals to use in participating and shaping privatization in child welfare.
Paperback, 33 pp, 1998, English
Adoption Professionals

The Rights Of The Child In Domestic & Intercountry Adoption: Ethical Principles & Guidelines For Practice
by International Social Service
This document will provide policy makers and child welfare practitioners an easy reference when considering best practices on behalf of families and children subject to foster care and adoption. If followed, these guidelines will prepare agencies to meet the requirements of the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption as it is implemented in the United States and abroad.
**Paperback, 18 pp, 2004, English**

The Child’s Rights To Grow Up In A Family: Guidelines For Practice On National & Intercountry Adoption & Foster Family Care
by International Social Service
The Guidelines are a step-be-step guide for ensuring the best services for the triad involved in both adoption and foster care services. They will serve also as a manual for ready reference for Central Authorities and those entrusted by law with functions relating to licensing or supervision of organizations serving children
**Paperback, 21 pp, 2004, English**

Adoption And Ethics Series:
Volume 3: The Impact Of Adoption On Members Of The Triad
by Madelyn Freundlich
This text considers how adoption practice and policy impact those who are the clients of adoption services - adopted individuals, birth parents, prospective adoptive parents, and adoptive parents. It explores the psychological, social, and cultural aspects of adoption for all members of the triad and assesses the extent to which current policy and practice meet the needs of those whom adoption is designed to serve.
**Paperback, 198 pp, 2001, English**

Adoption Quarterly: Innovations In Community And Clinical Practice, Theory, And Research Journals
by Gretchen Miller Wrobel, PhD
This multidisciplinary journal features conceptual and empirical work, commentaries, and book reviews from the fields of the social sciences, humanities, biological sciences, law, and social policy.
**Paperback, various volumes, 2005+, English**

Adoption Piece By Piece: Special Needs
by Sara Graefe
This book is a comprehensive overview of the challenges that adopted children often face such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Prenatal Drug Exposure (PDE), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), mental health issues, histories of abuse and neglect, and post-institutionalization.
**Paperback, 205 pp, 2003, English**
Field Guide To Child Welfare, Volumes 1 - 4 And Forrester Family Video
by Judith S. Rycus and Ronald C. Hughes
This series is an enduring and relevant resource that guides professionals through the ongoing system and social changes that characterize everyday child welfare practice. With more than 2,000 pages in a four-volume set, it is the first comprehensive source to give practitioners easy and immediate access to "best practice" standards--combined with hands-on, step-by-step application guidelines. Protect children from maltreatment. Identify, strengthen, and preserve the family that is right for each child. Embrace your role as enabler, facilitator, and educator. Promote cultural competence. These are the goals all child professionals commit to and strive for upon entering the profession.

Volume I: Foundations Of Child Protective Services
To provide services that strengthen and empower the child’s own family, thus assuring the child safe and nurturing care at home. This will not only protect children from abuse and neglect, but will also prevent the traumatic consequences to children, and to their families, of separation and out-of-home placement.

Volume II: Case Planning And Family-Centered Casework
Effective planning requires a series of steps that must be executed in the proper order. Defining the problem, gathering information, formulating goals and objectives, choosing appropriate actions, identify problem and evaluation of outcomes.
Paperback, 437 pp, 1998, English

Volume III: Child Development And Child Welfare
Developmental disabilities are varied and complicated phenomena, and the degree to which a condition presents adaptive problems is different for different persons.
Paperback, 678 pp, 1998, English

Volume IV: Placement And Permanence
Successful placement of a child with an adoptive family requires careful planning and preparation.
Paperback, 1,105 pp, 1998, English

The Forrester Family: A Video Case Study
This video was developed to help students and practitioners master the Fundamental social work skills necessary for family-centered child welfare practice. It illustrates a child welfare caseworker’s activities in a family situation involving the abuse of a 9 year old boy.
Video, viewing time 99 min, 2002, English

 Partners In Permanency
by Adoption.com
How can a large urban foster care system get everyone from social workers to judge on board the Permanency Train? Come hear about Philadelphia’s Partners in Permanency initiative, which has a special focus on new routes to permanency for teens. The session will demonstrate the interactive Partners in Permanency DVD and explain the newest option of subsidized, permanent, legal custodianship.
DVD, English
**Ethics In American Adoption**  
by L Anne Babb  
Destined to be seminal in the fields of ethics and adoption, this book offers numerous case studies describing what is wrong with America's adoption system, illustrating what the lack of applied ethical standards in adoption does to adoptees and to those who love them, and raising many questions about what adoption facilitators are doing, who is accountable for what they are doing, and whose interests they are serving.  
**Paperback, 235 pp, 1999, English**

**How To Write A Successful Grant Proposal**  
by Adoption.com  
Anyone can learn grantsmanship skills and apply them successfully. This workshop will present the components of a successful grant proposal model and suggest sources of funding.  
**Audiocassette, English**
Adoption Support Programs

The Family And Medical Leave Act: A Dozen Years Of Confusion: A Compliance Guide For Employers
by Michael Murphy, Janet Braun and Mark Waterfill
This guide is an FMLA primer for employers. It covers not only the law itself, but identifies in detail who is covered, the reasons for coverage and provides examples of different scenarios and cases for review and study. This text that would enable employers to coordinate their current leave polices with the requirements of the FMLA.
Paperback, 244 pp, 2004, English

The FMLA: Understanding The Family And Medical Leave Act
by Will Aitchison
Designed to cut through the fog surrounding the often-confusing rules of the FMLA. Extensively annotated with supporting references and court decisions. Not only describes the requirements of the law in a logical fashion but also provides a variety of case studies illustrating the real-life application of the law.
Paperback, 352 pp, 2005, English

Adoption And Financial Assistance: Tools For Navigating The Bureaucracy
by Rita Laws and Tim O’Hanlon
The book provides a useful how to framework for advocating for children with special needs and does so in an easy to read fashion. It outlines step-by-step strategies for negotiating with your agency, organizing through a parent support group, and obtaining valuable adoption subsidies both prior to and after finalization.
Hardcover, 271 pp, 1999, English

Understanding Adoption Subsidies: An Analysis Of AFCARS Data, January 2005
by U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services
Data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) offer an opportunity to examine how states use adoption subsidies to help achieve goals of permanency and well-being for children.
Paperback, 86 pp, 2005, English

Welcome To Medicaid
This is an entire website devoted to Medicaid Information for States and Territories, Medicaid’s Information for Consumers and a Medicaid Index.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/default.asp?
Website, 2004, English

Adoption Piece by Piece: A Toolkit for Parents
by Sara Graefe
A Toolkit for Parents covers all the nuts and bolts of parenting adopted children with chapters on health care, the legal system, education, self-help and support, financial planning, self-care for parents and advocacy. This book will help caregivers through the maze of living as an adoptive family.
Paperback, 179 pp, 2003, English

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Florida State Subsidy Profile
Adoption subsidies are available for children with special needs. Federal subsidies were created by Congress to encourage the adoption of special needs children and remove the financial disincentives to adoption for the families. Children may receive a federally funded subsidy or a state-funded subsidy as per state guidelines. This website has outlined information related to definitions of special needs, benefits available, and procedures in the State of Florida.
http://www.nacac.org/stateprofiles/florida.html
Website, 8 pp, 2005, English

Adoption: A Guide For Military Family Service Center Staff & Civilian Social Workers
by Steve Humerickhouse
This manual addresses both civilian social workers and Family Service Center staff perspectives and their roles in putting together a military adoptive family.
Paperback, 45 pp, 1995, English

Internal Revenue Service IRS.gov: Publication 968
Topics include What’s New, Tax Questions, Order Forms and Publications, For Adoptive Parents covering: Qualifying Expenses, Limits on Credit or Exclusion, When To take the Credit or Exclusion, How To take the Credit or Exclusion and Special Rules for Adopting a Child With Special needs.
http://www.irs.gov/publications/p968/ar01.html#d0e89
Website, 9 pp, 2005, English

Federal Adoption Tax Credit For Special Needs Adoptions
In the summer of 2001, the Federal Adoption Tax Credit was updated. The most important update was to expand benefits to children with special needs adopted from the U.S. foster care system. This article identifies who is eligible and provides helpful information on how apply for the credit.
http://www.nacac.org/pub_taxcredit.html
Website, 3 pp, 2003, English

Title XLVIII, Chapter 1009.25 – Educational Scholarships, Fees And Financial Assistance
This site identifies the eligibility requirements for the college tuition exemption, for the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, for vocational-preparatory instruction and completion of college level communication and computation skills testing programs.
http://flsenate.gov/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%2020Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=1009.25&URL=CH1009/Sec25.HTM
Website, 2 pp, 2004, English
The Adoption Tax Credit
The Adoption Tax Credit is a valuable benefit for adopting families, but one of the most complicated tax law provisions applicable to middle-income families.
http://tax-credit.adoption.com/
Website, 2 pp, 2005, English

Adoptive Families Magazine
by adoptivefamilies.com
Adoptive Families, published bi-monthly, is the award-winning national adoption magazine and the leading adoption information source for families before, during and after adoption.
Magazine, August 2005+ issues, English

Accessing Federal Adoption Subsidies After Legalization
by Tim O'Hanlon, PhD
This book describes how recent changes in federal Title IV-E Adoption assistance policies provide opportunities for adoptive families who are struggling to meet the medical and psychological needs of their children. This guide can help adoptive families apply for adoption assistance after legalization and for retroactive adoption assistance payments.
Paperback, 67 pp, 1995, English

Post-Permanency Services
by Madelyn Freundlich and Lois Wright
Whether children in foster care achieve permanency through reunification with their parents, permanent placement with kin or adoption by non-relatives, they and their families are likely to need a range of services and supports. In this monograph the authors explore the ongoing post-permanency needs of children and their birth, kinship, and adoptive families; Services and supports that are most responsive to those needs; and policies, practices and programs that are key to ensuring successful post-permanency.
Booklet, 208 pp, 2003, English
Adoptive Parent Issues

Parents At Last: Celebrating Adoption And The New Pathways To Parenthood
by Cynthia V.N. Peck and Wendy Wilkinson
For anyone who has ever struggled to build the family of their dreams, or been touched by the struggle, the unique stories of the 32 families collected here are an inspiration. These movingly honest accounts, some told from the flush of new parenthood, others offering the perspective made possible by years and even decades in the parenting trenches, confront the challenges and celebrate the pleasures of the new paths to parenthood.
Hardcover, 160 pp, 1998, English

Infertility Explained: The Complete, Authoritative Guide To Everything You Need To Know On Your Journey To Parenthood
by Alice D. Domar, PhD.
In a Uniquely clear, convenient, and credible way, Infertility Explained shares the practical and professional insights of leading authorities in a compassionate exploration of infertility and related issues in contrast to the welter of information available through the Internet and scores of books and pamphlets. It includes topics: definition of Infertility, how pregnancy occurs, how to begin the journey, how to select a reproductive endocrinologist, costs and insurance issues, explanation of fertility treatments: factors, tests, treatment and physical risks, explanation of donor options: definitions and emotional issues and adoption after infertility: definitions, recognizing and resolving loss.
DVD, Viewing time 214 min, 2004, English

Adoption And Ethics Series:
Volume 4: Adoption And Assisted Reproduction
by Madelyn Freundlich
The growing use of assisted reproduction, including sperm donation, gamete donation, and surrogate motherhood, has raised a number of ethical issues in common with adoption. These issues include the parties' roles, such as which parties are considered the legal parent; anonymity and the balance between the right to privacy of donors and the right of the persons to medical or other background information; concern related to the growing role of money and market forces in each area. This is the fourth title in a series on adoption and ethics designed to provide an overview of the current knowledge base on key adoption policy and practice issues.
Paperback, 97 pp, 2001, English

Trying To Conceive (TTC) And Adopting
Traditionally, those with fertility problems have been told to move past the stage of TTC (trying to conceive, generally via assisted reproduction) and mourn the loss of biological children they would not have before starting the adoption process.
Website, 4 pp, 2005, English
Adopting After Infertility
by Patricia Irwin Johnston
This book examines the lifelong impact of building a family by adoption after experiencing infertility. Couples struggling to decide whether to adopt, those who have said yes to adoption, and parents of young children who have been adopted are the intended audience. With guidance from the acknowledged expert in the field, this book will help you and your family make the decisions that are right for you.
Paperback, 320 pp, 1992, English

The Complete Adoption And Fertility Legal Guide
by Brette McWhorter Sember
This guide offers couples and singles all the information they need to navigate the complicated and emotional territory facing those who wish to become families using adoption or assisted reproduction. Written by an attorney, this title explains the legal processes, procedures and requirements for every kind of family building, while offering practical information in easy-to-understand language. Every type of fertility treatment currently available is discussed in a straightforward and practical manner, with an emphasis on legal rights, contracts and tips to manage the process and make sound decisions. Insemination, egg donation, embryo donation, IVF, GIFT, ZIFT and surrogacy (as well as some not yet available such as cloning and nuclear transfer) is addressed.
Paperback, 284 pp, 2004, English

Journey to Jemima
by Dawn and Brad Gregg
Journey to Jemima" is a 2003 Word Entertainment Film and Video Festival award winning journal-like documentary. This film is meant to allow families to take part in the colorful, blessed journey of adoption. Recommended for families seeking wisdom about adoption, families already in the adoption process for ANY country, families who have adopted and families preparing to travel to pick up their child. You will never be able to shake this adoption travel story from your heart as you see the miracle of a family meeting their daughter for the first time, and the adoption process and bonding that comes alive as you are drawn into this story of faith! This is a courageous, inspirational and breathtaking video that will repeatedly bless your family and friends! You will laugh, you will cry and you will want to watch again and again! This video is a MUST HAVE for those who have been touched by adoption, or those considering adoption.
Videocassette, viewing time 50 min, 2002, English
**Nothing Good Ever Happens To Me: An Adoption Love Story**
by Caroline Hassinger Lindsay
This book recounts a young girl's struggle to become secure with her new parents and her relationships with friends, siblings, and other relatives. Rather than adoption, this book is more about long-term foster care and its effects on both foster/adoptive parents and foster children. In this case, the foster/adoptive parents struggled with their lack of control over decisions and conditions they saw as damaging to their foster daughter, Lee Ann. While Lee Ann, longing for the security of permanency, alternated between trying her best to please the Lindsays, so they wouldn't throw her out, and acting out her anger and frustration at remaining in limbo.
**Paperback, 107 pp. 1996, English**

**Homework's 2: Helping Children And Youths Develop Positive Attachments**
by Eileen Mayers Pasztor and Maureen Leighton
Helping Children and Youths Develop Positive Attachments offers general background on how children form attachments and ways to help them develop and maintain positive attachments to their foster or adoptive parents.
**Paperback, 60 pp, 1993, English**

**Attachment, Trauma, And Healing: Understanding And Treating Attachment Disorder In Children And Families**
by Terry M. Levy and Michael Orlans
Attachment, Trauma, and Healing examines the causes of attachment disorders and provides in-depth discussion of effective solutions, including attachment-focused assessment and diagnosis; specialized training and education for caregivers; treatment for children and caregivers that facilitates secure attachment; and early intervention and prevention programs for high-risk families.
**Paperback, 315 pp, 1998, English**

**When Love Is Not Enough: A Guide To Parenting Children With RAD - Reactive Attachment Disorder**
by Nancy L. Thomas
Nancy Thomas, a therapeutic parenting specialist, has shared her life and home for over twenty years with severely emotionally disturbed children. These children, over 90% of whom have committed murder, have problems including ADHD, reactive attachment disorder, Tourette syndrome, bipolar disorder and others. This book provides you with the tools and guidance to parent with power, love and style. It is the culmination of years of work, and is an excellent guide for parents of children who don't know how to live in a family.
**Paperback, 115 pp, 1997, English**

**Broken Hearts, Wounded Minds: The Psychological Functioning Of Severely Traumatized And Behavior Problem Children**
by Elizabeth M. Randolph, MSN, PhD
This book provides an exciting, new and comprehensive look at attachment disorder, including the latest research findings and the psychological functioning of severely traumatized children and the effectiveness of attachment therapy.
**Paperback, 202 pp, 2001, English**
Attachment

Treating Attachment Disorders: From Theory To Therapy
by Karl Heinz Brisch
As research leads to an increasingly better understanding of attachment disorders of various types, the tools available to professionals and parents for treating attachment disorders continue to improve. This book is one such tool, offering an in-depth analysis of the many manifestations and intensities of attachment problems, from pre-conception to post-birth and post-adoption. With comprehensive yet easy to understand text, this is a great resource for anyone dealing with attachment problems.
Hardcover, 294 pp, 1999, English

Fostering Changes: Treating Attachment-Disordered Foster Children
by Richard J. Delaney, PhD
Fostering Changes is a practical book for those who care for, treat, and live with emotionally disturbed foster children...often the victims of physical abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation and abandonment. Though these young victims can be removed from the source of abuse and neglect, they take with them the invisible, internal scars of early maltreatment. This book provides optimistic, yet realistic, guidelines for intervention with disturbed foster children. It outlines a hopeful course of treatment for Fostering Changes.
Paperback, 94 pp, 1998, English

Attaching In Adoption: Practical Tools For Today’s Parents
by Deborah D. Gray
Many adopted children come to their families at an older age. Their adoptive parents need help in understanding how prior experiences and changes in caregivers, culture, language, and more can create challenges for children trying to form attachments in their new families. ATTACHING IN ADOPTION provides advice about obtaining a proper diagnosis, building a caring professional team, using various approaches to parenting.
Hardcover, 392 pp, 2002, English

A Child’s Journey Through Placement
by Vera Fahlberg M.D.
A child's Journey Through Placement provides the foundations, the resources, and the tools which will help professional (therapist, birth, foster, adoptive, special needs and all others who care, in supporting children for whom the journey through out-of home care becomes part of the road to adulthood. This easy to read book on a complex topic contains the bulk of the material Dr. Fahlberg presents in her attachment focused trainings for consumers and professional throughout the world.
Paperback, 432 pp, 1991, English
Child Specific Recruitment

**Taking Great Pictures**
Whether you want a little information about taking and shooting pictures, or a lot, it's all here! At this website you can look up a quick photo tip, follow the steps for e-mailing a picture, or explore black-and-white photography.
Website, 2005, English

**Top Ten Beginning Photo Tips**
Want to improve your photographs as well as find answers to your most puzzling questions? Here's a quick course to help you get greater satisfaction from your finished product
http://www.betterphoto.com/exploring/tips/to.asp
Website, 3 pp, 2005, English

**Recruitment And Retention Of African American Families**
by Spaulding for Children
This video discusses successful strategies used by community-based organizations to reach African American families with step-by-Step strategies for "getting the word out" to the community. It explores retention issues and discusses what must happen to maintain families through the process.
Video, viewing time 17 min, 1995, English

**Recruitment And Retention of Hispanic/ Latino Families**
by Spaulding for Children
This video describes elements for a successful recruitment effort. It offers culturally appropriate suggestions for "getting the word out" to Hispanic /Latino families and explores the issue of retention, describing how to keep recruited families motivated throughout the process.
Video, viewing time 17 min, 1995, English

**Make A Difference**
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This video was developed by the Oregon Department of Human Services as a tool for resource family recruitment and training. The video illustrates the value of birth parent/foster parent relationship building and offers examples of short-term and permanent foster care living arrangements.
Video, viewing time 10 min, 2003, English

**Making A Difference**
by Spaulding for Children
This video explores reasons typically offered as impediments to African American families becoming foster and adoptive parents. The video's purpose is to educate the community about the need for African American Foster and adoptive homes. Challenging in content, yet empathetic in tone, this tape is appropriate for orientation meetings for prospective foster and adoptive parents.
Videocassette, viewing time 10 min, English
Child Specific Recruitment

Understanding Marketing: Strategies For Child Placement
by Fern Tiger Associates
Developed by three California agencies through a project to market adoption and foster care services and to recruit qualified families, this workbook shares the strategies found necessary to create marketing and recruitment practices appropriate for each community's individual needs. It includes segments on assessing your agency's capacities, impacting community awareness, developing an image, recruiting appropriate families, focusing outreach, and educating your community.
Paperback, 118 p, 1994, English
**Child Welfare Impact on Adoption**

*An Annotated Guide To Adoption Research*

by Deborah L. Martin

An Annotated Guide to Adoption Research presents approximately 850 abstracts of qualitative and quantitative adoption research conducted and/or published between 1986 and 1997, encompassing clinical and non-clinical samples, case studies, longitudinal studies, epidemiological studies, grounded theory, experimental research, and single-subject research. A valuable resource for all members of the adoption community.

Paperback, 358 pp, 1998, English

*The History Of Adoption*

The concept of adoption was not legally recognized in the United States until the 1850's, with the inception of the first adoption statutes. While transfers of children to substitute parents had occurred informally since American colonial times, adoption statutes legitimized the informal adoptive arrangements which previously existed.

http://www.researchetcinc.com/history.html

Website, 9 pp, 2003, English

*There Is Only One You: You Are Unique In The Universe*

by Bob Danzig

A celebration of the many things that each person can do, as well as what each one deserves, accompanied by quotations from famous people such as Mother Teresa, Ovid, Wayne Gretsky and Walt Whitman.

Paperback and CD, 72 pp, 2003, English

*Every Child Deserves A Champion: Including The Child Within You!*

by Bob Danzig

This book is a testimonial to all those who have experienced positive life changes because someone chose to champion them or because they championed someone else. It is also Bob Danzig's hope that Every Child Deserves a Champion encourages others to embrace every opportunity to be a champion, regardless of age, as each of us always has some of the child within us.

Hardcover and CD, 147 pp, 2003, English

*Weaving A Family: Untangling Race And Adoption*

by Barbara Katz Rotham

Barbara Katz Rothman, a noted sociologist who has explored motherhood in four previous books and has more recently explored the social implications of the human genome project, now turns her eye toward race and family. Weaving together the sociological, the historical, and the personal, Barbara Katz Rothman looks at the contemporary American family through the lens of race, race through the lens of adoption, and all-family, race, and adoption-within the context of the changing meanings of motherhood. She asks urgent and provocative questions about children as commodities, about "trophy" children, about the impact of genetics, and about how these adopted children will find their racial, ethnic, or cultural identities.

Paperback, 274 pp, 2005, English
Community Response

A Community Outreach Handbook For Recruiting Foster Parents And Volunteers
by Kathy Barbell & Lisa Sheikh
Successfully finding foster families and volunteers is aided by engaging your community and designing a carefully planned strategy. This book provides tools to craft effective public messages, work better with the media and provides suggestions about new ideas for outreach.
Paperback, 81 pp, 2000, English

National Adoption Attitudes Survey
by Dave Thomas Foundation For Adoption
This research provides a better understanding of what Americans think about adoption and what might influence them to or deter them from adopting children in need of families. This unique and detailed profile of American attitudes about adoption should enhance agency practices and policies on adoption issues.
Paperback, 48 pp, 2002, English

Innovative Leadership In The Non-Profit Organization: Strategies For Change
by Miriam P. Kluger and William A. Baker
The nonprofits that will survive into the 21st century are those that can predict community needs and priorities and respond with the right services at the right price. This book outlines strategies for managing change in nonprofit organizations drawn from the authors' experiences in a large New England community agency that serves children and families. They are strategies for change necessitated by shifting social, economic, political, and technological forces influencing the mission, direction, and financial viability of community service organizations.
Paperback, 133 pp, 1994, English

Someone There For Me: Everyday Heroes Through The Eyes Of Teens In Foster Care
by CWLA Press
Many children travel through our foster care system completely alone, with no one whose only job is to help them get the support they need and to fight for their rights, both in court and in the foster care system. Some children, however, get lucky. They are represented by a court-appointed special advocate or a guardian ad litem, volunteers who devote themselves to helping children who cannot help themselves. Someone There For Me tells the stories of these children and the people who helped them to navigate the foster care system and to build a future for themselves.
Paperback, 133 pp, 2004, English

Walking Our Talk In The Neighborhoods: Partnerships Between Professionals And Natural Helpers
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
The purpose behind this book is to begin going beyond the buzzwords in specifying issues and alternatives, to raise awareness of challenges and solutions, and to provide some concrete examples for the ways partnerships between agencies and the community can work in child welfare. We must include more people, more skills and more resolve at more levels if we are going to make the differences we would like to see in human service delivery.
Paperback, 30 pp, 2002, English

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An Educator's Guide To Adoption
by Celebrate Adoption Inc.
Baby pictures…Family trees…Cultural Heritage, these popular lessons can be difficult, if not impossible for adopted children. This guide will help teachers to increase their understanding of families built by adoption. It gives them the tools to deal with possibly awkward situations and provides resources for integrating family diversity into the standard curriculum.
Paperback, 22 pp, 1999, English

CWLA Standards Of Excellence For Family Foster Care
by CWLA
These standards emphasize the effect of social and economic conditions on children and their families, and the importance of making children and families the centerpiece of public policy. They describe the value of permanency in the lives of children, and the roles and responsibilities of the family. It examine the roles and responsibilities of communities in supporting children and their families, child welfare services, kinship care, and family foster care in meeting the child's special needs. It also contains recommended caseload standards.
Paperback, 153 pp, 1995, English

Looking back, Looking Forward: An Adoptive Father’s Sociological Testament
by H. David Kirk
The sociologist and adoptive parent whose long term research resulted in the Shared Fate approach to adoptive family life has profoundly influenced the shape of late 20th century adoption is retiring. In doing so he shares his experienced view of where adoption has been, where it is now, and where it should be going. Never on to hold back his opinion, in this 32 page booklet expanding on the closing speech at the 1995 Adoptive Families of America annual conference in Dallas (which received a standing ovation), Dr. Kirk clarifies his research and takes to task those he believes to have misinterpreted it to forward their own purposes at the expense of grounded adoptive family life.
Paperback, 32 pp, 1995, English

Building Partnerships With Neighborhoods And Local Communities
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This book outline the current challenges faced when helping communities and neighborhoods to become environments that foster strong capable families. The primary mission is to foster public policies, human -service reforms and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.
Paperback, 29 pp, 2002, English

People Helping People: Partnerships Between Professionals And Natural Helpers
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This book presents one approach for non-traditional partnerships, between the professionals and families in the community, in concrete terms, explaining how each actor might perform his or her role in child welfare services and reform. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of all helper goals and is specific about new ways to meet them.
Paperback, 30 pp, 2002, English
Critical Adoption Legislation

The Impact Of ASFA On Children And Families Of Color
by CWLA
Finding common ground among diverse groups, the participants in this book characterize the strengths and challenges of families and communities of color and explore the effects of ASFA on kinship care, adoption, and youth. First person experiences with the child welfare system are included, as well as recommendations for improvement in child welfare policies, programs, and practices.
Paperback, 83 pp, 2002, English

The Adoption & Safe Families Act Of 1997: Creative Strategies For Permanency
by Dave Thomas Foundation
Created with child welfare providers in mind, this training video presents an overview of AFSA and demonstrates successful and innovative programs around the country that help to expedite permanency.
Video, viewing time 25 min, 1999, English

African-American Social Workers And Social Policy
by Tricia B. Bent-Goodeley
African-American social work professionals offer critical analyses of social policies that impact African-American families and communities. The volume provides a resource for social worker, policy educators, advocates, and those committed to social justice.
Hardcover, 211 pp, 2003, English

Child Welfare: A Multicultural Focus
by Neil A. Cohen and Contributors
It analyzes the many changes in child welfare policy since the early 1990's and includes case examples to provide topical and multicultural illustrations of the concepts presented. New material is also presented on child maltreatment and child welfare in rural America, kinship care, the link between the community and the family, and managed care. For anyone interested in child welfare and recent changes in child welfare policy.
Paperback, 278 pp, 2000, English

The Adoption & Safe Families Act Of 1997: Fast Track To Permanency
by Dave Thomas Foundation
An introductory video presenting the general concepts and congressional intent of ASFA with an emphasis on permanency and adoption.
Video, viewing time 10 min, 1998, English

The Adoption & Safe Families Act Of 1997: The Essential Voice Of Child Advocates
by Dave Thomas Foundation
An introductory video presenting the general concepts and congressional intent of ASFA with an emphasis on permanency and adoption. A great tool to inform audiences about ASFA and inspire new and continuing work in child advocacy presenting the voices of waiting children as well as those who speak for them.
Video, viewing time 25 min, 1999, English
Critical Adoption Legislation

A Guide To The Multiethnic Placement Act Of 1994
by Joan Hollinger
This guide will assist states and child welfare agencies in their efforts to comply with the federal mandates concerning the role of race, color, and national origin in foster and adoptive placements, referred to as MEPA-IEP. In addition it provides advice for determining precisely what the law does and does not require.
Paperback, 88 pp, 1998, English

Child Welfare And The Law
by Theodore J. Stein
In this book, the author, an attorney with an M.S.W. degree, provides an overview of the child welfare and judicial systems. In Child Welfare and the Law, the author, a professor of social welfare as well as an attorney, provides an overview of the child welfare and judicial systems, examines the federal and state legislative and judicial foundations of modern child welfare practice; court decisions and their impact on the rights of biological parents, foster parents, and children; class action suits and their impact on child welfare; and the role of child welfare workers in the legal process.
Paperback, 389 pp, 1998, English

Website, 35 pp, 2001, English

Department Of Health And Human Services: Child Welfare Policy Manual
This web-based manual ensures that the most current policy information is available to all of the States in the quickest and most accurate way. It replaces the Children's Bureau's former policy issuance system. It is broken down into nine main policy areas: AFCARS, CAPTA, Independent Living, MEPA/IEAP, Monitoring, SACWIS, Title IV-B, Title IV-E, Tribes/Indian Tribal Organizations.
Website, 337 pp, 2002, English

Understanding The Indian Child Welfare Act
by Spaulding For Children
This video uses a straightforward presentation to highlight and illustrate the provisions of the Indian Child welfare Act.
Video, viewing time 17 min, 1995, English
Critical Adoption Legislation

**National Indian Child Welfare Association: Online ICWA Course**
This online course provides an explanation of the key provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) in non-legal language, as well as recommended performance steps for state, county, and tribal child welfare workers. In addition, the course gives general information about Native American and Alaskan Native cultures.

http://www.nicwa.org/services/icwa/index.asp
Website, 2001, English

**Interstate Compact On Adoption And Medical Assistance**
The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) is the legal mechanism by which member states regulate and coordinate the interstate delivery of services to children with special needs adopted pursuant to adoption assistance.

http://aaicama.aphsa.org/Compacts/ICAMA.pdf
Website, 6 pp, 1991, English

**Interstate Adoption: ICPC And ICAMA**
Interstate adoptions are affected by two agreements between the "sending" and "receiving" states. These agreements carry the force of law:
- The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA), and
- The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

Children's and parents' adoption workers, agencies, or attorneys will generally prepare the necessary paperwork.

Website, 2 pp, 2005, English

**Guide To The Interstate Compact On The Placement Of Children**
The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is premised on the belief that children requiring out-of-state placement will receive the same protections and services that would be provided if they remained in their home states. The ICPC outlines the many steps necessary to place a child out of state. This Guide, updated in 2002, offers a user-friendly/comprehensive discussion of the history, purposes and administration of the Compact. Sample Forms used for interstate placements are also listed in the Appendix of this Guide.

http://icpc.aphsa.org/documents.asp
Website, 33 pp, 2002, English

**IV. Overcoming Barriers To Interstate Adoptions**
Placing children in adoptive homes across State lines raises challenging issues and requires strong cooperation between States. Currently, two Interstate Compacts facilitate the placement of children in pre-adoptive homes and help assure continued medical coverage for children. Topics covered include the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children (ICPC), Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (The Compact) and Barriers to Interstate Adoptions.

Website, 4 pp, 2001, English

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The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook: A legal Guide To The Custody And Adoption Of Native American Children
by B.J. Jones
This guide is a comprehensive source to assist lawyers, social workers, counselors, and others whose professions and interests involve them with Native American Children.
Paperback, 230 p, 1995, English
Daily Parenting

**The Family Of Adoption**
by Joyce Maguire Pavao
This book demonstrates that there are predictable and understandable developmental stages and challenges for all adopted people. It shows us why adoptive parents, as well as all who work with children, must come to understand these stages as normal.
*Paperback, 138 pp, 1998, English*

**Toddler Adoption: The Weaver’s Craft**
by Mary Hopkins Best
When a child is adopted as a toddler, his needs and those of his adoptive family are different from the needs seen in infant or school-age adoptions. This book discusses strategies for dealing with issues such as a grieving toddler or attachment disorder, and explains normal toddler development and possible variances in the adopted toddler.
*Paperback, 271 pp, 1997, English*

**Who Am I? And Other Questions Of Adopted Kids**
by Charlene C. Giannetti
In this book you'll read straight talk from adopted children and young adults who understand how confusing it all can be. It also discusses various issues connected with adoption, such as the meaning of adoption, the reasons why birthparents give up a child, and the search for birthparents. Let Who Am I? be there to reassure and inform, as you explore what really makes you the person that you are.
*Hardcover, 93 pp, 1999, English*

**Raising Adopted Children: Practical, Reassuring Advice For Every Adoptive Parent**
by Lois Ruskai Melina
This is a parents' guide to rearing children in an adoptive family. It examines the child's physical, emotional and psychological development at every age. In addition, there are chapters on special topics such as the multiracial family, serious behavior problems and single parent adoption.
*Paperback, 373 pp, 1998, English*

**This Is How We Became A Family: An Adoption Story**
by Wayne Willis
A childless husband and wife who want a baby. Adopt the child of a young woman who cannot keep it. It is the story of a couple who long for a child, of a pregnant young woman who is not ready to be a mother, and of the events that bring them together for a happy ending. Told in simple terms, it invites children to ask questions about their own adoption.
*Hardcover, 28 pp, 2000, English*

**My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations In Adoption And Foster Care**
by: Regina Kupecky, LSW
A curriculum consisting of trainer's notes, activities, power point slides and video, to teach a variety of people about the importance of sibling relationships. There are 7 Units: Sibling issues: Importance of Sibling Ties; Why Siblings are separated; Benefits of Keeping Siblings Together; The Dream team - Sibling Friendly Agencies; Ways to build/ Maintain Sibling Connections When Living Separately and making The decision. The video presents a variety of families built by adoption.
*Curriculum with DVD, 2005, English*

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**Daily Parenting**

**The Whole Life Adoption Book: Realistic Advice For Building A Healthy Adoptive Family**  
by Jayne E. Schooler  
Adoptive families deal with a special dynamic that affects parents, adopted children, and birth children. They face unique issues of attachment, adjustment, and identity. Creating a nurturing family environment and being prepared for typical crisis points are critical to forging a healthy, lasting family relationship. This book will give hope and direction to those considering adoption and to those desiring to improve and developed the adoptive family relationship at any stage.  
*Paperback, 217 pp, 1993, English*

**Making Sense Of Adoption: A Parent’s Guide**  
by Lois Ruskai Melina  
At each stage of development, adopted children have questions and concerns. This book provides advice on how to help your child deal with these. Each chapter recommends age specific activities to reinforce the concepts discussed. There are many examples of conversations that you can use as a guide for talking with your children. This is a resource that you will continue to consult as your child grows.  
*Paperback, 277 pp, 1989, English*

**Dialogues About Adoption: Conversations Between Parents And Their Children**  
by Linda Bothun  
This book is a practical road map through issues that arise in families with adopted children, addressing the interplay of normal development and the unique adoption issues throughout the lifecycle. The real-life anecdotes and experiences shed much needed light on the subject. Knowing how some parents have responded to their children's questions can be helpful to every family.  
*Paperback, 216 pp, 1994, English*

**All About Me**  
by L Burwash & C McMullin  
A special book written for adoptive children by adoptive parents and children, to make them feel unique and loved, while explaining why they were adopted.  
*Paperback, 12 pp, 2001, English*

**Talking With Young Children About Adoption**  
by Mary Watkins and Susan Fisher  
Current wisdom holds that adoptive parents should talk with their children about adoption. But it is often hard to know what to say. This book is for parents of young children and answers many questions, providing insight in talking with your child about adoption.  
*Paperback, 257 pp, 1993, English*

**Values And Social Skills**  
by Tom Kinney  
A three video series based on candid interviews with a diverse group of teens from a wide variety of home and cultural backgrounds. Diversities include African American, Hispanic, immigrants, biracial, and gay teens. Among others. Kids discuss the influence of family, community, and school on their self-esteem, on personal codes of morality and on their ability to function socially.  
*Video, viewing time 75 minutes, 1997, English*
Daily Parenting

School Days: Parenting Between School, Parent, Child
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Effective child rearing can only be successful when parents and educators form a collaborative partnership to teach children how to live and work cooperatively in our world. This program will help parents clarify their own roles and fine-tune their expectations of the educational system with one overriding focus in mind: to assist children in reaching their highest potential.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Working Parents
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Due to today's social-economic climate, double income families have become the norm. This program focuses on the challenges and concerns that working parents face in today's society. Many parents enjoy the challenge and excitement of having a career, but they also want to be an integral part of their children's childhood. This video addresses achieving that goal through a balance of work and family. It shows that with commitment, organization, compromise, and sincere desire to work for the family, working parents can indeed, accomplish that.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 2001, English

Adolescence
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Helps parents deal with this trying time in their child's life. Physical changes, peer pressure, a developing self image, and a desire for independence put a severe strain on parent teen relationships. Parents are shown what to expect, how to prepare, and ways to guide their teen through change.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Parents' Views Of Living With A Child With Disabilities
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
This video features candid interviews with parents of children with disabilities. Parents share the daily life conflicts and frustrations they encounter as parents of disabled children. Parents voice their difficulties and dilemmas in dealing with professionals in the health care profession.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

So You Want To Be A Parent
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
This program will help parents prepare for the changes in everything from work schedules to the financial responsibilities of child rearing. Included are child rearing techniques and descriptions of the many challenges of the development of the child from birth to age 5.
Video, viewing time 29 min, 1995, English

Swings Hanging From Every Tree
by Ramona Cunningham
A sensitive collection of encouraging words and experiences shared by and for foster and adoptive parents. One fine reflection for each day of the year inspires a positive attitude and helps us get back on track.
Paperback, 376 pp, 2001, English
Daily Parenting

**Boys Town Videos For Parents Series** - 11 Videos, Viewing time 10-15 min ea, English

**I Can't Decide!: What Should I Do?** Shows a process that is easy to learn and gives youngsters a way of thinking about big and little decisions that could help them the rest of their lives. (1988)

**Take Time To Be A Family: Holding Successful Family Meetings** demonstrates how a weekly get-together can help improve your family's communication and planning. (1990)

**Negotiating Within The Family: You And Your Child Can Both Get What You Want** teaches parents to use a simple written agreement to help their children identify and achieve realistic, personal goals. (1990)

**Setting Your child Up For success: Anticipating And Preventing Problems** shows parents how to help their children be more successful in daily situations they may encounter. (1989)

**No, I Won't: And You Can't Make Me** shows you how to improve your relationship with your children; control your own anger in the face of a youth's defiance, sarcasm, or back talk; and help an angry youngster calm down. (1987)

**I'm Not Everybody: Helping Your Child Stand Up To Peer Pressure** Parents can help children prepare for and deal with pressure from their friends. (1989)

**Homework??: I'll Do It Later** shows how to motivate and teach your youngster the most effective way to do homework. (1987)

**Catch 'Em Being Good: Happier Kids, Happier Parents Through Effective Praise** Break the cycle of criticism and concentrate on the good things their children are doing, thereby making everyone in the family happier. (1988)

**It's Great To Be Me!: Increasing Your Child's Self-esteem** Parents are shown practical easy-to learn concepts that will allow them to have an impact on their child's developing self-esteem. (1989)

**A Change For The Better: Teaching Correct Behavior** helps parents deal with the frustrating problem of children's and teens' misbehavior. (1989)

**You Want Me To Help With Housework? No Way!** Parents learn a systematic way to teach children to help out more around the house. Responsibilities build their self-esteem and gives today's busy parents more time to enjoy their families. (1988)
Foster And Adoptive Care Situations: Problem Situations Children Ages 6-12
by Dr. Vera Fahlberg
Excellent foster and adoptive parenting doesn't just happen, Top parenting skills are the result of experience and practice. Ten realistic vignettes in this video depict typical behavior problems these parents can face. Anger, stealing, bad manners, and inappropriate sexual behavior are just a few of the situations covered in this helpful program. Developed with Patricia Chamberlain, PhD.
Video, viewing time 15 min, 1993, English

Parenting Resource Manual: Transracial Parenting Project
by Susan Cunningham, B. A. and Jeanette Wiedemeier Bowe, M.P.A
The purpose of the manual is to provide parents who are currently raising children of different races or cultures the building blocks to better parent their children, It features articles that address the day–to–day realities faced by multiracial families. The manual also has a resource directory in adoptions and videos with a small description.
Paperback, 295 pp, 1998, English

My Brother Bit Me! Parenting Siblings
by Louise Welsh Schrank
Dramatic vignettes and footage of child-parent interactions suggest strategies for dealing with sibling conflicts. The video provides advice for resolving issues including when and how to intervene or allow children to solve their own problems, how to praise without comparing, and how to acknowledge feelings.
Video, viewing time 19 min, 1998, English

The Art Of Communication
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Presents methods to achieve effective parent/child communication. The damage to a child self image that can come from verbal abuse is discussed and parents are taught to recognize their child's non-verbal communication.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Poetic Parenting: A Unique Approach To Parenting Complete With Workbook
by D. Hamima Shabazz
Poetic Parenting is about parenting, not poetry. The author has chosen to use poetry to bring about awareness of several parenting issues. Many of the poems are written from the child's perspective, which reflects the author's work with children over several years. Change in our society demands that parents and professionals keep pace with new methods and creative approaches to skill building.
Paperback, 134 pp, 2002, English
Helping Children Manage Stress: A Guide For Adults
by James H. Humphrey
As adults, we are shocked by incidents of schoolyard shootings and challenged by the fast pace of everyday life. However, we are just not beginning to understand how violence and pressure are causing stress in young children and such stress may have far-reaching and profound effects on children and such stress may have far-reaching and profound effects on children's mental and physical health.
Paperback, 91 pp, 1998, English

Simple Secrets Of Parenting Easy As ABC
by John Q. Baucom, Ph.D.
Parenting is the toughest job you'll ever love, be driven crazy by, and receive the most rewards from. Simple Secrets of Parenting: Easy as ABC is a witty, insightful how-to guide for anyone living with children. Whether you're a parenting novice or veteran, whether you have toddlers or teens, you'll find terrific child-rearing ideas and supportive information on every page! Used extensively as a graduation gift for foster/adoptive parent training.
Paperback, 64 pp, 1997, English

The Challenging Child: Understanding, Raising, And Enjoying The Five "Difficult" Types Of Children
by Stanley I. Greenspan, M.D.
Most children fall into five basic personality types that stem from inborn physical characteristics: sensitive, self-absorbed, defiant, inattentive, or active/aggressive. For each of these, there are parenting patterns to void and those that help the most. The challenging child reassures parents that they do not simply have to live with their child's temperament but can fit their parenting style to their child's unique personality and help each child build on strengths, master weaknesses, and embrace life with confidence and skills.
Paperback, 318 pp, 1995, English

Life Books: Creating A Treasure For The Adopted Child
by: Beth O'Malley
"In Life Books: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child, Beth O'Malley provides the adoptive parent with a unique, invaluable, practical, highly recommended, step-by-step guide for explaining the truth of their child's history in ways that the child can understand, accept and feel good about. Drawing upon her seventeen years of experience and expertise as an adoption worker to write clearly and informatively for a non-specialist general reader. The result will help any adoptive parent to assist their child in creating a record of his or her life from birth using words, photos, graphics, and artwork in the form of a "Life Book" that is more effective than a general scrapbook or traditional baby book.
Paperback, 2001, 96 pp, English
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*Adopting: The Tapestry Guide*
by Laurie S. Wallmark
Everyday, hundreds of couples and individuals make the decision to adopt a child. Finally, there is an easy to read resource that gives them the information they need to successfully adopt the child of their dreams.
**Paperback, 29 pp, 1996, English**

*The Essential Adoption Handbook*
by Colleen Alexander– Roberts
This book walks you through the entire process step by step, covering all types of adoption and the situations you may encounter. Filled with practical information, and written in straightforward language, this is the definitive resource.
**Paperback, 242 pp, 1993, English**

*Are Those Kids Yours? - American Families With Children Adopted From Other Countries*
by Cheri Register
This book addresses many central questions about international adoption: why children are in need of adoption outside the country of their birth, why parents choose to adopt from other countries, how parents and children of very different origins become a "real" family, how parents explain the cultural circumstances of their children's births and how the children perceive this, how families foster ethnic identity, how they deal with racism, and how living as a multicultural family affects their view of the world.
**Hardcover, 240 pp, 1990, English**

*The Adoption Resource Book*
by Lois Gilman
The adoption Resource Book covers the all aspects of adoption from learning about adoption through preparing for your child and raising an adopted child. It has suggested checklists of procedures to follow and questions to ask at each step of the adoption process. This book is an excellent resource for both prospective and current adoptive parents.
**Paperback, 576 pp, 1998, English**

*The Handbook For Single Adoptive Parents*
by Hope Marindin
A resource for single parents, answering many questions a single adoptive parent may want to know: how to adopt in the US or abroad; how to afford it; and how to cope once you are a parent. Single parents will have a great head start in the pursuit of their dream of becoming parents. This book is so informative that I would recommend many of the articles to married couples as well.
**Paperback, 148 pp, 2000, English**
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There Are Babies To Adopt: A Resource Guide For Prospective Parents
by Christine A. Adamec
This is a practical and proven-effective guidebook for would be adoptive parents that answers many questions like: How long a wait can you expect? How do you improve your chances of getting the baby you want? What does it really cost? From finding the right adoption agency to the pros and cons of international adoption to the subtleties of the Home Study, this is the indispensable adoption handbook. Paperback, 352 pp, 2002, English

Adopting On Your Own: The Complete Guide To Adopting As A Single Parent
by Lee Varon
A book that gives singles who are considering adoption the information they need in decision-making and maneuvering through the adoption maze. This book offers honest and insightful advise on every step of the adoption process. It will help you to decide whether adoption is right for you; lead you through the various stages of arranging and financing the adoption; weighing the advantages of international vs. domestic adoption for the single parent; demystify the steps of choosing an agency and preparing for the home study; discuss trans-racial adoption policy; the legal rights of gays and lesbians and the evolving attitudes of agencies and social workers toward single parent adoption. Paperback, 392 pp, 2000, English

Going It Alone: Preparing For Single Parenthood
by Cambridge Education
This information-packet video gives women realistic expectations of what single parenthood is like as well as skills for coping with raising a child alone. After watching this program, the viewer will understand the ups and downs of raising a child alone; learn how to manage practical needs, such as prenatal care, daycare and finances; learn how to manage their own emotional needs as single parents; and understand how to cope with the child's psychological and emotional needs. Video, viewing time 35 min, 2004, English

Golden Cradle: How The Adoption Establishment Works - And How To Make It Work For You
by Arty Elgart and Claire Berman
This is actually two books in one--first it is Elgart's story of his trials and how he came to form The Golden Cradle; second it is a comprehensive step-by-step guide to adopting a child. The story Elgart relates is interesting and touching. His agency has grown from a one-man sideline business into a large nonprofit organization with 18 employees. Sections two and three address all questions and concerns faced by couples embarking on adoption. Hardcover, 205 pp, 1991, English

The Special Needs Of Minority Children Adopted Transracially
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
This video discusses the minority child's need for cultural and positive racial identity; surrogate role models, cultural and community interaction, skills and explanations to cope with prejudice and discrimination; and parent with specific skills to address the minority child's needs. Video, viewing time 52 min, English
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Adoption And Ethics Series: Volume 1: The Role Of Race, Culture, And National Origin In Adoption
by Madelyn Freundlich
There are many unresolved questions related to the role of race, culture, and national origin in an adoptee's personal identity and the extent to which racial and cultural similarities and differences between adoptive parents and children should be taken into account. These questions are at the forefront of the policy debate as a result of changes in federal law and a dramatic increase in the number of international adoptions. This volume provides a synthesis of current research, literature, and legislation in three primary areas: transracial adoptions, adoption of American Indian children, and international adoption. This is the first in a series on adoption and ethics designed to provide an overview of the current knowledge base on key adoption policy and practice.
Paperback, 153 pp, 2000, English

Launching A Baby's Adoption: Practical Strategies For Parenting And Professionals
by Patricia Irwin Johnston
Getting ready to adopt a baby under a year of age takes physical, emotional, financial, and practical preparation just as being pregnant does. This resource provides practical strategies for making choices about names, child care, breast vs. bottle feeding, etc; promoting attachment through the senses (taste, touch, smell, sight, etc.) as well as through routine; adjustments between parenting partners; dealing with post arrival blues; bringing family and friends on board; dealing with a birthparent's change of heart, figuring out what's an adoption issue and what's not, and more.
Hardcover, 256 pp, 1997, English

The Complete Adoption Book: Everything You Need To Know To Adopt A Child
by Laura Beauvais-Godwin and Raymond Godwin
The Complete Adoption Book is the most comprehensive and authoritative adoption resource available. Written for prospective parents as well as adoption professionals, this completely revised edition will guide you through the entire process, making it straightforward and easy to understand, every possible situation, from the most common to the most unusual, is covered, from deciding if adoption is right for you to learning how to interview birth mothers.
Paperback, 627 pp, 1998, English

International Adoption
If international adoption is the right way to build your family, you will need to choose a country and consider how open you are to someone who is culturally or racially different from you. Just when you thought you were done with being a document “hunter-gatherer” – you get to do it all again to assemble your dossier! This site, describes the pros and cons and how-tos of international adoption
http://international.adoption.com/
Website, English, 2005
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*With Eyes Wide Open: A Workbook For Parents Adopting International Children*
by Margi Miller & Nancy Ward
This workbook is for parents about to adopt an international child with life experiences, the words we use to describe a child a few months old or older who is already searching or attempting to attach to a parent figure who can meet her/his needs, who has already experienced pain an hopefully its relief, who recognizes a repeated pattern of distinct sounds. It addresses many of the parenting issues they will face, by allowing them to prepare, imagine, research and role play.
**Paperback, 140 pp, 1996, English**

*Adopting In China: A Practical Guide /An Emotional Journey*
by Kathleen Wheeler, PhD and Doug Werner
This book is a resource guide for people interested in adopting in China--what to do, who to see and how much it will cost. It simplifies and explains important information about a sometimes mysterious subject. It is also a personal story of a middle-aged couple's quest to become parents, why and how they made their decision, and what went on during and after the trip to China.
**Paperback, 144 pp, 1999, English**

*Adopted From Asia: How It Feels To Grow Up In America*
by Frances M. Koh
The book is a collection of rich personal stories of eleven adopted Korean-born children, from fourteen to twenty-three years old. Their stories are moving and insightful accounts of what it means to be adopted from Asia and to grow up in America. The range of topics discussed is wide, including the effects of the trauma of separation and loss, relationship with their adoptive parents, concerns about birthparents, racial prejudice, and self-identity/self-esteem.
**Hardcover, 95 pp, 1993, English**

*Adoption Across Borders: Serving The Children In Transracial And Intercountry Adoption*
by Rita J. Simon and Howard Altstein
This book is an invaluable source of data on the number and frequency of trans-racial and inter-country adoption and on the attitudes toward them. Moreover, it strongly advocates and demonstrates the positive effects of trans-racial and inter-country adoptions, countering public initiatives that emphasize “same race” adoption practices.
**Paperback, 161 pp, 2000, English**

*Kinship Care: Birth Mothers Speak Out*
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
A panel of birth mothers respond to a series of questions about having children who lived in kinship care. Some of the panelists will also discuss their experience of living in kinship care with their children. The birth mothers discuss: (1) how they explained to the children why they were living with relatives (2) how they interacted and were involved with their children and relative caregiver (3) how their children were effected and felt about their parents’ incarceration, substance abuse, absence or inability to care for them (4) the challenges and approaches used to re-unite with their children, and become a family again.
**Video, viewing time 33 min, 2004, English**

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**I Love You Like Crazy Cakes**
by Rose Lewis
Based on the author’s own experience, this heartfelt story follows a woman on her journey to adopt a baby girl from China. From paper work to plane flight, the narrative chronicles the baby’s trip from a crib in a big room shared with many other babies to her own crib in her own room in her new home. This book is a celebration of the love and joy a baby brings into the world.

*Hardcover, 32 pp, 2000, English*

**Adoption Is Okay**
by Sylvia Rohde
Making the transition from an orphanage in Russia to a new family in America can be an overwhelming experience. Written in English from a Russian translation, this book, explains both the process and the emotions involved in an international adoption. It is an educational and entertaining tool to help children cope with the losses and gains before and after their adoption.

*Paperback, 14 pp, 1999, English*

**How To Adopt Internationally: A Guide For Agency Directed And Independent Adoptions**
by Jean Nelson-Erichsen and Heino R. Erichsen
How to Adopt internationally includes detailed coverage of every aspect of the international adoption process, including organizing a home study and fulfilling state requirements as well as choosing a country to adopt from, working through emigration and immigration, and traveling abroad to meet your child. The book includes detailed information on the adoption requirements for 68 child-placing countries.

*Paperback, 288 pp, 2000, English*

**A Passage To The Heart: Writings From Families With Children From China**
by Amy Klatzkin
An invaluable resource for any family who has adopted or is planning to adopt from China. This book gathers together more than one hundred articles published over the past few years in the regional newsletters of Families with Children from China. It discusses all aspects of adoption from China. These include the waiting period, the adoption journey, settling in, health and development, adoption after infancy, single parenting, culture, language, identity, race, going back, birth parents and much more.

*Hardcover, 341 pp, 1999, English*

**A China Adoption Story: Mommy Why Do We Look Different?**
by Frances M. Koh
Four year old Laura Shu-mei was adopted from China when she was an infant. She wonders why she and her parents don't look the same. Her mom explains about Laura's beginnings in China and tells her the story of how she was adopted.

*Hardcover, 24 pp, 2000, English*

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*Inside Trans-racial Adoption: Strength-based, Culture-sensitizing Parenting Strategies For Intercountry Or Domestic Adoptive Families That Don't "Match"*
by Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall
This book will provide adoptive parents practical and useful information for parenting a child of a different race or culture. It provides insights based on well-documented research and personal experience, guiding readers through the complexity of trans-racial adoption - clarifying issues and offering critical tools to help trans-racial families navigate the challenges they confront on a daily basis.
**Hardcover, 405 pp, 2000, English**

*Achieving Excellence In Special Needs Adoption*
by Madelyn Freundlich and Ann Sullivan
This special issue of Child Welfare features articles by leading adoption researchers and practitioners on key issues surrounding special needs adoption for the longest waiting children and clinical techniques in working with children with attachment disorders, to effective approaches for adoptive parent recruitment and preparation.
**Paperback, 507-716 pp, 1999, English**

*In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptee Tell Their Stories*
by Rita J. Simon and Rhonda M. Roorda
This book is a forum for black and mixed-race adults, who were transracially adopted and who lived all their childhood and adolescence in white homes, to tell their story. What was it like to have white parents and siblings, to be the only black person in extended family gatherings, to have their white parents show up at their schools, their sporting events, their social gatherings? As adults who no longer live with their adoptive families, what kind of relationships do they have with their adoptive families? Do they have a clear sense of their racial identity?
**Paperback, 392 pp, 2000, English**

*Loving Across The Color Line: A White Adoptive Mother Learns About Race*
by Sharon E. Rush
What would a liberal white, civil rights law professor have to learn about race? When Sharon Rush adopted an African American girl, she quickly discovered the need to throw out old assumptions and start learning over again. Only by living with her daughter through day-to day encounters and life passages did Rush learn that racism is far more devastating to Blacks than most Whites can ever imagine.
**Hardcover, 190 pp, 2000, English**

*Parenting Tasks In Transracial Adoptions*
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
This video presents a psychosocial rational explaining a variety of parenting tasks with minority children, as well identifies resources, capabilities, information and networks parents must access and provide their adopted child.
**Video, viewing time 20 min, English**
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**Transracial Adoption And Foster Care: Practice Issues For Professionals**
by Joseph Crumbley
This book describes specific ways that practitioners can work with trans-racial families to ensure that children develop positive racial and cultural identities, as well as how professionals can better serve these families. Dr. Crumbley also address such professional concerns as cultural competence and the recruitment of minority adoptive and foster parents. Case studies and myths of trans-racial adoption provide valuable background information for child and welfare professionals.
*Paperback, 158 pp, 1999, English*

**Black Baby White Hands: A View From The Crib**
by Jaiya John
July 15, 1968, only three months after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., a black baby becomes the first in the history of New Mexico to be adopted by a white family. The life that follows for that child is told here in an inspired and captivating story. Dr. Jaiya John's narrative flows like a soulful river. Separated from his mother at birth, placed into foster care, adopted by a white family, and reunited with his biological family in adulthood. It's an astounding journey of personal discovery.
*Paperback, 378 pp, 2002, English*

**Through The Eyes Of The Child**
by Dave Thomas Foundation
An introductory video presenting the issues related to the foster care system and special needs adoption with an emphasis from the perspective of the children within that system.
*Video, viewing time 20 min, 1998, English*

**ADOPTINGONLINE.COM**
by Mardie Caldwell
Experience the positive impact that the internet and the world wide web can have on your adoption plan. ADOPTINGONLINE.COM provides you with the easiest, fastest, and safest strategies ever created for turning your dreams of parenthood into a reality. This book is full of new, never-before published ideas that you can start using today by using your computer, time and energy, you can find the child of your dreams.
*Paperback, 485 pp, 2004, English*

**Social Skills Activities For Secondary Students With Special Needs**
by Darlene Mannix
Provides 187 ready-to-use worksheets that help students build the skills they need to interact effectively with others and learn to apply these skills to various real-situations and problems.
*Paperback, 272 pp, 1998, English*

**The Blended Family Sourcebook**
by David S. Chedekel and Karen G O'Connell
This practical guide offers solutions for integrating new family relationships - from the classic stepfamily to adopted and foster families, interracial and interfaith families and grandparents raising grandchildren.
*Paperback, 152 pp, 2002, English*
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Adoption And Ethics Series: Volume 2: The Market Forces In Adoption
by Madelyn Freundlich
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Paperback, 137 pp, 2000, English

Race Matters In Child Welfare: The Overrepresentation Of African American Children In The System
by Dennette Derezotes, John Poertner and Mark F. Testa
Although African Americans constituted 15% of the child population of the United States in 1999, they accounted for 45% of the children in substitute care. Additionally, several studies show that children of different ethnic or racial backgrounds receive dissimilar treatment by the child welfare system, but little is known about the appropriateness of the treatment. This compilation of papers critically examines child welfare policy and practice, the causes of child maltreatment, and how each impacts the disproportionate representation of African American children in the system.
Paperback, 248 pp, 2004, English

Single Parenting: One-Parent Families
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Forty percent of all children born in this decade spend time in a single parent home. This program is intended to help the single parent learn how to deal with the unique challenges that are part of being a single parent. It focuses on ways to minimize the adverse effects that a divorce or death in the family may have on children.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Adoption Nation: How The Adoption Revolution Is Changing America
by Adam Pertman
Attitudes are changing, and in Adoption Nation, Adam Pertman, himself an adoptive father, explores the evolving culture of adoption and the ways it has been affected by factors such as the Internet and the increasing numbers of people opting for alternative lifestyles. Jane Nast, president of the American Adoption Congress, dubbed Adoption Nation "a remarkable book that I would like to put in the hands of everyone in the nation."
Paperback, 368 pp, 2001, English

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*Stepparent Adoption: A Resource Book*
by: Tim O'Hanton
"Stepparent Adoption: A Resource Book" is a comprehensive guide to laws, procedures, and much more. Adopting a stepchild isn't just about the process - it's also about relationships. This book gives families much-needed information about complexities that may arise in obtaining consent from the absent parent, grandparent visitation, and most importantly, the effect on their children and things to prepare for as they move through the process.

**Paperback, 140 pp, 2004, English**

*Adoption—Three Alternatives*
by Joan F Shireman and Penny R. Johnson
The publication of "Adoption: Three Alternatives" represents the first four years of an adoption research project which we hope will be extended through sixteen and possibly twenty years of the lives of the adopted children and their families who have consented to participate in this effort. Questions related to raising a child in a single parent family and in a family where the racial background of the parents differs from that of the child prompted the interest in undertaking this study. It is designed to encompass a long enough time span to measure changes that may occur as the child develops from the earlier years to young adulthood.

**Paperback, 24 pp, 1982, English**

*Kinship Care: Relative Caregivers Speak Out*
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
A panel of relative caregivers responds to a series of questions about kinship care. The relatives discuss (1) the emotional and transitional issues they and the children experience as a kinship family (2) How they establish relationships and authority with the children in their care (3) approaches they use in helping the children adjust to kinship care and separation from their parents (4) how they interact and keep the birth parents involved with their children (5) how incarceration, substance abuse and the parent’s absence impacts the children and relative.

**Video, viewing time 24 min, 2004, English**

*Gentle Transitions: A Newborn Baby’s Point of View About Adoption*
By Michael Trout
Suggestions on what we grown-ups should think about — and do – to make the adoption experience work best for a baby. Presented as if written by an infant, this ten-minute video may be useful for birthparents, adoptive parents and adoption training. Covered are issues ranging from the importance of the adoptive family having a chance to be pregnant for their adopted baby to the importance of some sort of ritual to mark the transition from one family to the other. Explanations are offered from some of the adopted baby’s subsequent behavior and a plea is made (by the baby, of course) for us to remember that he is watching us.

**Videocassette, viewing time 16 min, 1997, English**

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*Strengthening Your Stepfamily*
by Elizabeth Einstein, MA and Linda Albert PhD
Comprehensive coverage of the most important issues for stepfamilies, including adjusting expectations, dealing with step-sibling rivalry and working with non-custodial parents.
**Paperback, 160 pp, 2005, English**

*Adopting And Advocating For The Special Needs Child: A Guide For Parents And Professionals*
by L. Anne Babb and Rita Laws
Adopting and Advocating for the Special Needs Child bridges the gap between the desire to help a waiting child and the reality of America's special needs adoption system. It is designed to be used by adoption professionals and adoptive parents, to help them get started, keep going, and locate whatever additional information and support they need. The authors are adoption professionals, long-time support volunteers, child advocates, and mothers of a total of 23 children, 14 of them adopted children with special needs.
**Paperback, 253 pp, 1997, English**

*Black Boys Are wonderful*
by Spaulding for Children
Boys present, in their own words, the plight of African American boys of all ages who are backlogged in our child welfare system waiting for permanent adoptive homes. In addition to the boys, the tape includes comments by national African American adoption authorities, Sandy Lawrence of New Jersey's Black Adoption Consortium, Inc. and Zena Oglesby of the Institute for Black Parenting in Los Angeles, CA.
**Video, viewing time 16 min, English**

*Characteristics Of Successful Adoptive Families*
by Spaulding for Children
This documentary-style video features families and professionals who discuss, describe and demonstrate "what it takes" to successfully parent a child with special needs. In short video segments, the characteristics are presented with honesty, wisdom and humor, tolerance for ambivalence and negative feelings; entitlement; intrusive and controlling qualities; flexible expectations; ability to delay parental gratification; tolerance for rejection; sense of humor; ability to meet personal needs; ability to use resources; and flexible family roles.
**Video, viewing time 22 min, 1989, English**

*The Impact Of Transracial Adoption On The Adopted Child And The Adoptive Family*
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
This video identifies how Transracial adoption impacts the child's feelings about her/himself, the birth family and community of origin; the child's interaction with the adopted family and adopted community; the nuclear and extended family's reaction to the adopted child; and how the family can manage the impact of a transracial adoption.
**Video, viewing time 54 min, English**

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by Stanley B. Michelman and Meg F. Schneider
Private adoption, though a highly successful alternative to traditional adoption routes, has been clouded by misunderstanding for years. Now, with the private adoption handbook, eminent adoption lawyers Stanley B. Michelman breaks the myths about private adoption wide open. The book will take you step by step in private adoption. Coauthor and adoptive mother, Meg Schneider enhances Michelman's legal knowledge with rich psychological, emotional and practical account of what to expect at every stage of an independent adoption.
Paperback, 220 pp, 1988, English

To Love A Child: A Complete Guide To Adoption, Foster Parenting, And Other Ways To Share Your Life With Children
by Edward Warner
Finally a book that examines the full range of alternatives for those who cannot become biological parents, or who want to expand their families. Here are answers to your questions about agency and international adoption as well as less familiar choices, such as foster parenting, child and family mentoring, and identified and special-needs adoption. To love a child also provides information on applications, resources and costs everything you need to begin a life rich with children.
Paperback, 224 pp, 1994, English

Transracial Adoption
by Rita James Simon and Howard Altstein
This book discusses all the issues involved, including the implications of present day decisions and rules. It is not a value judgment; it does not decide whether transracial adoptions have done more harm than good to the children, families, and communities involved. Instead, it provides empirical data on the adjustments of nonwhite children to their new families, the quality of relationships among white and non white children in those families, the effect on the children's racial preferences, awareness, and identities caused by the unusual family composition.
Hardcover, 197 pp, 1977, English

Kinship Care: Teens And Young Adults Speak Out
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
A panel of teenagers and young adults respond to a series of questions about living or having lived in kinship care. The panelists discuss: (1) how they felt about living with their relatives, and not with their parents (2) the challenges and adjustments to accepting their relatives in a parental role (3) how their parents’ incarceration, substance abuse and absence effected them; and how they displayed those feelings (4) what explanations were given to them, and how did they react to the reasons for why they were in kinship care (5) what interactions and supports from their birth parents and relatives helped them to adjust to kinship care (6) what were the challenges to re-uniting with their birth parents and separating from their relative.
Video, viewing time 24 min, 2004, English
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Struggle For Identity: Issues In Transracial Adoption  
by Photosynthesis Productions  
Designed to inform adoptive and foster parents and the professionals who work with them about the needs of their children of a different race or culture. In this thought-provoking 20-minute video, viewers hear the compelling voices of experience. Transracial adoptee and their families confront difficult issues of racism, identity and sense of place in candid discussions about their lives. I hated America for the longest time. I've grown to love it now . . . but if they had asked me as a kid, I would have told them that I wanted to go back to my country.  
Video, Viewing time 20 min., 1998, English

The International Adoption Handbook  
by Myra Alperson  
The process of foreign adoption can seem complex, frustrating, and endless. This step-by-step guide provides the necessary hard facts and information adoptive parents need, as well as support through the experiences of others who have adopted foreign children.  

Cross-Cultural Adoption: How To Answer Questions From Family, Friends, and Community  
by Amy Coughlin and Caryn Abramowitz  
International adoption by American families has skyrocketed in the last decade, increasing by more than 300 percent since 1992. In the past three years alone, American families adopted nearly 60,000 children from other countries, and the rate of cross-border adoptions continues to grow. Domestic transracial adoptions also are on the rise. The family unit is becoming the new, scaled-down model for the "great American melting pot." All of these cross-cultural families engender questions, particularly from small children: "Who are her real parents? Where is she from?" If adults aren't careful, the answers can have devastating effects; if they are careful, the answers can lay a solid foundation for a developing wisdom about love, families, and relationships.  

The Children Who Wait  
by Spaulding for Children  
Special needs adoption practice is shaped and driven by the needs of children who wait for adoption placement. This video illustrates how children come into the child welfare systems, behaviors they develop to survive living in the system, and the implications for parenting. It includes parents, children and professionals speaking to these issues.  
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1989, English

Parenting Someone Else's Child  
by: Anne Stressman  
A "nothing can surprise me" compilation of approaches for hundreds of parenting situations. Told with humor and grace by a woman who has fostered more than 100 children in two decades. Includes information for grandparents and adoptive parents as well.  
Paperback, English
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The Encyclopedia Of Adoption
by Christine Adamec and William Pierce
This A-to-Z reference addresses all aspects—social, legal, economic, psychological, political—of the modern adoption experience, while providing clear and detailed definitions for the maze of terminology that has arisen. More than 400 entries cover such topics as: Statistics on who put children up for adoption and who adopts, Why the number of couples who want to adopt exceeds the number of babies available, The psychological effects of adoption, The impact of child abuse, The usefulness of support groups, Transracial adoptions, adoptions by gays and lesbians, and international adoptions, The latest research findings on adolescent adoptee and children adopted from orphanages, Medical issues, such as cocaine babies, HIV-positive babies, and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Legal issues, such as wrongful adoption, updated federal and state laws, and key cases (such as "Baby Richard" and "Baby Jessica") Health issues, such as medical record evaluations by physicians, Plus, extensive, updated appendixes of key resources, including listings of social services offices, adoption agencies, adoptive parent groups, and revised charts and tables of adoption demographics in the U.S.
Hardcover, 368 pp, 2000, English

Perspectives On Adoption: International Adoptees Tell Their Stories
by Heart-to-Heart Productions
This moving video is based on the interviews of three young adults born overseas and adopted by American families. The adoptees and their families candidly discuss issues such as abandonment, growing up in a white community, adolescence, returning to their birth country and coming to terms with being adopted.
DVD, Viewing time 38 minutes, 2002, English

The Challenge Of Adopting A Child With Special Needs
by Sonja Johnston
This booklet is an initial look at information that has helped parents make their adoptions successful as well as things that can and sometimes do go wrong. While adoption of a child with special needs does pose some different challenges, much of what happens between adoptive parents and children is not really so different from what birth parents experience. This booklet doesn't represent the total picture of adoptive family life, but highlights the potential challenges of adopting a child with special needs.
Paperback, 40 pp, 1987, English

Assessing A Family's Ability To Adopt Transracially
by Dr. Joseph Crumbley
This video provides techniques for assessing adoptive parents' experiences and understanding regarding the role of race and ethnic heritage; a family's motivation and support systems; the family's ability to provide a community and opportunities for same race role models and peer relationships, and life-styles and parenting abilities.
Video, viewing time 36 min, English
Different Types of Adoption

Cultures of Transnational Adoption
by Toby Alice Volkman

The cultural experiences considered in this volume raise important questions about race and nation; about kinship, biology, and belonging; and about the politics of the sending and receiving nations. Several essayists explore the images and narratives related to transnational adoption. Others examine the recent preoccupation with “roots” and “birth cultures.” They describe a trip during which a group of Chilean adoptees and their Swedish parents traveled “home” to Chile, the “culture camps” attended by thousands of young-adult Korean adoptees whom South Korea is now eager to reclaim as “overseas Koreans,” and adopted children from China and their North American parents grappling with the question of what “Chinese” or “Chinese American” identity might mean. Essays on Korean birth mothers, Chinese parents who adopt children within China, and the circulation of children in Brazilian families reveal the complexities surrounding adoption within the so-called sending countries. Together, the contributors trace the new geographies of kinship and belonging created by transnational adoption.

Paperback, 232 p, 2005, English
Disclosure

Wrongful Adoption: Law, Policy And Practice
by Madelyn Freundlich & Lisa Peterson
This book examines the history of adoption practice in relation to disclosure of children's health and other background information, cases that have shaped the "law" of wrongful adoption, key policy and practice issues and recommendations for quality practice.
Paperback, 85 pp, 1998, English

Family Matters: Secrecy And Disclosure In The History Of Adoption
by E. Wayne Carp
Family Matters cuts through the sealed records, changing policies, and conflicting agendas that have obscured the history of adoption in America and reveals how the practice and attitudes about it have evolved from colonial days to the present. Amid recent controversies over sealed adoption records and open adoption, it is ever more apparent that secrecy and disclosure are the defining issues in American adoptions and these are also the central concerns of E. Wayne Carp's book.
Hardcover, 304 pp, 1997, English

Disclosure Of Confidential Records
In order to protect the rights of the child and the child's parents, all records held by the department concerning reports of child abandonment, abuse, or neglect, including reports made to the central abuse hotline and all records generated as a result of such reports, shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of statute and shall not be disclosed except as specifically authorized by law.
http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/general/legal/statutes/search/searchresults.cfm
Website, 39 pp, 2004, English

Florida Adoption Law, Access To Adoption Records
Adopted adults age 18 or older or adoptive parents can receive information regarding the birth parents if the birth parents have given written consent for disclosure. Birth parents can receive information on adopted adults age 21 or older if the adopted adult or birth parents have given written consent to disclosure. This site, briefly describes Florida’s law.
http://laws.adoption.com/statutes/florida-laws.html
Website, 2 pp, 2005, English

Providing Background Information To Adoptive Parents
Information should start flowing to prospective families as soon as they are considered to be serious candidates for a specific child. But not all information needs to come at once. It can be told in a series of steps, beginning with presentation of the child, at visits, and during the first 30 days of placement. However, it is not good to leave all of the “bad stuff” until last. "You don't want families to invest themselves emotionally and then hit them with a background that includes severe abuse or a history of fire-setting," says Donley-Zeigler.
http://www.adoptions.com/aecbackgnd.cfm#when
Website, 11 pp, 2005, English
Disclosure

Your Rights and Responsibilities: A Guide For Expectant Parents Considering Adoption
by Brenda Romanchik
This guide book helps expectant parents considering adoption understand the "system" by exploring their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities. Includes sections on adoption law and policy, things to know about the hospital stay, foster care and much more.
Paperback, 21 pp, 1999, English

Adoption And Disclosure: A Review Of The Law
by CWLA
In this overview of the legal developments around disclosure of health and background information in adoption, part one reviews the major court decisions in this area and summarizes the judicial trends. Part two reviews statutory law regarding such disclosure and charts the various ways in which states have defined the nature and scope of the duty to disclose non-identifying information.
Paperback, 61 pp, 1997, English
Children With Prenatal Alcohol And/Or Other Drug Exposure: Weighing The Risks Of Adoption
by Susan B. Edelstein
Designed primarily for professionals, this book offers practical suggestions, recommendations and food for thought for preparing, counseling and working with prospective adoptive parents who are considering adopting an infant or child who has been prenatally exposed to alcohol and/or other drugs.
Paperback, 105 pp, 1995, English

Teen Dad Point Of View
by Cambridge Education
The majority of information and intervention programs in recent years have primarily focused on teen mothers. This program addresses an aspect of teen pregnancy that few, if any, other programs have dealt with - teen pregnancy from the teen father's point of view. This insightful video is structured to provide an in-depth look at how young men deal with sex, birth control, and pregnancy of a girlfriend.
Video, viewing time 40 min, 1994, English

Teenage Pregnancy
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
This video aims to provide teenagers with a realistic picture of the responsibilities of raising a child today. The consequences of sexual activity are explored and myths about pregnancy explained. We follow one teenager through pregnancy to show "real life" issues.
Video, viewing time 30 min, English

Adoption & Prenatal Alcohol And Drug Exposure Research, Policy And Practice
by Richard P. Barth, David Brodzinsky and Madelyn Freundlich
This book provides important information on the impact of prenatal substance exposure and children's immediate health and well-being and the long-term implications for children's development. The ongoing services and supports that are needed for adoptive families and their substance exposed children to maximize positive outcomes.
Paperback, 292 pp, 2000, English

That’s What Drugs Took Me To: A Story Of Addiction And Teen Pregnancy
by WGBH Production
Anyone who works with teens will get a clear understanding of the process of addiction and recovery, the consequences of maternal drug use on the developing fetus, the impact of parenting, and the relationship between substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors such as unprotected sex.
Video, viewing time 25 min, 1993, English

Our Best Hope: Early Intervention with Prenatally Drug-Exposed Infants And Their Families
by Jane Stump
Offering a solid rationale for early treatment of and intervention with prenatally drug-exposed infants and their mothers, this monograph describes the philosophy, treatment techniques, and outcomes from a day treatment program in Honolulu.
Paperback, 65 pp, 1992, English

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Effects of In-utero Exposure

When Your Unborn Child Is On Drugs, Alcohol And Tobacco
by John Allen Bruce
A pregnant woman and her unborn baby are inextricably bound together by the placenta. Therefore, everything that the mother puts into her body goes directly to the fetus. What if the mother smokes, takes drugs or drinks alcohol? The developmental and long term effects on the child can be devastation to the child's survival and the future of both child and parents. Animation and statements from real parents of impaired children make this an important film for any woman in her reproductive years and for her partner as well.

Video, viewing 15 min, 1990, English

Recognizing And Managing Children With Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effects: A Guidebook
by Brenda McCreight, PhD.
For any parent or professional who needs to work with children with fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol effects (FAS/FAE), this important guide offers practical advice and solid information for dealing with its lifelong effects on behavior and learning. It covers the historical, medical, and social Taking aspects of FAS/FAE, and details the common behavioral characteristics associated with the condition. a developmental approach, the guide offers specific behavioral management techniques to be used with children with FAS/FAE from infancy through late adolescence. The author's own case studies are used to clarify psychological concepts and personalize FAS/FAE for the novice.

Paperback, 153 pp, 1997, English

Violence Prevention: What Every Parent Should Know
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Every school day in America, tens of thousands of students stay home for fear of becoming victims of violence. Arguments and fights between students while walking to and from school, at bus stops, and in one's own neighborhood are some commonplace that many children think solving problems through violence means is their only option.
This video clearly defines how children today view violence and how intervention strategies can be applied, beginning in the home setting.

Video, viewing time 28 min, 1996, English

Violence Prevention: What Middle School Teachers And Students Should Know
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
The most urgent problem confronting education today is how to prevent our schools from becoming breeding grounds for violence. This program addresses the problem at the middle school level so that educators, parents, and students can begin to embrace non-violent methods of conflict resolution/ crisis intervention at a manageable stage in a child's development. The video presents three overall strategies to help students cope with increasingly serious levels of hostility.

Video, viewing time 27 min, 1996, English

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Adopting The Hurt Child: Hope For Families With Special Needs Kids
by Gregory Keck, PhD. and Regina M. Kupecky, LSW
Children who have endured emotional and physical atrocities, failed reunifications, and losses associated with multiple moves in the foster care system, present unique challenges to their adoptive families. By integrating social, psychological and sociopolitical issues, this book explains how trauma and interruptions affect children's normal development and severely undermine their capacity to function in a loving family and in society. How are children damaged? What are the age specific problems, and most important, what are the solutions?
Hardcover, 255 pp, 1998, English

Life Skills Activities For Secondary Students With Special Needs
by Darlene Mannix
Use this program to prepare your special needs children with the basic every day living skills they need for independence and success. The activities include discussion questions, related exercises, and evaluation suggestions, along with complete teacher direction for effective use. Materials include reproducible parent activities to use in conjunction with youth activities.
Paperback, 523 pp, 1995, English

Tender Healing
by Dr. Vera Fahlberg
Designed for parents caring for children who have been abused or neglected. The focus is on the extraordinary power of the family to help kids heal: Helping children make transitions, build attachments, and strategies for discipline.
Video, viewing time 40 min, 1998, English

Parenting The Hurt Child: Helping Adoptive Families Heal And Grow
by Gregory C. Keck, PhD. and Regina M. Kupecky L.S.W.
Some adoptee come to their new homes with hurts from the past that can affect the entire family. With informed parenting, your adopted child can heal, grow and develop.
Hardcover, 256 pp, 2002, English

Understanding ADHD: Diagnosis & Treatment
by The Academic Edge

ADHD affects between 5 and 10 percent of school-age children, with more boys diagnosed than girls. This means that some 3.8 million school-age children and, therefore, nearly eight million parents, may face the things you face everyday. This three part video covers - Assessment: What is ADHD? How is it diagnosed, who is involved, and how parents can help? Treatment: What are some common and effective strategies for supporting children with ADHD? Maintaining Treatment: What can be done to ensure that strategies remain effective over time?
DVD, viewing time XX min, 2003, English

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Emotional and Mental Illness

Can This Child Be Saved? Solutions For Adoptive And Foster Families
by Foster W. Cline, M.D, Cathy Helding
Some children have been severely and permanently damaged by their pasts resulting in behavioral, psychiatric, emotional, and neurological disorders. This book offers help hope, encouragement and support. It explores and validates parents' feelings and offers struggling families easy-to-understand techniques that work with disturbed children.
Paperback, 357 pp, 1999, English

Forms For Use In Counseling Children
by Lawrence E. Shapiro, Ph. D
This unique book contains dozens of forms commonly used to help children and families. Each form comes with a straightforward explanation for the child’s therapist or counselor and can be easily copied for use by the professional.
Paperback, 152 pp, 1995, English

Forms For Helping The ADHD Child
by Lawrence E. Shapiro, Ph. D
This book has been designed for the professionals who works with the parents and teachers of ADHD children. The forms will aid in assessment, collecting data, planning treatment, and implementing the treatment plan.
Paperback, 100 pp, 1995, English

Forms For Helping The Oppositional Child
by Whitney Roban, PhD.
This practical book serves as an adjunct to any type of therapy with oppositional children. Included are dozens of forms that cover the counseling process from assessment to termination. They were created to be used as tools by the therapist, child, parent, and teacher, in order to facilitate the therapeutic process.
Paperback, 114 pp, 1998, English

Forms For Helping The Socially Fearful Child
by Hennie M. Shore
This book is intended to help those who work with children who are fearful and anxious in social situations. The book includes sections on assessing symptoms, implementing treatment techniques, and assessing progress.
Paperback, 2000, 113 pp, English

Forms For Helping Children With O.C.D
by E. Katia Moritz, PhD.
This book was created for the therapist working with children with OCD. The wide array of forms cover important areas in the therapeutic process such as assessment of symptoms, psycho education, targeting the symptoms and homework assignments.
Paperback, 103 pp, 1998, English
Emotional and Mental Illness

Troubled Transplants: Unconventional Strategies For Helping Disturbed Foster And Adopted Children
by Richard Delaney, PhD. And Frank R. Kunstal, Ed.
Troubled Transplants, includes a book and video, that will provide insights into the negative impact of the disturbed child in the foster or adoptive family. It presents practical treatment strategies for addressing puzzling, exhausting problems of today's foster and adoptive children.
Paperback, 169 pp, Video, viewing 15 min, 1997, English

The Healing Power Of The Family: An Illustrated Overview Of Life With The Disturbed Foster Or Adopted Child
by Richard J. Delaney, PhD
This book offers a user-friendly approach to the understanding and treatment of disturbed foster and adopted children. It presents a variety of concepts the most common behavior and emotional problems and the appropriate family based interventions.
Paperback, 114 pp, 1997, English

ADHD: What Can We Do?
by Russell A. Barkley
This video discusses the treatments that can help individuals lead more successful, happy and productive lives. It offers an introduction for professionals and families to ADHD and a variety of techniques for managing it. Use it for teacher-in-service training, support groups or group therapy
Video, viewing time 36 min, 1992, English

Put Yourself In Their Shoes: Understanding Teenagers with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
by Harvey C. Parker, PhD
How ADHD affects the lives of adolescents at home, in school, in the workplace, and in social relationships. Chapters discuss how to get a good assessment, treatments and medications, building positive communication, problem solving, ADHD and delinquency.
Paperback, 229 pp, 1999, English

Developmental Disabilities And Child Welfare
by Ronald Hughes & Judith Rycus
This book reviews the developmental disabilities that commonly seen by child welfare workers: cerebral palsy, epilepsy, mental retardation, spina bifida, autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, and fetal alcohol syndrome. It then discusses the services that are needed and the role that the child welfare field plays in providing these services.
Paperback, 134 pp, 1998, English

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*What Every Teacher Should Know About ADD*
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
This text explains what Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) is and is not. More importantly, this program gives teachers of elementary age children proven and practical strategies on how to manage disruptive, inattentive, and hyperactive children. As well, this program covers the importance of developing a teamwork approach which includes other educators, parents, and health professionals.

*Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English*

*ADHD: What Do We Know?*
by Russell A. Barkey
Describes the characteristics of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), which is a biological problem involving an under activity in those centers of the brain responsible for sustaining motivation and effort over time. It discusses the differing degrees and the prevalence of this condition, as well as problems associated with it. This expertly-written video offers an introduction for professionals and families to ADHD and a variety of techniques for managing it. Use it for teacher-in-service training, support groups or group therapy.

*Video, viewing time 36 min, 1992, English*

*Can’t You Sit Still? Adoption And Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*
by Randolph W. Severson, PhD
Experts state that the incidence of ADHD is far greater among adopted children than in the general population. This book, written specifically for adoptive parents, offers eloquent but practical advice about ADHD, in addition to providing concrete, inventive advice about behavior management, medication, and diet.

*Paperback, 70 pp, 1990, English*

*ADHD - A Teenager’s Guide*
by James J. Crist, PhD.
This guide and audio tape provides answers to questions teens want to know about ADHD. Topics include getting through high school and college, depression, learning disabilities and more, to help the child learn how to cope and become more productive.

*Paperback and audio tape, 175 pp, 1997, English*

*ADHD In The Young Child: A Guide For Parents And Teachers Of Young Children With ADHD*
by Cathy Reimers, PhD and Bruce A. Brunger
This book offers information and advice for parents and teachers working with preschool children with ADHD. Topics include improving social skills, communicating, and managing the behavior of an ADHD child. Charts, activity sheets, report forms, and a list of support services provide more useful ideas.

*Paperback, 195 pp, 1999, English*
What Every Parent Should Know About ADD - Part 1 And 2
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
This video defines clearly what attention Deficit Disorder is and is not, giving parents a virtual behavioral roadmap to determine if their children exhibit any one of the leading symptoms of these conditions. It also brings a team of professionals into your facility with concise and direct answers to commonly asked questions about Attention Deficit Disorder.
Video, viewing time 30 min, 1998, English

One-on-One: Working With Low-Functioning Children With Autism And Other Learning Disabilities
by Marilyn Chassman
Developed by author Marilyn Chassman, this program chronicles a five year effort to home school her son Brian, a child with autism who exhibited very aggressive behaviors and was non-communicative. The video records Chassman working with her son and highlights her teaching techniques. It focuses on reducing aggression, developing communication skills, and learning to trace letters.
Video/book, viewing time 25 min, 2000, English

ADHD And LD: Powerful Teaching Strategies And Accommodations
by Sandra Reif
See how you can engage students' attention, differentiate instruction in the classroom, manage the classroom, and collaborate for success. Cultural and environmental issues are highlighted, including how school staff can address these difficult challenges to nurture ADHD/LD students.
Video, viewing time 52 min, 2004, English

All About Attention Deficit Disorder
by Thomas W. Phelan, PhD.
This two part video series highlights all of these important issues: basic symptoms of ADD, effects on school, work home and social life, seven indicators to predict the future, how to diagnose ADD, how to treat ADD through counseling, school interventions, behavior management and medication.
Video, viewing time Part 1: 108 min, Part 2: 85 min, 1990, English

Why Can't Michael Pay Attention?
by Learning Seed
Learn the three main symptoms of ADHD - inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity, watch an assessment interview with a psychologist. Michael’s pediatrician gives him a thorough exam to rule out physical illnesses that mimic or contribute to learning disabilities. His parents are reluctant to resort to medication and learn the limits and benefits of medication for a child with ADHD.
Video, viewing time 21 min, 1998, English
Emotional and Mental Illness

*When Love Is Not Enough: How Mental Health Professionals Can Help Special Needs Adoptive Families*
by Marian Sandmaier
Family Service of Burlington County is a private, nonprofit mental health agency in New Jersey. Since 1983, Family service has provided counseling and therapy services to families and children during and after the adoption process. This book grew out of its wish to share with other clinical services the knowledge and skills gained in serving several hundred families.

*Paperback, 82 pp, 1988, English*

*Responding To Alcohol And Other Drug Problems In Child Welfare*
by Nancy K. Young, Sidney L. Gardner and Kimberly Dennis
Many parents who come into contact with the child welfare system use and/or abuse alcohol and other drugs (AOD), and that abuse impairs their parenting skills and threatens the safety of their children. This text reviews innovative practices in both the child welfare and substance abuse treatment fields, including changes in approaches to families, in interviewing techniques, in community partnerships and in using treatment outcomes to determine which programs are most effective for clients.

*Paperback, 179 pp, 1998, English*

*The Mental Health Challenge Of Special Needs Adoption: A Resource Book for Professionals Working With Adoptive Families*
by Children’s Services Division State of Oregon
This handbook is based on the premise that working together, adoptive workers, families and therapists can give children with special needs a chance to connect, attach, and have the security and protection of a permanent family. It is intended to aid therapists, counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers in understanding the differences in children who have experienced adoption. It discusses how the system intervenes, how the child reacts and the role of birth parents and adoptive parents. It also discusses therapy considerations that may be warranted based on the child’s needs.

*Paperback, 116 pp, 1989, English*

*Medical, Social, And Emotional Issues Related To International Adoption*
by Dr. Debra Schell-Frank
As the mother of a child adopted from Romania and a consultant with the Parent Network for the Post-Institutionalized child, Dr. Schell-Frank discusses issues pertinent to families before and post adoption. Brain development, attachment, bonding, early intervention, and support strategies are discussed.

*Video, 1999, English*

*Parenting Children With Learning Differences: LD, AD/HD*
by Sunburst Communications
The main objective of this program is to offer parents who have a learning disabled or AD/HD child the hope and direction they need to deal with the special challenges they face. Viewing the program and using the handouts will help parents gain insight, feel more optimistic and build on their child's strengths.

*Videocassette and Viewer’s Guide, viewing time 45 min, 1999, English*
Emotions of Adoption

**Adopted Teens Only**
by Danea Gorbett
This guide tackles the tough issues that parents are often reluctant to discuss with their teenager. Adopted teenagers will discover what feelings and thoughts are common to the adoptive experience, what adoptive parents feel, what birth parents feel, what emotional issues are connected with search and reunion, how to talk to parents about adoption questions and how being adopted with help them in becoming an adult.
*Paperback, 84 pp, 2004, English*

**Filling In The Blanks: A Guided Look At Growing Up Adopted**
by Susan Gabel
A workbook that is the perfect tool for helping adolescents to organize their adoption stories and to express their feelings about adoption.
*Paperback, 158 pp, 1988, English*

**Adoption Forum: Intimate Discussions To Unite The Triad In Healing**
by Kasey Hamner
This book is a must read for all members of the adoption Triad and for those who work in the helping professions. It will help you gain valuable insights about how each adoption experience is unique in its own way and that not all feel or react the same about particular issues. It should also assist you to understand that the power for healing lies within the individual and with those who have also experienced adoption in their journey through life.
*Paperback, 272 pp, 2002, English*

**How It Feels To Be Adopted**
by Jill Krementz
Interviews with adopted children and adoptive families about their experiences and feelings concerning adoption. In these wonderfully straightforward accounts of what it means to children to be adopted, nineteen boys and girls from eight to sixteen, and from every social background, confide their feelings about this crucial fact in their lives.
*Paperback, 107 pp, 1982, English*

**Helping Children Cope With Separation And Loss**
by Claudia Jewett-Jarratt
A death, a divorce, a loved one's illness, or even a family move is the occasion of grief and despair for a child, and the pain can last for years. Here is compassionate, step-by-step guidance for any concerned adult who wants to help a child talk about, cope with, and recover from a loss. In this revised edition of a best-selling work, Claudia Jewett Jarratt offers warm advice, specific techniques, and innovative ideas for helping children overcome the sadness, anger, and anxiety they feel during a difficult time. This is a book for parents and teachers, family and friends, counselors and other professionals - for anyone who cares about children and their well-being.
*Paperback, 232 pp, 1993, English*
**Emotions of Adoption**

*Secret Thoughts Of An Adoptive Mother*
by Jana Wolff
This book reveals the hidden emotions that so many adoptive parents are afraid or embarrassed to share, believing they are alone in feeling this way - feelings of amusement and terror, surrealism and sarcasm, familiarity and alienation. You won't be able to put it down until you have read it from cover to cover.

*Paperback, 167 pp, 1999, English*

*Homework's 1: Helping Children And Youths Manage Separation And Loss*
by Eileen Mayers Pasztor and Maureen Leighton
Helping Children and Youths Manage Separation and Loss provides basic information about separation, loss, and the grieving process to help the foster parents or adoptive parents understand the loss history of the child in their care, its effect on growth and development, and ways to help the child cope with angry or sad feelings and behaviors.

*Paperback, 72 pp, 1993, English*

*Separation And Loss Issues For Foster And Birth Families*
by Dr. Vera Fahlberg
Every foster child experiences the pain of separation and loss. In this video, Dr. Fahlberg opens up the subject with foster parents and teens as well as adults who spent their teen years in foster care. Together, they offer valuable insights and sound advice on helping kids adjust to foster care. It includes ways to strengthen child’s relationships with foster and birth parents.

*Video, viewing time 80 min, 1996, English*

*Saying Goodbye To A Baby: Volume 1 - The Birthparents Guide To Loss and Grief In Adoption*
by Patricia Roles
A book, for both adoptive parents and birth parents planning on placing a baby for adoption. You will find this book very helpful in knowing what is to come, especially in terms of the grief that is experienced after the baby's placement. It is quite thorough and covers many aspects of adoption from a birthmother's point of view, from making the decision, to the baby's birth, to dealing with feelings after placement.

*Paperback, 92 pp, 1989, English*

*Adoption Piece By Piece: Lifelong Issues*
by Sara Graefe
Lifelong Issues covers the core topics of adoption with chapters on grief and loss, open adoption, attachment, identity, search and reunion, disruption, single parent and gay lesbian adoption, and inter-racial families. Experts included in the collection are Lois Melina, Pat Johnston, Robert O’Connor and many others.

*Paperback, 219 pp, 2003, English*
Emotions of Adoption

Saying Goodbye To A Baby: Volume 2 - A Counselor's Guide To Birthparents Loss & Grief In Adoption
by Patricia Roles
Society does not always recognize the right and the need of birthparents to grieve. For their child, in order get on with their lives, and have other children later on. Now, professionals in the field of adoption have begun to realize and acknowledge that a grief process occurs following relinquishment of an infant.
Paperback, 92 pp, 1991, English

Zachary's New Home: A Story For Foster And Adopted Children
by Geraldine M. Blomquist, M.S.W and Paul B. Blomquist
Zachary still remembers his "real" parents and finds that adjusting to life as Marie and Tom's adopted son is sometimes a painful reality. Zachary, a little kitten, is confused and concerned. He doesn't understand why he has to move from his first family to a foster family and then to an adoptive family. He is angry at the changes in his life. He thinks that no one loves him. ZACHARY'S NEW HOME provides the opportunity to open up communication within the family.
Paperback, 29 pp, 1990, English

Adoption Wisdom: A Guide To The Issues And Feelings Of Adoption
by Marlou Russell PhD.
This book offers insight and understanding of adoptee, birth parents and adoptive parents. It includes chapters on Adoption Awareness, Basic Truths, Search and Reunion and an Ideal Adoption.
Paperback, 204 pp, 1996, English

Depression: On The Edge
by Sue Castle
One out of every eight teens are seriously depressed, but never seek help. This video stresses early identification and treatment as the most effective weapon in battling depression and suicide. The sooner teens learn the facts, the sooner they can help themselves and their peers.
DVD, viewing time 30 min, 1998, English

Adoption Healing: A Path To Recovery
by Joe Soll
In this unique book, the reader is provided with a description of the unfolding of the adoptee's personality from birth, detailing each developmental milestone along the way, followed by different methods of healing the adoptee's wounds, including inner child work, visualizations, healing affirmations, and anger management. Every chapter includes a Myths and Realities of adoption section, a summary of the chapter and exercises to do on one's own.
Paperback, 191 pp, 2000, English

Twenty Life Transforming Choices Adoptee Need to Make
by Sherrie Eldridge
Sherrie Eldridge has interviewed more than 70 adoptee, who transparently share their powerful stories. For and by adoptee, this book invigorates the healing process by engaging the difficult questions and emphasizing your ability to take control of your emotions through the choices you make.
Hardcover, 287 pp, 2003, English

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*Whose Child? An Adoptee's Healing Journey From Relinquishment Through Reunion...And Beyond*
by Kasey Hamner
Whose Child? is an account of one adoptee's life story written for members of the adoption community, helping professionals, or anyone touched by adoption. It spans from relinquishment through reunion to help the reader develop a better understanding of the lifelong emotional aspects of adoption and reunion.
*Paperback, 299 pp, 2000, English*

*The Third Choice: A Women's Guide To Placing A Child For Adoption*
by Leslie Foge & Gail Mosconi
The guide begins with an overview of the adoption process in this country, gives input and consideration to women first finding out about their pregnancies. It will take you through the process of their pregnancy, the birth, grief and recovery period afterwards.
*Paperback, 160 pp, 1999, English*

*Windows: Healing And Helping Through Loss*
by Mary Joe Hannaford and Michael Popkin
This video-based discussion program helps participants explore their own ways of coping with grief, loss and disappointment. It will teach participants about the loss process and provide an opportunity for them to heal some of their unresolved losses. The skills needed to help others handle loss are systematically taught in a six-step model.
*Video, viewing time 64 min, 1992, English*

*Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parent Knew*
by Sherrie Eldridge
Eldridge brings an original approach to the topic of adoption. In an attempt to inform adoptive parents of the unique issues adoptee face, she discusses adoptee anger, mourning, and shame and adoption acknowledgment while using case studies to illustrate how parents can better relate to their adopted child. This book gives voice to children's unspoken concerns and shows adoptive parents how to free their kids from feeling fear, abandonment and shame with warmth and candor.
*Paperback, 222 pp, 1999, English*

*Perspectives On A Grafted Tree: Thoughts From Those Touched By Adoption*
by Patricia Irwin Johnston
These illustrated poems describe the blend of gain and loss, happiness and pain, which are all part of the adoption experiences. It was written by adoptee, birthparents, members of adoptive families, adoption professionals, and others. This is a book for everyone whose life been touched by adoption.
*Hardcover, 143 pp, 1983, English*
Emotions of Adoption

**Why Didn't She Keep Me? Answers To The Questions Every Adopted Child Asks**
by Barbara Burlingham-Brown
This is a collection of moving, revealing, honest and personal stories of women who faced un-expected, unplanned pregnancies and answered with adoption. Here, in their own words, are revealed the experiences and situations of 15 women who gave up their babies for adoption. The result is a book that is a must-read for anyone contemplating placement of a child for adoption or hoping to adopt.
**Paperback, 169 pp, 1994, English**

**Adoption Question And Answers**
There are many emotions that correspond with adoption. Regret is one of those emotions that is unpredictable. However, knowing that you can choose a family that you are comfortable with and creating an adoption plan that meets your needs will help you feel confident about your adoption.
http://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/faq_browse
**Website, 6 pp, 2005, English**

**All About Adoption: How Families Are Made And How Kids Feel About It**
by Marc Nemiroff and Jane Annunziata
For children adopted at any age and from any country, All About Adoption explores the what, how and why of adoption, as well as the many feelings kids can experience as they grow up.
**Paperback, 48 pp, English**

**Healing The Adoption Experience: Proven Techniques For Healing**
by Nancy Parkhill
Finally a book about adoption that has proven techniques for improving the life of the Adult Adoptee. It helps you to remove the shame connected with being adopted; the grief that is on a cellular level can finally be dealt with! This book tells the story of the early life of Peggy Barnes, and moves the adopted child through leaving the orphanage to life with her adoptive parents, where she was renamed Nancy Parkhill. This book is written for the Adult Adoptee, the Therapist that works with adult adoptee, the adoptive family, and the birth mother.
**Paperback, 147 pp, 2004, English**

**From Loss To Attachment: Building Healthy Adoptive Families**
by Dee Paddock, M.A., NCC
Adoption is created out of compelling needs and profound losses for everyone involved. This video discusses how to understand the loss that both parent and child undergo in adoption, while building the attachments that create a family.
**Video, 1999, English**

**Birthparent Grief**
by Brenda Romanchik
Placing a child for adoption is a huge loss that few understand. Ms. Romanchik, a birthmother, takes the mystery out of the experience by helping birthparents define the loss and understand the grieving process. Not only for birthparents, this is a great book for anyone who wants to help a birthparent through a very difficult time.
**Booklet, 17 pp, 1999, English**
Emotions of Adoption

Coming Home To Self; The Adopted Child Grows Up
by Nancy Newton Verrier
Although written with adult adoptee in mind, this book can help anyone who has had early childhood trauma or who feels as if he or she is living an unauthentic life. From understanding basic trauma and the neurological consequences to step-by-step ways to heal from trauma, it will help readers discover a more authentic self, take responsibility for that self and discover one's own spiritual path.
Paperback, 486 pp, 2003, English

Core Issues In Adoption
by Spaulding for Children
This video discusses issues unique to adoption (separation, loss and grief; bonding and attaching; claiming; entitlement; mastery and control; unmatched expectations; family integration; identity formation) through interviews with adoptive parents, adult adoptee and birth parents. By discussing the ways that they have worked through these issues, the individuals on the tape reinforce the idea that adoption is different. Their candor provokes excellent discussion about these core issues and helps the audience gain an understanding of the lifelong impact of forming a family in this way.
Video, 1996, 25 min, English

Adoption and Loss - The Hidden Grief
by Evelyn Burns Robinson
This book provides three ways of looking at losing a child to adoption: the personal story of a mother, the psychological disenfranchised grief that grows over time for all mothers who lose their children to adoption, and the political dimensions of these losses in society. It is an excellent resource for those who want to understand the effects of taking children from mothers for the benefit of others.
Paperback, 223 pp, 2003, English

I Have Roots And Branches: Personal Reflections On Adoption
by Flory G. Herman
This documentary style film features adoptee ranging in age from childhood to adulthood, sharing their deepest thoughts and emotions on the adoption experience which has profoundly shaped their lives and those of their loved ones. Find out firsthand how it feels to be adopted and discover that all kids have common experiences growing up in their homes, surrounded by the families they know and love. The film conveys a positive, encouraging and honest message about adoption and is most appropriate for children viewers.
DVD, Viewing time 47 minutes, 2004, English

Who Is David?: The Story Of An Adopted Adolescent And His Friends
by Evelyn Nerlove
David Brooks feels angry, afraid and alienated about being adopted. These feelings, which he is unable to discuss with his parents, cause antisocial behavior. Joining a discussion group composed of other adopted teenagers is pivotal to his emotional development and gradual acceptance of himself. By attending a children's service bureau workshop, David meets other adopted teenagers and comes to terms with his identity as an adopted child.
Paperback, 113 pp, 1995, English

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*A Child Called It*
by Dave Pelzer
This autobiographical account charts the abuse of a young boy as his alcoholic mother first isolates him from the rest of the family; then torments him; and finally nearly kills him through starvation, poisoning, and one dramatic stabbing. Pelzer's portrayal of domestic tyranny and eventual escape is unforgettable, but falls short of providing understanding of extreme abuse or how he made his journey from 'Victim to Victor.' It takes some work to get past the poor writing and the self-aggrandizing back matter, but the book tries fervently to provide a much-needed perspective. One of the greater obstacles to healing for males is admitting that they have been victims, especially if their perpetrator is a woman.

*Paperback, 195 pp, 1995, English*

*The Essential Link: Attachment Information For Adoptive Parents*
by Susan Ward
The Essential Link: Attachment Information for Adoptive Parents is a practical, easy to read booklet. It includes sections on What Is Attachment, How to Facilitate Attachment, Attachment Interventions, Living with Attachment Disorder, and a list of resources. It also includes a forward from an attachment therapist. This booklet, Attachment and Bonding for Adoptive Parents, provides adoptive parents of any age child a summary of what attachment is and information to help you and your child become securely attached. This topic cannot be overlooked by adoption agencies, parents, or adoptive support personnel if our goal is to create happy, well functioning, successful individuals and families. Attachment takes time. It takes energy. It takes commitment…on behalf of the parents. Your child, no matter what her age when she comes to live with you, is subjected to great stresses: new foods, new smells, new sounds, grief, sadness, loneliness, and more. It is the responsibility of parents to help the child to adjust and attach to her new family during this stressful time.

*Paperback, 24 pp, 2004, English*

*Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search For Self*
by David M. Brodzinsky, Marshall D. Schechter, and Robin M. Henig
The authors have used the voices of the adoptees themselves to trace their adoption experiences from infancy through late adulthood. They use as their model Erik Erikson's seven stage life cycle, which describes important psychosocial tasks that confront people as they move from infancy to old age. It will open doors for thousands of adoptees who at one time or another have wondered why they felt a particular way and had no place to turn for the answer.

*Paperback, 213 p, 1993, English*

*Meditations for Adoptive Parents*
by Vernell Klassen Miller
These readings and meditations attempt to address the reverence and uniqueness of the adoption experience. Each has a specific prayer focus that will touch and present the holy experience of adoption into words.

*Paperback, 88 p, 1992, English*
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Eden's Secret Journal: The Story Of An Older Child Adoption
by Brenda McCreight
Eden's Secret Journal is written as a diary of a foster child who is being adopted by a single woman. It is illustrated throughout and covers the story of Eden's early life and her reactions to growing up in the foster-care system as well as issues faced by foster children everywhere. It is geared for pre-adolescent children but is of value to professionals and foster or adoptive parents as well. It is poignant and written in a straightforward and simple language that is deeply moving without being maudlin.
Paperback, 59 pp, 2003, English

Getting Ready For Adoption
by Theresa L. McCoy, BSW
This kid-friendly work book will help prepare the older child for adoption. Inviting and easy-to-follow, Getting Ready For Adoption guides both the social worker and the child through each step of the adoption process. Explanations and hands-on activities help to answer questions; explore hidden fears or fantasies; work through abuse, trust and love issues; build self-esteem; and prepare the child to handle new experiences and adjustments. This book is a must for older children being adopted.
Paperback, 56 pp, 1993, English

Joining New Families: A Study Of Adoption And Fostering In Middle Childhood
by David Quinton, Alan Rushton, Cherilyn Dance and Deborah Mayes
A comprehensive book by four leading researchers into the placements of older adoptive and foster children with disrupted pasts. Based on the stories of 61 children, the families with whom they were permanently placed, and their social workers, this in-depth study examines many critical aspects of the first year of placement. Sheds light on the complex reasons placements may succeed or fail. A valuable resource for anyone involved in establishing permanent placements for children.
Paperback, 266 pp, 1998, English

Older Child Adoption
by Grace Robinson
The interviews and stories present a realistic picture of the challenges and opportunities that adoptive parents of older children must face. The author focuses on her personal experience, as well as the issues and challenges of 33 other families.
The book will help you recognize and prepare for the situations that lie ahead. It also points out the therapeutic services we need to have in place to help children heal in families.
Paperback, 180 pp, 1998, English

Adopting The Older Child
by Claudia L. Jewett
A first-rate examination of the older-child adoption process which reckons with the feelings and reactions of everyone involved, including foster parents, adoptive and biological children, and the intermediating social workers. Jewett characterizes the entire sequence from the viewpoint of each participant without neglecting the red-tape that can delay or distress, and uses five composite cases to illuminate the more common stumbling blocks and dividends. It gives practical, caring advice on how to handle each situation.
Paperback, 308 pp, 1979, English

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Parenting Your Adopted Older Child: How To Overcome The Unique Challenges And Raise A Happy And Healthy Child
by Brenda McCreight, PhD.  
Written with understanding and care PARENTING YOUR ADOPTED OLDER CHILD is a comprehensive, practical look at overcoming the various challenges of raising a child adopted over the age of two. These range from complex issues like ADHD and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome to simpler, but no less challenging ones such as self-identity and creating a sense of belonging. This book is a step-by-step guide to identifying a child's individual needs and helping him or her to progress from a past life to a new family.  
Paperback, 200 pp, 2002, English

Adoption And Disruption: Rates, Risks And Responses
by Richard P. Barth, Marianne Berry  
A welcome resource that informs both the policy and practice of older-child adoption. This book analyzes the personal and social economy values of adoption and the changing characteristics of adoptive children and families, and provides models of psychosocial adjustment to adoption. It explores in depth, the methods for identifying risk factors and strategies for maintaining adoptions which have been identified as at-risk for disruption.  
Hardcover, 261 pp, 1988, English

disAbility Awareness
by Louise Welsh Schrank  
A film about inclusion demonstrating how the disabled can be accepted and included in regular classrooms and in social situations. It helps viewers think about how they feel when confronted with people with disabilities, raises awareness of negative language, and gives specific tips on how to behave with a person who is blind, deaf, or in a wheel chair.  
Video and guide, viewing time 19 min, 1999, English

Adoption And The Americans With Disabilities Act: An Issue Brief
by Madelyn Freundlich and Lisa Peterson  
Since the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law in 1990, adoption agencies have been on notice that they must exercise caution when using disability related criteria in the selection of adopted parents. Part I of this book reviews the nondiscrimination mandates of the ADA, discusses who it protects, outlines sanctions for violations and describes the relevant case law, Part II addresses the extent to which the ADA may apply and identifies considerations agencies might take into account in making decisions about prospective parents based on disability-related concerns.  
Paperback, 65 pp, 2000, English

Parenting Children With Special Needs
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller  
Helps parents prepare for the unique challenges of raising a child with mental or physical disabilities. Emphasis is placed on children from infancy through early childhood. This program will help parents prepare for the unique challenges of raising children with disabilities.  
Video, viewing time 28 min, 1995, English

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**19 Steps Up The Mountain: The Story Of The Debolt Family**  
by Joseph P. Blank  
The Amazing Story of America's Most Adoptive Family... In addition to their six 'biological' children, they became parents to thirteen others--Korean, Vietnamese, and American born...Many have such severe handicaps they were considered unadoptable.  
**Paperback, 234 pp, 1982, English**

**Our Own: Adopting And Parenting The Older Child**  
by Trish Maskew  
In this thorough guide to the adoption of older children, Maskew--a mother of three, including two boys adopted at ages five and nine--argues that there's a big gap between the fantasy of adoption and its reality. While it was once thought that lots of love and a good home would take care of the problems inherent in adopting a child, families and social workers now know that that is not true. Raising adopted children is not the same as raising birth children, as Maskew knows, and she offers ideas and advice that are both practical and extensive. She deals with racism, problems around the holidays, disabled and special-needs children, and international adoptee. In a society that still views adoption as second best to birthing a child, Maskew sees commitment and support as the keys; love will come along.  
**Paperback, 282 pp, 2003, English**

**How To Find A Permanent Home For Every Child In Foster Care**  
by Von Ende Communications  
This workshop will offer a variety of nontraditional/non-high-tech ideas about how to find permanent families for every teenager living in foster care whose permanency goal is either discharge to adoption or discharge to nobody but oneself (independent living). The presenters will pay special attention to and share specific techniques for teens living in congregate care facilities.  
**Audiocassette, English**

**Chosen Families**  
by Kay Marshall Strom  
Chosen families is a book to help people decide whether to adopt and how to go about it. The author explains what options are available (including interracial, handicapped, and older children) and the problems an adoptive family is likely to encounter.  
**Hardcover, 240 pp, 1985, English**

**Chaos, Madness, and Unpredictability: Placing The Child With Ears Like Uncle Harry's (The Spaulding Approach To Adoption)**  
by Christopher Unger  
At Spaulding for Children, a highly successful adoption agency they find families for older and handicapped children traditionally considered hard-to-place or "unadoptable." Here is the story of this agency and its leadership in the growing movement to find permanent families for the children formerly left to live their lives in foster care and institutions.  
**Paperback, 274 pp, 1977, English**
We Adopted A Dusty Miller: One Family's Journey With An Attachment Disorder Child
by Phyllis K. Bosley
We Adopted a Dusty Miller is a spellbinding and unusually frank narration of the roller coaster ride parents experience when they love a difficult child and are not successful in finding help. A strong marriage, a supportive family, a sense of humor, a persistent attitude, and the ability, finally, to let go of a heartbreaking situation combine to reveal a picture of the difficult journey many parents endure. The author tells in rapid succession the experiences and feelings that are common to parents of children suffering from Reactive Attachment Disorder, and/or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect. The book describes the behavior usually present in children who are in need of therapeutic care. It provides an argument for the development of wrap-around services for these children and their families, demonstrating the need for community understanding and support.
Paperback, 108 pp, 2000, English

The Cruelest Con: The Guide For A S.A.F.E. Adoption Journey
by Kelly Kiser-Mostrom
For nearly three years, author Kelly Kiser-Mostrom endured the nightmare of an adoption scam. Through her heart-wrenching personal journey, she focuses on the changing and often frightening world of adoption. She exposes the treachery behind adoption facilitator Sonya Furlow who exploited and defrauded forty-four adoptive parents of over $215,000, shattering their most basic dream in life-to have a family. The author points out the chilling truth about adoption laws in the United States. Facilitators are unregulated and laws vary from state to state, leaving the adoption world wide open for many kinds of criminal activities and baby buying.
Paperback, 145 pp, 2005, English

A Family For Every Child: Strategies To Achieve Permanence For Older Foster Children And Youth
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This manual highlights the strategies and creative approaches in the existing child welfare system to find families for older children and youth. The tool is organized into four major sections, and is available for download from http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/familytofamily/tools.htm. Section 1 presents the characteristics of older children in foster care for two years or more. Section 2 details the problems that keep older foster children from living permanently with families. Section 3 describes the emerging youth permanency philosophy.
Paperback, 72 pp, 2005, English

The Openness Puzzle: Looking At The Needs Of Older Adopted Children
by Von Ende Communications
Openness in older child adoptions is an area of importance that needs to be addressed. Often the philosophy of total disengagement from all birth family members rules the permanency plan. This workshop will take a look at openness for older children and address the factors that must be taken into account when considering some level of contact in older child adoptions.
Audiocassette, English
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Families Talk About...Foster Parenting
by James Sayre, MD
In this new video, foster parents discuss why they decided to foster children, how they handle the challenges they face, and the rewards of helping children in crisis.
DVD, Viewing time 24 min, 2005, English

Know The Facts: Foster Care Through The Eyes Of A Teen
by State Youth Advisory Board
This handbook is designed to help you navigate your way through the foster care system. It was written to assist you in knowing what type of questions to ask the adults involved with your life, what type of services are out there for you and how you can be involved instead of standing by and not having a voice in your own life.
Paperback, 32 pp, 1997, English

Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girls Story
by Theresa Cameron
This is an actual look at the inside of foster care from the perspective of a foster care child. Theresa Cameron tells of her life inside the foster care system. This is a must read for those who work with the foster care system so they can have a better understanding of what the children go through and how they feel. It's been written that "this story will help change the foster care system for children and that no child should have to go through such an ordeal."
Hardcover, 255 pp, 2002, English

Foster Parents Working With Birth Parents
by Dr. Vera Fahlberg
An interview with two experienced foster parents to discuss how they work with birth parents, how their attitudes about birth parents have changed over the years, and how to diminish the stereotypes foster and birth parents hold for each other.
Video, viewing time 50 min, 1996, English

Listening To Birth Families Forming Kinship Groups
by Dr Vera Fahlberg
Through a dialogue with a birth mother and her oldest daughter, and two foster mothers, we learn how kinship groups can be formed between children in the foster care system, their birth partners and their foster parents.
Video, viewing time 80 min, 1996, English

Voices Of Youth: Supporting Adolescents In Foster Care
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This video is part of the Family to Family Tools available from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It features youth sharing their experiences within the foster care program.
Video, Viewing time 17 min, 2001, English

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*Family Forever: Reunification Through Family Focused Foster Care*
by Prince George's County
This is an honest moving account of the complex relationships that develop among birth parents, foster parents and the social workers assisting both families.
**Video, viewing time 17 min, 1999, English**

*A Guidebook For Raising Foster Children*
by Susan McNair Blatt, M.D.
A useful, commonsense guide to foster parenting in the new millennium, for people just starting out as foster parents as well as those still only thinking about becoming care providers. The author covers a lot of ground, from the decision to become a foster parent to meeting the needs of medically or emotionally fragile children, infants through teens.
**Hardcover, 240 pp, 2003, English**

*Foster Care Solutions: Practical Tools For Foster Parents*
by Lana Temple-Plotz, M.S., Ted P. Stricklett, M.S., Christena B. Baker, M.S.W., and Michael N. Sterba, M.H.D.
More than half a million children today live in out-of-home care, and many have special problems. The need for well-trained, loving foster parents has never been greater. With this book, Girls and Boys Town offers these committed people the professional tools they need to not only care for foster children but to actually help them get better.
**Paperback, 309 pp, 2001, English**

*Toolbox No 2: Expanding The Role Of Foster Parents In Achieving Permanency*
by Susan Dougherty
Over the last decade, the role of a foster parent has evolved from that of a temporary caregiver to being an essential part of a professional team determining the best child welfare practice can be incorporated into the recruitment, training, and support of foster parents and ways that agencies can enhance the role of foster parents in a changing child welfare system.
**Paperback, 127 pp, 2001, English**

*Foster Youth Share Their Ideas For Change*
by Janet Knipe and Joy Warren
Foster youth share their ideas for change through thoughtful and personal remarks that can provide us with the critical resources needed to rethink our interventions at all points in the child welfare system. The authors lay out clear steps for exactly what can be done and why it makes sense.
**Paperback, 48 pp, 1999, English**

*Building Partnerships In Child Welfare*
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This video, focuses on efforts to keep foster children connected with their community. Key strategies of Family to Family include building community partnerships, recruiting and supporting foster families, team decision making, and self-evaluation.
**Video, Viewing time 16 min, 2001, English**

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Why Me? Entering Foster Care
by Jackson, Pamela
A children's book that discusses the feelings and the situations that place the child into the foster care system. The book will explain to the child that foster parents have to go to school to learn how to take care of children who are not their own.
Paperback, 46 pp, 2002, English

The Pain Beneath The Rage (Part of Ultimate Challenge Video Set)
by CWLA
This video focuses on issues of adolescents in the foster care system, and features Stacey, who has run away from home because of sexual abuse by her mother's boyfriend. It examines Stacey's first experience with positive parenting and shows how her foster parents address adolescent sexuality, the struggle for independence, birth family conflicts, and the effective use of community resources.
Video, viewing time 28 min, 2003, English

My Home, My Castle (Part of Ultimate Challenge Video Set)
by CWLA
This adolescent-focused docudrama features Kevin, a 17-year-old biracial youth who has experienced multiple placements. It addresses issues related to attachment and bonding, drug involvement, and foster parent adoption. Central themes are the importance of preparing foster families with realistic expectations, and the need for culturally responsive practice.
Video, viewing time 22 min, 2003, English

Annie: One Of The Lucky Ones (Part of Ultimate Challenge Video Set)
by: CWLA
This video takes a powerful look at the issues involved in caring for the child who has been sexually abused. This drama features eight-year-old Annie, sexually abused by her father, who is placed in foster care with her younger sister. This video shows how Annie's foster parents address the following issues: making a family decision to take Annie and her sister, receiving the children into their home and helping them feel safe, helping Annie with ambivalent feelings about her parents, handling acting out, and working with the social worker to support visiting and family reunification.
Video, viewing time 37 min, 2003, English

Preparing Adolescents For Life After Foster Care: The Central Role Of Foster Parents
by Anthony N. Maluccio, Robin Krieger, & Barbara A. Pine
Foster parents play the central role in helping adolescents prepare for life after foster care. This practice-oriented book provides comprehensive suggestions and strategies that foster parents and social workers may use to guide young people toward self-sufficiency.
Paperback, 225 pp, 1990, English
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Guidelines For The Development Of Foster Care Handbooks
by Maria Garin-Jones & Terry Harrak
Guidelines for the Development of Foster Care Handbooks
Entry into foster care is often a difficult transition for children, particularly when they have very little information on the system. To bridge the information gap, the Youth Involvement Initiative brought together youth currently or formerly in foster care to discuss the use and improvement of foster care handbooks. The basic standards of an effective handbook as developed by the group are documented here. The guidelines also include a list of key questions that should be addressed, critical subject areas to be covered, and an outline of the components of an effective handbook.

Paperback, 27 pp, 2001, English

When Do I Go Home? Intervention Strategies for Foster Parents And Helping Professionals
by Sally G Hoyle
The first section of the book, When Do I Go Home?, tells the story of Karli and her brother Jon. Karli and her baby brother have been taken from their home. She doesn’t know where her mother is, and now she and her brother are being placed in separate foster homes! The second part of the book identifies the challenges that arise when children like Karli and Jon are taken into an unfamiliar system. The author’s practical intervention strategies will help foster parents and other professionals meet the needs of these children with sensitivity and compassion.

Paperback, 40 pp, 1999, English

Foster Parent Retention And Recruitment: The State Of The Art In Practice And Policy
by Eileen Mayers Paszter & Susan F. Wynne
This report organizes into one document state-of-the-art information on foster parent retention and recruitment policies and practices developed over the past 20 years. Practical, detailed recommendations any agency can use to serve children, biological families, and foster families more effectively.

Paperback, 85 pp, 1995, English

Team Decision making: Involving Family And Community In Child Welfare Decisions
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
The Family to Family program advocates that children grow up in families. Decision making regarding the removal, reunification, and placement of children should be child focused and family centered. Support of families should be provided by local community agencies and services. This program contains excerpts of a "decision making meeting" and displays the essential elements of "team decision making" where families and social service providers work as a team in order to make child welfare decisions and then provide support to families by linking them to support services in their community.

Video, Viewing time 21 min, 2001, English
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Aging Out - 5 Part DVD Series
by Roger Weisberg
Leaving home at 18 always takes courage, but for foster teens it can be a frightening transition. Emmy award-winner Roger Weisberg's powerful new documentary series Aging Out follows five young people as they fend for themselves after being discharged from foster care. Each story offers a poignant, private view of the struggles they face and shows how their personalities and their choices either create or break down barriers. This series is a must see for youth, foster parents, and child welfare professionals.

5 Video Series - viewing time 16-20 min each, 2004, English

Aging Out: With No Direction Home
Thomas Hudson, a 20 years old African American, survived sexual abuse and several suicide attempts. He grew up without a family and aged out with nowhere to go. Still, he finishes high school, and in spite of many obstacles, finds work. He bounces around from place to place and from job to job and starts over again in Chicago, hoping to maintain his fragile independence and success.

Video, viewing time 24 min, 2004, English

Aging Out: Declaration Of Independence
Eighteen-Year-Old David Griffin has lived in 21 Foster homes since birth. Intelligent, unpredictable and self-destructive, he feels suffocated by a system that won't let him be independent. He goes AWOL, steals, lives on the street and is arrested and incarcerated. Charges are dropped and his case is closed. He talks about leaving the bad things behind and prepares for a new life in Alaska where no one knows him.

Video, viewing time 29 min, 2004, English

Aging Out: Bound And Determined
Escaping an abusive home, Daniella Anderson entered foster care at 16. At 19, she had a son, a job and hopes for college. Now she's struggling to fend for herself. This is an excellent portrayal of the choices young people immersed in the system face: to receive support from that system, or strike out on their own. It's a challenging choice.

Video, viewing time 26 min, 2004, English

Aging Out: Ready Or Not
Risa Bejarano almost beats the odds. Abused by her stepfather, separated from her siblings at 9, a veteran of 10 foster-care placements by 18, she excels in high school and enters college. Lacking family and financial support and battling addiction, she suffers a serious breakdown and leaves the university. She rallies, enters a community college and finds a job, but her story ends on a tragic note.

Video, viewing time 29 min, 2004, English

Aging Out: Case Closed
Keely Lopez is a 21 year old African American woman who aged out in 2002. She grew up on welfare, lost her mother to AIDS, a brother in a drug shooting and her father to alcohol abuse. She finds and loses jobs, sinks into depression, becomes pregnant and returns to welfare. The one thing she can control, she feels, is seeing that her child is never in foster care.

Video, viewing time 23 min, 2004, English
by Christena B. Baker, Ray V. Burke, Linda F. Schuchmann and Karen J. Authier
This Kit contains all of the training tools you'll need for teaching prospective foster parents and Treatment Parents how to care for children who have challenging behaviors. The manual contains complete presentation outlines for conducting skill based training, including handouts, and overhead sheets that focus on treatment areas. An hour long video illustrates how foster parents can use teaching and treatment strategies with children. A 10-minute recruitment video features experienced Treatment Parents talking about the rewards and challenges of working with foster children.
Video, Guide, Handouts, viewing time 70 min, 1996, English

Walk A Mile In My Shoes: A Book About Biological Parents For Foster Parents And Social Workers
by Judith A.B. Lee, D.S.W and Danielle Nisivoccia, D.S.W.
Discusses the intricate feelings and difficulties faced by biological parents, foster parents and workers in the foster care system triad. Foster parents may use it as a self-help guide, and workers may use it to attune themselves to the tasks both foster and biological parents face. It may be used by agencies in the separate and joint training of workers and foster parents, and by teachers and students in learning about biological families.
Paperback, 87 pp, 1989, English

Teaching Moments: How Foster Parents Can Teach Independent Living Skills To Teens.
by Northwest Media
Is there a life for teens after foster care? You bet there is! But the quality of that life is shaped by what they learn in the foster home. Here's an upbeat, easy-to-implement program aimed at foster parents that shows how to encourage self-reliance in teens. Parents will learn how to use everyday activities as springboards for teaching independent living skills. Watch how the "model, assist, practice" strategy can turn an activity like fixing a leaky faucet, doing the laundry or planning a meal into a "teaching moment."
Video, viewing time 28 min, 1998, English

What’s A Foster Family Anyway?
by Martine Golden Inlay & Jodi Jensen
This easy to read book is a wonderful tool for assisting children new to the foster care system to understand terminology that is often confusing to them. It also helps reassure them that being in foster care is not their fault and they are not alone.
Paperback, 17 pp, 2000, English

Maybe Days: A book For Children In Foster Care
by Jennifer Wilgocki and Marcia Wright
For children ages 4-10. This colorful book answers their questions and explores their feelings about the foster care experience. It introduces the people and procedures involved in foster care, and the feelings, reactions and concerns of new foster children. It includes an afterward for caregivers.
Paperback, 32 pp, 2002, English
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Uncertain Futures: Foster Youth In Transition To Adulthood
by Edmund V. Mech
Transitioning from adolescence to adulthood is a critical task for youth in foster care, who are often forced to emancipate from the foster care system without any real preparation, family support, or the education necessary to achieve gainful employment. As a result, many former foster youth end up homeless or living in terrible conditions. Uncertain Futures discusses the plight of youth who have aged out of the system. It provides meaningful, practical solutions for teaching youth to support themselves before they are forced out of care, and details programs that assist youth in becoming self-supporting once they do leave the foster care system.
Paperback, 320 pp, 2003, English

The Blending Of Foster And Adopted Children Into The Family
by Heather Lehr Wagner
This book is a guide for teens seeking understanding of what it means to be an adopted or foster child. THE BLENDING OF FOSTER AND ADOPTED CHILDREN INTO THE FAMILY will help teens as they struggle with issues of establishing their identities, searching or not searching for birthparents, emotional management, and integrating into a family of a different race, The book is an honest and straightforward exploration of how adoption and foster care impact teens, and how different families come together.
Hardcover, 64 pp, 2002, English

Foster Children: Where They Go And How They Get On
by Sinclair, Ian, Baker, Claire, Wilson, Kate, Gibbs, Ian, et al
The authors of this new book analyze the outcomes of a large scale study of foster children in the UK. Through composite data and individual case studies, the text examines why some children remain in care while others find permanent homes, how children fare in different settings, and how they feel about what happens to them.
Paperback, 288 pp, 2005, English

Issues in Foster Parent Adoption
by Spaulding for Children
This videotape and monograph highlight factors influencing foster parent adoption over the last 20 years, including the permanency planning and family preservation movements, federal support for adoption assistance, and consideration of foster as adoptive parents.
Video, viewing time 20 min, 1991, English

Preparing Foster Youth For Adult Living
by Edmund Mech and Joan Rycraft
This book of papers from the CWLA/University of Illinois Invitational Research Conference on Preparing Foster Youths For Adult Living offers fresh perspectives in the area of preparing foster youths for the transition to early adulthood. Contents include readiness assessment, outcome research, mentoring relationships, program development, and public policy issues.
Paperback, 193 p, 1995, English
Foster Parent Adoption

Foster Family Services Information Series: 1, Medication Safety In Your Foster Home
by Boys Town Press
You'll get answers to why you should keep a log of the medications your foster children take, why it's not okay to use medication from another child's bottle, and why you should always keep the medicine cabinet locked.
Booklet, 4 pp, 2000, English

Foster Family Services Information Series: 2, Making Your Foster Care Placement Successful
by Boys Town Press
This handy guide provides tips on how to prepare for the placement of a child in your home. The advice ranges from matching children and foster care families to identifying adequate post placement support and services.
Booklet, 7 pp, 2000, English

Foster Family Services Information Series: 3, Working With Social Service And Legal Professionals
by Boys Town Press
This booklet will help you understand the role of social service agencies and the different players involved, including judges, child protective services (CPS) workers and therapists.
Booklet, 7 pp, 2000, English

Foster Family Services Information Series: 4, Assessing Child Safety In Foster Homes
by Boys Town Press
This booklet outlines a method of assessing youth safety through four basic concepts: Child, Affect, Relationships, Environment.
Booklet, 7 pp, 2000, English

Breakthrough Series Collaborative: Recruitment And Retention Of Resource Families, Promising Practices And Lessons Learned
by Casey Family Programs
This is a report on the use of the breakthrough series collaborative methodology (BSC) for foster family recruitment. Pioneered in the health care arena, the BSC methodology is new to the field of child welfare but shows significant promise for bridging the gaps between best practice and actual practice. This 2005 report illustrates the use of the methodology and describes the successful strategies and lessons learned by the twenty-two public child welfare agencies who participated in this Breakthrough Series Collaborative on Recruitment and Retention.
Booklet, 82 pp, 2005, English
**Foster Parent Adoption**

*Let's Talk About Foster Homes*
by Elizabeth Weitzman
Written for elementary school children, this book helps answer some of the questions that they will have. It explains why one goes to a foster home, who foster parents are, what to do if things don’t work out, an other matters regarding foster care.

**Hardcopy, 24 pp, 1996, English**

*The Role Of Birth Parents And Foster Children*
by Duane Mullner
This video discusses the dual role of the birth parents and foster parents in foster-adoption. When to relate, how to relate, and is co-parenting possible?

**Video, 1998, English**

*Foster Families And Therapy*
by Duane Mullner
This video discusses the value of therapy inside and outside of the foster home; the therapist's role with the foster parent; some do's and don'ts of therapy with foster children. It is a didactic presentation and an open dialogue.

**Video, Viewing time 1 hr 37 min, 1998, English**

*Legal Resource Manual For Foster Parents*
by Regina Deihl, J.D., Legal Advocates for Permanent Parenting and Cecilia Fiermonte, J.D.
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law
This four module manual comes in a three-ring binder format. Covered topics include: Permanency, Foster Parents and the Law, Dependency Court and Removal of Children, Court Participation by Foster Parents, and Allegations of Maltreatment. Training on the topics in this manual is available from NFPA. Contact the NFPA Events Coordinator at Events@NFPAinc.org or call 800-557-5238.

**Binder, 138 pp, 2005, English**

*Improving Transitions To Adulthood For Youth Served By The Foster Care System*
by Robin Nixon
The findings in this report are based on a CWLA survey of agencies, organizations, and groups that provide services/supports to former foster children, and a meeting at the Annie E. Casey Foundation with former foster youths, representatives form community based organizations working with former foster youths, and representatives from Casey Family Services. The meeting provided a unique opportunity for participants to network and share information with policy makers and advocates, regarding national and local efforts needed to ensure positive outcomes for youth after they leave the foster care system. This report summarizes overall findings from both survey responses and proceedings from the meeting with recommendations for strengthening the overall services system to facilitate successful long-term outcomes for foster youth.

**Paperback, 22 pp, 2000, English**
The Foster Family System: Foster Parent Training Manuals
by Daniel Memorial Institute, Inc.

- Hyperactivity/ADHD (60 pp)
- Dishonesty (64 pp)
- Self-Destructive Behavior (51 pp)
- Runaway (52 pp)
- Physical Abuse (63 pp)
- Sexual Acting Out (65 pp)
- Aggression (68 pp)
- Low Self-Esteem (61 pp)
- Noncompliance Discipline (71 pp)
- Cross-Cultural Issues (45 pp)
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (67 pp)
- Substance Abuse (64 pp)
- Substance Affected Infants (64 pp)
- Sexual Abuse (75 pp)

The Foster Family System (FFS) is a comprehensive, innovative approach to educating foster parents to the difficulties and often baffling behaviors of foster children. This highly acclaimed training Curriculum is designed as an in-service training for foster parents in areas in which they may need further knowledge. These easy to follow manuals emphasize practical and concrete day-to-day skills and strategies parents find useful. The training is designed to increase the knowledge and application level of the foster parents in 14 categories. Each self-contained module is 6 to 8 hours of training for a total of more than 100 hours. The modules are divided into chapters and written in lesson plan format, complete with exercises, handouts, visual aids and homework. Time frames, necessary materials, and instructions are provided to aid the trainer in structuring the training sessions.

14 Training Modules, 100 hours of training, 1990, English

Adoptive Families Are Families For Keeps
by Lisa Cowan
After living with three foster families, Tara is ready to be adopted. Like many children in BC, she experiences mixed emotions as she prepares to leave her temporary family. Children will follow Tara on her journey from foster care to adoption through a series of activities and a touching story. As a critical education tool, this activity book will provide social workers, foster parents, caregivers and educators with dynamic and instructive ways to introduce and discuss a wide range of adoption issues with young children. A companion CD-rom with exercises and discussion topics for professionals and caregivers to use with children going through the adoption process is also available.

Paperback, 80 pp, 2005, English

Multiple Transitions: A Young Child's Point Of View On Foster Care And Adoption
by Michael Trout
This video employs the unique format used in the first film: there are no adults or even adult voices- to be seen or heard. The script attempts to distill what children would teach us, if they had the chance, about what being moved around feels like, how and why their behavior begins to change, and what happens to their availability for new attachment. the film ends with a few suggestions on how we might be able to do it better.

Video, viewing time 16 min, 1997, English
Foster Parent Adoption

*Practical Tools for Foster Parents*  
by Lana Temple-Plotz, M.S., Ted P. Stricklett, M.S., Christina B. Baker, M.S.W., and Michael Sterba, M.H.D.  
More than half a million children today live in out-of-home care, and many have special problems. The need for well-trained, loving foster parents has never been greater. In this book, Girls and Boys Town offers these committed foster parents the professional tools they need, not only to care for foster children but to actually help them get better. Our approach to foster care focuses on building relationships with children, teaching them skills, and empowering them by teaching self-discipline and self-control.  
*Paperback, 309 pp, English*

*Telling The Truth To Your Adopted Or Foster Child: Making Sense Of The Past*  
by Betsy Keefer and Jayne Schooner  
"Do I have to tell my adopted child the truth?" This is a question that faces every adoptive parent. Filling a much-needed gap in the adoption literature regarding communication with adopted children, Telling the Truth to Your Adopted-Foster Child provides parents with the important knowledge of why adopted children need to know the truth about their past. The authors offer practical guidelines and tools that parents can use in communicating with their children the circumstances of their past. This book presents the developmental stages of how children understand adoption and what needs to be said to a child age appropriately. The authors suggest how to share with children the painful and difficult issues regarding their circumstances, birth family and background. The goal is to provide a gateway into life as emotionally and psychologically healthy adults, with solid foundations for identity and self-esteem.  
*Paperback, 235 pp, 2000, English*

*The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search For The Love Of A Family*  
by Dave Pelzer  
Imagine a young boy who has never had a loving home. His only possessions are the old, torn clothes he carries in a paper bag. The only world he knows is one of isolation and fear. Although others had rescued this boy from his abusive alcoholic mother, his real hurt is just beginning--he has no place to call home.  
*Paperback, 340 pp, 1997, English*

*The Foster Parents' Family Of Origin*  
by Duane Mullner  
What motivates people to become foster parents? How childhood wounds become an issue in foster parenting. How does our past influence our present? This video talks an in-depth look about why people become foster parents; how a foster parent's childhood can become an issue in foster parenting; and how the past can influence the present.  
*Video, 1998, English*
Finding The Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live With Their Parents
by Janice Levy
A young girl living with her foster parent describes the emotional ups and downs of being separated from her mother and living in unfamiliar surroundings. A story for all kids who can't live with their parents, regardless of the circumstances. It's a story about resilience and loyalty, hope and disappointment, love, sadness and anger, too. Ages 6-12
Hardcopy, 48 pp, 2004, English

Recruitment, Training, And Support: The Essential Tools Of Foster Care
by Annie E. Casey Foundation
This tool is about recruitment, training and support of foster families. The interlinking of recruitment, training and support are critical to the success of Family to Family. Do them right and everything else gets easier. This text suggests ways to rethink traditional approaches to finding, recruiting, training and supporting foster parents so that they remain in your system.
Paperback, 50 pp, 2002, English

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Importance of Background History

Obtaining Background Information On Your Prospective Adopted Child: A Fact Sheet For Families
This article discusses the importance of background information, where to find it, what questions to ask, what information is available and what to do if it is not available.
http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/f_background.cfm
Website, 6 pp, 2003, English

Access To Family Information By Adopted Persons: Summary Of State Laws
This publication discusses Who May Access Information, Non-identifying Information, Birth Certificates and Florida’s Adoption reunion Registry.
http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/general/legal/statutes/search/searchresults.cfm
Website, 40 pp, 2003, English

Adoption DNA Testing
The greatest value of DNA testing is the increased certainty it can bring in determining whether someone is related to you or not. The most important part that you play in the DNA testing process is to prepare yourself emotionally for the scientific results which may be a confirmation of something you already believe to be true, or a completely unexpected result. DNA testing of this type can be powerful in healing wounds and in calming fears, because it can confirm alleged family relationships as well as exclude individuals who are not biologically related.
http://www.adoptiondna.com/
Website, 6 pp, 2005, English
Matching and Linking Families and Children

The Permutation Of Permanency: Making Sensible Placement Decisions
by Richard Delaney, PhD
Dr Delaney offers a helpful introduction to the process of making the correct placement decision. This book outlines his 12 principles designed to reduce the chance of an inappropriate placement while increasing the probability of permanence.
Paperback, 94 pp, 1998, English

Homework's 3: Helping Children And Youths Manage The Impact Of Placement
by Eileen Mayers Pasztor and Maureen Leighton
Helping children and Youths Manage the Impact of Placement shows how foster parents and adoptive parents can integrate a new child into their family and minimize the risk of placement disruption.
Paperback, 75 pp, 1993, English

Overcoming Geographic Barriers: A Guidebook For Families Pursuing Interstate Adoption
by National Adoption Center Adoption Exchange Association
For many children, the local community does not have enough potential adoptive families. Moving beyond geographic or jurisdictional boundaries is often the only hope for providing permanence for many children. This guidebook, explains each parties responsibilities and the steps to placing a child in another State.
Paperback, 48 pp, 2000, English

Placing Children Across Geographic Boundaries: A Step-by-Step Guide For Social Workers
by National Adoption Center Adoption Exchange Association
The world has gotten smaller. Travel is easier. With the advent of such technologies as e-mail and video-conferencing, we can remain in contact with people who live far from us. Many approved families may be just a State away. This guide provides step-by-step instructions, for Social Workers, when placing a child via long distance.
Paperback, 58 pp, 2000, English
Media and Adoption Event Planning

Advancing The Message: Tips & Suggestions For Communications People In Child Welfare Agencies
by Mary J Layton
A handy how to guide filled with readily implemented hints, tips and recommendations. Selected contents: Incoming press calls; News releases and statements; Editorial boards and opinion pieces; Press lists; Press conferences; Preparing for interviews; Public Service campaigns; Satellite media tours; Confidentiality; Marketing strategies; the Internet; Agency publications; Special events and promotions.
Paperback, 28 pp, 1997, English

Part-Time Public Relations With Full-Time Results: A PR Primer For Libraries
by Rashelle S. Karp
Each chapter covers a public relations most useful to the library: writing and placing public service announcements; creating and soliciting exhibits from outside sources such as schools and other local organizations and hosting special events and inviting special guests and officials who control the library budget, desktop publishing and other new timesaving technologies, so that the library staff, among their many duties can achieve the best public relations results for less cost.
Paperback, 54 pp, 1995, English
Dear Birthmother, Thank You For Our Baby
by Kathleen Silber, M.S.W. and Phyllis Speedlin
This seminal book on open adoption has been updated to reflect current practices. It provides specific and practical suggestions about beginning and maintaining an open adoption. It also contains actual letters written between adoptive families and birthparents. DEAR BIRTHMOTHER will help you carefully consider the issues of adoption.
Paperback, 197 pp, 1998, English

Somebody’s Child: Stories From The Private Files Of An Adoption Attorney
by Randi Barrow
Stories like these make up the face of adoption in America today. A complex legal procedure, a high-stakes game of chance, an expensive investment, and a heart-wrenching drama, adoption is hardly ever cut-and-dried. Adoption attorney Randi Barrow has compiled in-depth, emotional interviews with her clients—birth parents and adoptive parents. The result is something that everyone involved in adoption should read, including those considering adoption, parents who have already adopted, and adopted children themselves.
Paperback, 256 pp, 2002, English

Bittersweet: Stories Of Open Adoption
by Steve Garrett
Bittersweet is a poignant look at one of the most difficult, and loving, decisions a woman can ever make, making the decision to turn an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy into the miracle of a family, through adoption. Filmed over two years, Bittersweet provides a rare look into the adoption process. It features the stories of five courageous women who share their sorrow, strength and hope as they process through the steps of considering and finally choosing adoption for their children. This video provides an honest and touching view of the birth parents investigating open adoption for their child.
DVD, viewing time 53 min, English

The Open Adoption Experience: A Complete Guide for Adoptive and Birth Families - From Making the Decision Through the Child’s Growing Years
by Lois Ruskai Melina
Two leading experts provide an authoritative and reassuring guide to the issues and concerns of adoptive and birth families through all stages of the open adoption relationship. All of the participants in open adoption emerge from the pages of this book as full human beings whose needs, pain, sense of loss, and ultimate joy in connectedness can be validated, held, and celebrated.
Paperback, 389 pp, 1993, English

The Spirit Of Open Adoption
by James L. Gritter, M. S. W
This is a candid, intensely personal, highly readable account of the experiences of one agency that switched from closed to open adoptions. Not only does Gritter cover the need for openness, but he also includes a realistic discussion on how to make it work for all members of the adoption triad. It traces the reasons for the change and the resulting effects on birthparents, adoptive parents, adoption practitioners, and most importantly, the children.
Paperback, 315 pp, 1997, English
Openness In Adoption

Adoption Without Fear: Seventeen Couples Tell Their Experiences With Open Adoption
by James L. Gritter, M.S.W
This book brings together the emotional first person accounts of seventeen families who have taken the option of open adoption. Several of the contributors to Adoption without Fear have shared the birth experience with their child's biological parents. Others have had less intimate contact with the birthparents but still found that openness enriches their lives in ways they never thought possible.
Paperback, 170 pp, 1989, English

A Letter To Adoptive Parents On Open Adoption
by Randolph W. Severson, Ph.D
A Letter to Adoptive parents is a presentation on preparing couples for the journey they are about to begin, the journey to open adoption. This book is a compilation of information that is helpful in preparing for an open adoption.
Paperback, 21 pp, 1990, English

Lifegivers: Framing The Birthparent Experience In Open Adoption
by James L. Gritter
In Lifegivers: Framing the Birthparent Experience in Open Adoption, open adoption practitioner Jim Gritter examines all the ways in which birthparents are marginalized. He provides a glimpse of birthparents’ emotional roller coaster ride as they struggle with grief, ambivalence, and regret. Most importantly, he makes the persuasive case that if the institution of adoption exists to benefit children, then adopted children are best served when birthparents and adoptive parents work together to ensure that the birthparents remain a part of their children’s lives. Gritter challenges us to treat everyone involved in the adoption process--birthparents; adoptive families; and, above all, the children--with honor and respect.
Paperback, 235 pp, 2000, English

What is Open Adoption?
by Brenda Romanchik
This Pocket Guide defines the differences between openness in adoption and open adoption, as well as the benefits of open adoption and how to fully embrace the relationships open adoption creates. As an added bonus, Jim Gritter, the author of The Spirit of Open Adoption, has added two remarkable written pieces. This book is perfect for understanding and explaining the richness of the open adoption experience.
Book, 16 pp, 1999, English

Children of Open Adoption And Their Families
by Kathleen Silber and Patricia Martinez Dorner
Two pioneers in the field examine scores of open adoption experiences from infancy to adolescence. Among topics covered: bonding, grief, communication, entitlement, and adoption understanding among children.
Paperback, 193 pp, 1990, English
Unlocking The Heart Of Adoption
by Sheila Ganz
The 56 minute documentary chronicles a birthmother's journey and reveals the personal stories of adoptee, birthparents and adoptive parents. These stories span 70 years, and provide a window into the lifelong process of adoption - bridging the gap between birth and adoptive families. Trans-racial adoption, issues of closed records, and historical perspectives makes this film the most comprehensive to date.
**DVD/workbook, viewing time 56 min, 2002, English**

Adoption Politics: Bastard Nation And Ballot Initiative 58
by E. Wayne Carp
The passage of Measure 58 in Oregon in 1998 was a milestone in adoption reform. For the first time in U.S. history a grassroots initiative restored the legal right of adopted adults to request and receive their original birth certificates. E. Wayne Carp, a nationally respected authority on adoption history, now reveals the efforts of the radical adoptee rights organization Bastard Nation to pass this milestone initiative. He has written an intimate history of a passionately proposed and opposed initiative that has the potential to revolutionize the adoption reform movement nationwide.
**Hardcover, 2004, 238 pp, English**

Lost And Found: The Adoption Experience
by Betty Jean Lifton
Rich in insight and compassion, Lost and Found is an eloquent exploration of the psychological issues faced by adoptee and by all children who have been separated from a parent and denied the right to know their true origins. Betty Jean Lifton, herself an adoptee, draws upon her own experience and her extensive work with adoptee, birth mothers and fathers, and adoptive parents to explore the harmful effects of secrecy on the identity of a child and the liberating possibilities of openness. The author concludes with a code of rights and responsibilities for everyone in the adoption circle, along with an updated list of support groups and counseling clinics for the adoption triad in the United States and Canada.
**Hardcover, 320 pp, 1979, English**

An Open Adoption
by Lincoln Caplan
Children in open adoptions know the identity of their birth parents and sometimes maintain a continuing relationship with them. Furthermore, adoptive and birth parents often select each other, usually through an intermediary. Many argue that this approach is psychologically healthier for all parties, although traditionalists contend that it can be dangerous. Caplan chronicles one such open adoption, involving a young unmarried couple from Delaware and an older couple from Boston. Interspersed are chapters on the history of adoption, opposition to open adoptions, and the modern relationship between adoption and abortion.
Openness In Adoption

The Open Adoption Book: A Guide To Adoption Without Tears
by Bruce M. Rappaport
In an open adoption, both the birthparents and adoptive parents are actively involved in all phases of the process. The successes of open adoption—now considered to be the healthiest (and fastest) form of adoption—have lifted it into the mainstream. Interweaving personal stories with answers to the questions most frequently asked about the process, this informative book is designed to help all parties overcome the anxieties often associated with adoption.

Paperback, 195 pp, 1992, English
Post Adoption

A Personal Touch On—: Adoption
by Peter R Berlin and Jerry Stone
Support Group in a Book!! 84 different stories to help you adopt. Adoptive Families reveal what worked for them. Hundreds if ideas to make adoption easier. - Stories about: newborn needs, interracial, single parent, open adoption, birthmothers, adoptee, and more...
Hardcover, 382 pp, 2005, English

Next Steps For Children And Families: Strengthening And Supporting Families
by National Commission on Children
The book was focusing in strengthening families. The author wanted to ensure that all children and their families are a top priority. To ensure that all children have and opportunity to become healthy, literate, and productive adults, we urged the nation to take decisive steps to ensure income security, improve children's health and educational achievement, support and strengthen families, and create a culture of individual and collective responsibility for the well-being of America's youngest citizens.
Paperback, 96 pp, 1993, English

Parent 2 Parent: A Mentoring Program Video & Safe Passage: A Summary Of The Parent 2 Parent Mentoring Program Booklet
by Richard Delaney, PhD
PART 2 PARENT PROGRAM is an introduction to a superb mentoring program: Parent 2 Parent is a post-adoptive, post-placement support service that pairs veteran foster and adoptive parents with novice parents. This video provides an intimate look at the program at work, while the companion guide, Safe Passage, outlines the origins and effectiveness of the program, which provides support and encouragement for new families.
Video, viewing time 40 min, Guidebook 114 pp, 2000, English

Wasn’t Love Supposed To Be Enough? Biographies Of A Long-Term Adoptive Parent Support Group And Services For Adoptive Families
by Van Slyck, Dupre-clarke, Richard Mague and Rosemary Haggerty
This book chronicles in detail the life experiences of several adoptive families who have participated in a support group for adoptive families. It contains a compilation of information and advice for other adoptive families and professionals who are touched by adoption.
Paperback, 351 pp, 1998, English

Promoting Successful Adoptions: Practice With Troubled Families
by Susan Livingston Smith and Jeanne A. Howard
This book focuses on adoptive families after the legal finalization of the adoption. This volume is rich with case examples, detailed case histories, presentations, practice strategies and resources. The overall result is a stand-alone volume offering a clear documented overview of the topic.
Paperback, 288 pp, 2001, English
Post Adoption

The Seven Core Issues In Adoption
by Sharon Kaplan and Deborah Silverstein
Adoption is a life long, inter-generational process, which unites birth parents, adoptee and adoptive parents forever. It triggers seven lifelong issues for all triad members. Recognizing these similarities triad members and professionals can reduce the adversarial nature of adoption and improve understanding.

Video, 120 min viewing time, 1982, English

It's My Life, Summary Of A Frame Work For Youth Transitioning From Foster Care To Successful Adulthood
by Bill Friend
It’s My life is a youth-centered framework to guide transition services for young people who "age out" of foster care and other substitute care. The principles and practices described in this document serve as a foundation of Casey Family Programs’ National Transition Strategy, which aims to provide youth with skills, knowledge and supports they need to become self-supporting by age 25.

Paperback, 27 pp, 2001, English

After Adoption: The Needs Of Adopted Youth
by Jeanne A Howard & Susan Livingston Smith
This book examines the experiences of more than a thousand adoptive families to find out how they are functioning years after the adoption. It will help the child welfare professional better prepare parents and children for adoption as well as assist them in developing post adoption services to sustain and strengthen adoptive families.

Paperback, 152 pp, 2003, English

When Friends Ask About Adoption: Questions And Answer Guide For Non-adoptive Parents And Other Caring Adults
by Linda Bothun
A unique vehicle for post-adoption communication with friends, family, and those who interact with our children. It is especially helpful to those who have children who ask questions about their adopted friends. It allows those parents to answer the questions using the correct terminology and avoiding the myths of adoption. It is easy for the adoptive parent to customize to their family situation and preferences.

Paperback, 88 pp, 1987, English

Supporting An Adoption
by Pat Holmes
Adopting a child is as exciting and as beautiful as giving birth to a child. People know from experience how to support parents through a pregnancy, even when there are pre-natal or post-natal complications. Supporting and adoption give you frank insights to the quite different experiences of adoption, and you will find out how you can offer the same sort of understanding support to adopting parents as you would to biological parents.

Paperback, 23 pp, 1998, English

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Post Adoption

The Post Adoption Blues
by Karen Foli and John Thompson
Over 150,000 people adopt children each year, and more than 2 million parents are now raising adopted children and grandchildren. While the path to parenting through adoption is rich with rewards and fulfillment, it's not without its bumps. This compassionate, illuminating, and ultimately uplifting book is the first to openly recognize the very normal feelings of stress that adoptive families encounter as they cope with the challenges and expectations of their new families. Where do parents turn when the waited-for bonding with their adopted child is slow to form? When they find themselves grieving over the birth child they couldn't have? When the child they so eagerly welcomed into their home arrives with major, unexpected needs? Until now, adoptive parents have had to struggle silently with their feelings, which can range from flutters of anxiety to unbearable sadness. At last, Karen J. Foli, a registered nurse, and her husband, John R. Thompson, a psychiatrist, lift the curtain of secrecy from "Post Adoption Depression Syndrome" (PADS). Drawing on their own experience as adoptive parents as well as interviews with dozens of adoptive families and experts in the field, the couple offers parents the understanding, support, and concrete solutions they need to overcome post-adoption blues—and open their hearts to the joy adoption can bring.

Grandparenting by Social Learning
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, millions of grandparents have grandchildren living in their home. These numbers show that the roles and responsibilities of grandparents have changed drastically over the last decade. This program employs a research-based model that gives grandparents proven, practical strategies to assist them in dealing with the many challenges they will face in raising their grandchildren.

Video, viewing time 27 min, 2000, English

Understanding Your Special Needs Grandchild by Clare B. Jones, Ph. D.
This book discusses the challenges a family faces when raising a child with special needs. It provides detailed descriptions and treatments about a number of challenging conditions. Personal stories show the important role a grandparent plays in the lives of their special needs grandchildren.

Paperback, 125 pp, 2001, English

Designing Dynamic Stepfamilies: Bringing The Pieces To Peace by Carri and Gordon Taylor
An eight part video series with study guide providing practical information for the inevitable challenges of stepfamily living. For workshops, conferences, small groups and resource libraries.

Video, viewing time 4 hours 24 min, 2002, English

Kinship Care: A Natural Bridge by CWLA
Beginning with a definition of kinship parenting and the historical, cultural, and international context of kinship care, this important report of the CWLA North American Kinship Care Policy and Practice Committee presents a framework for the development of kinship care that addresses legal, financial, and permanency issues and describes the necessary kinship services to guide child welfare agencies in developing program and practice for kinship caregivers.

Paperback, 98 pp, 1994, English

Blended Families Yours, Mine And Ours by Dr. Bill Wagnonseller
A practical and comprehensive video designed to address parent and child concerns about the newly acquired family lifestyle faced by the blended family. Practical techniques and typical problems are presented to assist in the handling of unique challenges.

Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Kinship Care: A Special Issue Of CWLA's Child Welfare Journal by CWLA
With Agencies and policymakers alike are scrambling to develop workable strategies that define formal service delivery as well as serve the needs of children for placement in safe, nurturing homes with kin. This special issue contains 14 original articles devoted strictly to the topic of kinship care.

Paperback, 387-662 pp, 1996, English
Relative Adoption

*Relatives Raising Children An Overview Of Kinship Care*
by Joseph Crumbley and Robert L. little
This text gives professionals, agencies, institutions, communities, and organizations the information they need to develop and provide services to kinship caregivers, kinship families, children, and parents. It discusses common clinical issues, suggest intervention strategies, examine kinship care's legal implications, and offers program recommendations.
*Paperback, 124 pp, 1997, English*

*CWLA Standards Of Excellence For Kinship Care Services*
by CWLA
The child welfare system and communities recognize that kinship care is a valuable resource for children. The increase of children in out-of-home care has implications for length of stay, placement stability, and reunification for all children in care. These standards address critical policy and practice issues, such as providing supports and services for children, kinship caregivers, and parents; assessing, monitoring, and supervising kinship homes; and planning for permanency for children in kinship care.
*Paperback, 135 pp, 1999, English*

*Kinship Care: Improving Practice Through Research*
by James P. Gleeson, and Creasie Finney
This book summarizes the current state of knowledge on kinship care, as a child welfare service, and places the kinship care as a child welfare service. It talks about permanency planning for children in kinship care; the four principles of best practice; barriers to adoption and subsidized guardianship; and in-depth looks at the well-being and experience of children in kinship care and the kinship caregivers themselves.
*Paperback, 320 pp, 1999, English*

*Step-parenting: Everything You Need To Know To Make It Work*
by Jeannette Lofas
Provides up to the minute advice for dealing with the many baffling and emotional issues that beset stepfamilies today, from dating to remarriage, from sibling rivalry, to household rules. This is an invaluable guide to one of society's most complex challenges.
*Paperback, 241 pp, 2004, English*

*Commitment To Kin: Elements Of A Support And Service System For Kinship Care*
by Casey Family Programs
This report addresses the whole-spectrum of child-caring arrangement known as kinship care. We offer here a guide for the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies, programs, practices, services, and supports for kinship families. The report includes: A brief overview that examines the cultural traditions and nature of kinship care, outlining 10 guiding principles that are needed to ensure services and supports are appropriate and discusses 20 components of an optimal service delivery system.
*Booklet, 35 pp, 2004, English*
Relative Adoption

*Raising Our Children's Children*

by Deborah Doucette-Dudman

Although grandparents as parents are becoming more and more common, our society does not understand all the issues involved. Here grandparent/journalist Deborah Doucette-Dudman and family therapist Jeffrey LaCure explore the social, legal, and emotional issues faced by grandparents as parents, such as custody battles, housing issues, and prior mistreatment of the children.

*Paperback, 237 p, 1996, English*
Respite Services For Families Who Adopt Children With Special Needs: A Synthesis Of Demonstration Program Final Reports
Post-adoption services are essential to support families who have adopted children with special needs, especially medically fragile children and children with physical or emotional disorders. One of these services is respite care - temporary care for the children that can provide a break for the families from the daily demands of caring for their children or respite during times of emergencies.
http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/h_respite.cfm
Website, 11 pp, 2002, English

Planning Care For Children In Respite Settings: ‘Hello, This Is Me!’
by Helen Laverty and Mary Reet
Developed in response to a practice need, this book offers a new approach, centered on the child's abilities, to the planning of respite care provision. The authors emphasize a partnership between families and carers which enables children and parents to make their voices heard when planning respite care, so that each child's unique needs can be met. Providers of specialist care for children will find this innovative, clearly explained approach to care planning invaluable.
Paperback, 171 pp, 2001, English

Planned And Crisis Respite For Families With Children: Results Of A Collaborative Study
by Pamela Day, Susan Dougherty, Maggie Edgar, Cassandra Wade and Elisabeth Yu
This book gives practitioners a thorough grounding in the types of respite care services available to families caring for children and adults who have chronic illnesses or who are at risk of abuse or neglect. It clearly differentiates planned respite care; scheduled; short-term care; and crisis care. It describes four approaches to respite care, with descriptions of agencies in Michigan, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Florida.
Paperback, 48 pp, 2002, English
Search and Reunion

Findsomeone.com
by R. Scott Grasser
"Findsomeone.com" is the complete people-finder of the communications age. This timely reference offers proven and effective search techniques for finding anybody, anywhere. The professional techniques described in "Findsomeone.com" were developed by the author over many years in military intelligence, international security, and as a professional investigator. Core strategies for conduction adoption, genealogical, and other missing persons investigations are discussed in clear and understandable terms.
Paperback, 137 pp, 1998, English

Birth Mother Trauma: A Counseling Guide For Birth Mothers
by Heather Carlini
Some birth mothers go into a prolonged mourning period that can last for years, following relinquishment of a child to adoption. BIRTH MOTHER TRAUMA offers a Seven Stage Recovery Program for the birth mother that takes her through the following steps toward healing: Denial, Survival, Awakening, Grief Work, Bargaining, Forgiveness and Transformation.
Paperback, 111 pp, 1992, English

Birthmothers: Woman Who Have Relinquished Babies For Adoption Tell Their Stories
by Merry Bloch Jones
Birthmothers presents intimate and stirring accounts of more than seventy women who surrendered babies for adoption. It follows their lives long-term, from discovery of their pregnancies through the present, and identifies the Birthmother Syndrome -- a pattern of behavior and emotions resulting from surrender. With heartwarming candor, it reveals the stories of the invisible side of the adoption triangle, and touches everyone involved in adoption, as well as anyone interested in motherhood, family and women in our society.
Paperback, 296 pp, 2000, English

Sibling Reunions: A Letter To Those Who Have Been Contacted
by Randolph W. Severson, PhD
The small book explores in-depth and with great sensitivity the emotional and psychological issues involved in the reunion process. Although addressed to young men and women who are reuniting with a sibling lost to adoption, the discussion ranges widely with advice and insights applicable to all searches and reunions. Chapter titles include: Anger, First meetings: highs and lows, getting to know each other, family matters and loss and forgiveness.
Paperback, 33 pp, 1992, English

The Same Smile: The Triumph Of A Mother’s Love After Losing Two Daughters
by Susan Mello Souza and Joanne Medeiros Harrington
To lose a child is devastating, but to lose two and survive with heart and spirit stronger requires the sort of courage that truly uplifts and inspires. Susan Mello Souza's 'The Same Smile' reveals the depth of love, faith and persistence it takes to create a 'happy-ever-after' ending to an adoption reunion. It's the perfect book to read anytime, in your journey when all feels hopeless.
Paperback, 160 pp, 2002, English
Search and Reunion

The Adoption Reunion Survival Guide: Preparing Yourself For The Search, Reunion, And Beyond
by Julie Jarrell Bailey and Lynn N. Giddens, M.A.
This compassionate guide offers help to adoptee and birthparents who are considering or have already had a reunion. It includes indispensable and practical suggestions for arranging a successful first meeting, avoiding common pitfalls, and establishing a positive longer-term relationship. It also contains invaluable materials to help you navigate the legal system that still sets many obstacles in the path of reunion.
Paperback, 152 pp, 2001, English

Thank You Son For Finding Me: A Birthmother's Story
by Beth Kane
As a naive, pregnant and bewildered twenty-year-old, Beth Kane believed the nuns at St. Elizabeth's Home for unwed Mothers in San Francisco. They told her over and over, "Your baby will be better of adopted. Keep it a secret, Forget it and get on with your life.” This book describes the emotional consequences of being pregnant and unmarried in 1947.
Paperback, 165 pp, 1999, English

The Face In The Mirror: Teenagers And Adoption
by Marion Crook
Being a teenager in today's world is a difficult enough task, but adopted teens have an additional struggle: to discover their identity and a sense of belonging and place in the world. Based on numerous interviews with adopted teens, adoptive parents and birth parents, this book brings attention to the growing and often controversial phenomenon of teenagers wanting to know where they came from.
Paperback, 154 pp, 2000, English

Sacred Connections
by Mary Ann Koenig
How does an adoptee find the courage to face a parent they've never met? What is the impact of relinquishing a child on a birth mother's life? How can adoptive parents help their children understand what It means to be adopted? These questions and others are explored in the 24 stories of adoptee, birth parents, and adoptive parents, people from all over the world who share their adoption experiences.
Hardcover, 128 pp, 2000, English

Soul Connection: Memoirs Of A Birthmother’s Healing Journey
by Ann H. Hughes
In 1966, a young unmarried woman must surrender her baby for adoption. Afterward, she stumbles along a healing path that transforms her undertakes a search for her birth daughter using spiritual process. An inspiring memoir of inner and outer discovery.
Paperback, 264 pp, 1999, English
One Birthmothers Emotional Truth On Healing, Recovery, And Success
by Courtney Frey
This book is a written journey of one birth mother's navigation through betrayal, abuse, loss, and discovery. It is a validation and emotional guide for birthmothers who, just like the author, ache for that something more in their lives and are ready to embrace the purpose set out for them. Also included in One Birthmother's Truth is a special extra addition, Straight Talk: Helping Adoptive Mothers Understand. This short feature offers adoptive mothers a series of useful techniques, ideas, and intimate peeks into the heart of a birthmother as she grows into a relationship with you and towards her own journey of healing. If you're wondering what to say, how to re-act, or simply want to know what she might be feeling, Straight Talk is an eye-opening tool in a safe format.
Paperback, 47 pp, 2002, English

The Adoption Reunion Handbook
by Elizabeth Trinder, David Howe, Julia Feast
Based on a large-scale research study, the actors Liz Trinder, Julia Feast and David Howe have drawn on the real-life experience of adopted people who have searched for, and had a reunion with, birth relatives." This 'how to' guide is essential for everyone involved, particularly those considering searching for information on their birth relatives. It will also be of use to birth parents, adoptive parents, adoption charities, social workers, psychologists and counselors.
Paperback, 161 pp, 2005, English
Specialized Parenting Needs

Teaching New Behaviors To Children
by Marion Fogatch, PhD
For parents, foster and adoptive parents, this video gives an enjoyable and practical demonstration of how to improve children compliance and participation at home. It covers, parent's roles as their children's most important teachers; how to work with children who argue or ignore requests; and rewarding positive behavior.

Video/Manual, viewing time 22 min, 1990, English

Child Management
by Dr. Bill Wagonseller
Through proven techniques, humor and dramatized examples, the issue of child discipline is addressed, Parents are shown how to reinforce appropriate behavior, modify inappropriate behavior, and the differences between discipline and punishment.

Video, viewing time 30 min, 1995, English

Safe Environment For Foster Children, Part 1: Sexual Acting Out Behaviors
by Northwest Media
This popular video series describes how to set up a safe environment for children, including adolescents, and offers specific techniques for dealing with sexual acting out and defusing anger along with daily home life issues central to healing the lives of abused and neglected children.

Video, viewing time 41 min, 1992, English

Safe Environment For Foster Children, Part 2: Understanding And Dealing With Anger
by Northwest Media
Not surprisingly kids who have been abused can enter foster care enraged and violent. This video helps parents to understand the source of their child's anger, how these youngsters test their parents and how parents can defuse the deeply entrenched anger.

Video, viewing time 40 min, 1990, English

Safe Environment For Foster Children, Part 3: A Time And Place For Healing
by Vera Fahlberg M.D
This video explores daily opportunities for helping the child to heal, using basics as hygiene, bedtime and meals. Also covered are more complex issues like eating disorders, bedwetting and birth control.

Video, viewing time 40 min, 1992, English

Treating The Aftermath Of Sexual Abuse: A Handbook For Working With Children In Care
by Margaret Osmond, Duane Durham, Andrew Leggett, and John Keating
Many children who are in foster care or are adopted have been sexually abused in a previous placement. How can you help such a child to find the path to healing? What are the best methods of treatment? How can you understand the signs and signals of the child's behavior? TREATING THE AFTERMATH OF SEXUAL ABUSE guides caregivers and professional as they learn to become careful, thoughtful listeners in order to understand the child's story.

Paperback, 165 pp, 1998, English

Call 1-800-96-ADOPT  Fax 1-904-353-3472  Email adoptionlibrary@danielkids.org
Re-Education Of Foster & Adopted Children: Prospects For A Healthy Life
by Dr. Vera Falhberg
A video that assists the caregiver establish a clear picture of what they want in their relationship with their child. They must identify and implement strategies for the re-education process, overcoming their resistance to change and providing relearning education.
**Video, viewers Guide, viewing time 68 min, 1992, English**

Raising Cain: Caring For Troubled Youngsters/ Repairing Our Troubled System
by Richard J. Delaney, PhD
Dr Delaney offers refreshing innovative strategies in addressing problematic behavioral and systematic barriers these children endure. Foster and adoptive parents are challenged by society to raise the child with extraordinary emotional and behavioral problems, the child marked by his past, the child whose future without help looks grim. In effect, we ask these parents to not only raise Cain but to raise him better.
**Paperback, 135 pp, 1999, English**

Foster Care Solutions: Learning To Problem Solve Programs I & II
by Northwest Media
This program provides an answer to the question How can we solve behavior problems with our foster children? It demonstrates a method for helping parents to respond to children and teenage behavior problems.
**Video, viewing Time 59 minutes, 1996, English**

Behavior Management Using Supportive Control
by Dr. Vera Fahlberg
Traditional methods of discipline will often fail with children who have been abused or neglected. In this insightful videotape, Dr. Vera Fahlberg presents Supportive Control, an alternative method of behavior management.
**Video, viewing time 95 minutes, 1992, English**

by Deborah H. Minshew and Chrisan Hooper
This training manual helps adoptive families prepare for the challenges of parenting sexually abused children. It shows families how to integrate adoptee successfully into their own family systems and gives them advice on the management of inappropriate sexual behavior.
**Paperback, 87 pp, 1990, English**
Specialized Parenting Needs

*The Sexualized Child In Foster Care: A Guide For Foster Parents And Other Professionals*

by Sally G Hoyle

This practical guide for foster parents and other child welfare professionals provides, training tips, identifies signs and symptoms of sexual abuse according to the child’s age. Chapters include information on sex and sexuality, distinguishing normal from abnormal sexual behavior, treatment methods, research on sexual abuse assessment and methods, concerns about the sexually aggressive child, emotional cost of treating sexual abuse survivors in foster care, and research topics and improvements in training.

**Paperback, 115 pp, 2000, English**
Worker Practice and Skill Training

Building Skills in High-Risk Families
Building upon existing strengths, this approach helps families acquire skills to overcome generations of dysfunction and manage urgent problems. The book first discusses the foundations of in-home treatment, including cultural and family differences, community resources and networking, family assessment, building relationships, and detecting abuse and neglect. The intervention techniques of active listening, teaching, exploration, Effective Praise, metaphors, circular refocusing, criticism by suggestion, reframing, role playing, confrontation, mediation and contracting, and crisis intervention are described. Identifying, increasing, and building on family strengths will make intervention quicker, more effective, and longer lasting. The book discusses how to create individualized treatment plans and a process called "phases" that helps the practitioner stay focused on treatment issues. Examples, references, and an index are also included.
Book, 265 pp, 1995, English

A System In Transition: Examining Foster Parent Recruitment And Retention In The New Millennium
by Karen Jorgenson, M.A. and Jayne Schooler, B.A.
This manual explores reasons foster parents leave the program. Identifies the advantages and challenges of incorporating foster parents/foster-to-adopt parents/kinship parents as members of a team. It addresses the key aspects of a successful retention program, gathers strategies to build such a program, and examines recruitment approaches and strategies found in successful programs.
Paperback, 67 pp, 2000, English

Cline/Helding Adopted And Foster Child Assessment (CHAFCA)
by Dr. Foster W. Cline and Cathy Helding
CHAFCA was designed to be used by parents and caregivers as pre-clinical assessment tool for identifying problems or predicting future ones in adopted or foster children. The subtests are easily administered and scored by nonprofessionals and is appropriate for both pre-adoption and post-adoption placement.
Paperback, 109 pp, 1999, English

Knowing Who You Are: Helping Youth In Care Develop Their Racial And Ethnic Identity
by Casey Family Programs
This video was developed to raise awareness about the importance of helping youth in care develop their racial and ethnic identity. It addresses such topics as racism, white privilege and diversity. It was designed as a positive first step in helping social workers, social work supervisors, and child welfare administrators to increase their awareness on these issues. We must make sure that youth in care have ample support and opportunities for exploring their racial and ethnic identity.
DVD, Viewing time 24 min, 2005, English
Worker Practice and Skill Training

Effective Foster Parent Recruiting
by Thomas R. Groninger
Learn to recruit first-rate foster parents with this business-like approach. This video presents Thomas Groninger's six-step, cost effective plan for recruiting and retaining; key ways to recruit quality parents for teens and ethnic kids; and tips on advertising and screening for successful applicants.

Video, viewing time 135 min, Guide, 72 pp, 1994, English

Finding Forever Families: Making The Case For Child Specific Recruitment
by Dave Thomas Foundation
This video provides real-life tips and encouragement on how to recruit families for children based on the child’s desires and needs—this is known as Child Specific Recruitment.

Video, viewing time 35 minutes, 1998, English

Reconnecting Families: A Guide To Strengthening Family Reunification Services
by Robin Warsh, Barbara A. Pine and Anthony N. Maluccio
This valuable resource book contains all the material needed by public and private child welfare agencies to conduct a comprehensive self-assessment of their current family reunification policies, programs and resources.

Paperback, 269 pp, 1996, English

Adoption And The Jewish Family: Contemporary Perspectives
by Shelley Kapnek Rosenberg
Few rabbis have special training on adoption issues, yet almost three percent of today's Jewish families are created by adoption. Adoption and the Jewish family takes an informed look at the adoption process from a Jewish perspective, and will prepare readers for the many unforeseen challenges that may arise. The book talks about Jewish laws concerning adoption, it examines the latest medical, psychological, social workers, psychologist and of course the adoptee themselves.

Paperback, 298 pages, 1998, English

Introduction To Mediation, Family Group Conferencing & Concurrent Planning:
Pathways To Permanence
by Dave Thomas Foundation
An educational video providing a general overview and introduction to the effective permanency planning techniques of successful mediation programs.

Video, viewing time 30 min, 1998, English

Permanency Toolkit: Family Group Decision Making
by Philip and Gay Courter and the Dave Thomas Foundation
Interventions of this kind are generally organized by social service departments, often used very early in cases, and empower families to make decisions about their children's care, protection, and permanency N sometimes even before the system becomes deeply involved. Among decision-making and case planning models, Family Group Conferencing is unique because it employs private family time to enable family members to create plans based on family strengths.

Video, Viewing time 30 min, English
Worker Practice and Skill Training

Lesbian And Gay Fostering And Adoption: Extraordinary Yet Ordinary
by Stephen Hicks and Janet McDermott
This book contains a wide variety of fostering and adoption experiences from shared care and emergency placements through to permanent fostering and adoption. The children placed range in age from birth to young adults, some with disabilities. The experiences of the carers demonstrate a wide level of skills amongst social workers undertaking carer assessments, and lack of focus from some on what is needed in order to ensure that a young person's needs are matched by their carer's skills.
Paperback, 205 pp, 1999, English

Special Needs Adoptions: Practice Issues
by Ruth G. McRoy
With the growing number of children in foster care who are to be adopted or placed in permanent legal guardianships, it is essential for adoption agency staff and prospective families to learn which factors contribute to successful and unsuccessful placements. This informative guide outlines what formulates a successful match between adoptable children with special needs and their prospective parents, and how the current placements can be improved.
Hardcover, 288 pp, 1998, English

Toolbox No 1: Using Visitation To Support Permanency
by Louis E. Wright
This publication presents the best professional child welfare practice in planning and implementing visitation between children in out-of-home care and their parents, within the context of current federal legislation emphasizing permanency planning.
Paperback, 195 pp, 2001, English

Abuse: Listen And Learn
by Salt River Productions
Instructional video of candid interviews and stories told by teenage abuse victims and commentary by adult authorities in the field of child abuse. Participants will become involved in discussions and activities to reinforce the information presented.
Video, viewing time 22 minutes, 1996, English

P.S. Caring For Pretty Special Children (Abused or Neglected)
by Social Learning
This video provides easily understood information necessary for the day to day problems they encounter. Topics include: behaviors of abused children, working with children in groups, professional behavior for the caregiver, how to recognize abuse and neglect and working with parents of special children.
Video, viewing time 90 min, 1989, English
Adoption For Troubled Children: Prevention And Repair Of Adoptive Failures Through Residential Treatment
by Douglas Powers
This text is collection of related papers on the adoption of older, troubled children. The "troubled" refers to those children who, for multiple reasons, have had no permanent homes and have been moved from one place to another. These children have major psycho-social problems—they are troubled, and they are troubling.
Hardcover, 201 pp, 1984, English

Before The Best Interests Of The Child
by Joseph Goldstein, Anna Freau and Albert J. Solnit
This challenging helpful, authoritative and unique book should be studied carefully by social workers, doctors, lawyers, state agency personnel, and separated or divorced parents as well. The book offers persuasive guidelines for revising policies that now allow grievous harm to be done to tens of thousands of children and families each year regarding child placement, state intervention, and family assessment.

A Man Named Dave A Story Of Triumph And Forgiveness
by Dave Pelzer
A Man Named Dave is the conclusion to a trio of autobiographical books by Dave Pelzer, who to millions of readers of A Child Called "It" and The Lost Boy has become an inspirational figure. A Child Called "It" is the gripping and harrowing account of Pelzer's abuse at the hands of his mother, beginning when he was four years old and continuing until teachers and neighbors were finally able to intervene and he was placed in foster care at age 12. The Lost Boy picks up where A Child Called "It" leaves off and details Pelzer's experiences in foster care and his difficulty navigating the "normal" world with the dark shadows of his abuse and of his mother's actual presence in his life looming over him.
Hardcover, 352 pp, 2000, English

The Impact Of Community Violence On African American Children And Families
by Mareasa R. Isaacs, Ph.D.
This report summarizes the key workshop presentations on the impact of community violence on African American children and families. The first section provides an overview of the scope of the problem, identifying the extent, prevalence, and nature of community violence in Africa American Communities. The summary report reviews the theoretical and conceptual frameworks that have guided research in the area of violence and its impact of community violence on the social and emotional development of African American children.
Paperback, 89 pp, 1992, English
Beyond The Best Interests Of The Child
by Joseph Goldstein, Anna Freau and Albert J. Solnit
Child placement laws are society's response to the "success" or "failure" in providing its children with an environment which adequately serves their needs. This text reviews arguments from many of these policies, and argues that society must use each child's placement as an occasion for protecting future generations of children by increasing the number of adequate parents and breaking the cycle of sickness and hardship bequeathed from one generation to the next. Every person who works with children as therapist, social worker, or lawyer should own this volume, understand it completely, and struggle to turn its precepts into effective social practices.
Paperback, 224 pp, 1974, English

Family Practice A Curriculum Plan For Social Services
by June Brown and Marie Weil
This book is a guide for the development policy, the organization of responsive agencies, and the growth of practice that can help to create healthy neighborhoods and flourishing schools-practice that grants to families, in all their splendid variety, the central role in the welfare of their children.
Paperback, 281 pp, 1992, English

Death from Child Abuse And No One Heard
by Eve Krupinski and Dana Weikel
This is a true story of the beating, torture and death of five-year-old Ursula Sunshine Assaid. Ursula died after 55 hours of abuse at the hands of her mother's boyfriend while her mother did nothing to intervene. Part two of the book provides a comprehensive and concise guide to understanding, recognizing and reporting suspected cases of child abuse.
Paperback, 131 pp, 2002, English

Pathways To Permanency: Concurrent Planning
by Philip and Gay Courter and the Dave Thomas Foundation
This is the first in The Pathways to Permanency video series from Courter Films. We hope this video will provide you with substantial background information about Family Group Decision Making (FGDM), and give you the basis for starting on the "Pathway to Permanency." This video vividly demonstrates the FGDM process, and describes how it works to achieve improved safety and permanency for children and increased family connectedness and functioning. In this video, you will see clips and scenes from various types of Family Group Decision Making meetings. You will hear from professionals working in the area of Family Group Decision Making, as well as from the families who have participated in this process. General principles and components of FGDM are explained.
Video, Viewing time 30 min, English
Professional Choices: Ethics At Work
by National Association of Social Workers
In this video, social work practitioners, educators, and administrators discuss ethical social work practice. Case scenarios highlight the difficulties in judging between sound ethical practice and professional misconduct as participants talk candidly about the ethical issues that can arise in day-to-day practice. Developed by the NASW Office of Ethics and Adjudication and produced by NASW Press and the NASW Insurance Trust, the videotape is useful for practitioners, faculty members and students, agency administrators, and licensing boards. It is an excellent tool for in-service training, particularly on risk management, as well as for preparation for practice.
Video, Viewing time 40 min, 1995, English

Permanency Toolkit: Dependency Mediation
by Philip and Gay Courter and the Dave Thomas Foundation
The video shows how the process of mediation is often organized through the court system, useful at many stages of cases, and especially applicable to issues that would otherwise be litigated. The viewer sees how resolving child protection and dependency cases through mediation allows parents and other interested parties to discuss and settle cases in ways that support families to find solutions that are in the best interest of their children. Various models of mediation are shown and discussed, while common issues including who will be included in the mediation, how confidentiality issues may be handled, potential savings in court time and costs, how the cases are resolved and endorsed by the bench, and ongoing compliance issues are illustrated.
Video, Viewing time 30 min, English