

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **20 Things Adoptive Parents Need to Succeed**
 Author: Sherrie Eldridge *Books* 2009 249 pp

The author of "Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish their Adoptive Parents Knew," here goes beyond those insights and shifts her focus to parents, offering encouragement and hope. She shares proven strategies and the moving narratives of nearly one hundred adoptive families, helping parents gain a deeper understanding of what is normal, both for their children and themselves.

Material Title: **Achieving Long Term Success in Adoption**
 Author: ORPARC Staff *Information Packets* 2006 45 pages

This compilation of articles reprinted here by permission from a variety of periodicals provides a broad look at techniques and family characteristics that have been associated with long term success in the raising of adopted children. It provides guidelines to consider when difficulties arise.

Material Title: **ADHD in Adolescents: Diagnosis and Treatment**
 Author: Arthur Robin *Books* 1998 435 pages

This book, written for "psychologists, physicians, social workers, educators, and other professionals," is about, not only the facts of the disorder, but also its nature and the proper means of clinically evaluating it. And just as important, if not more so, he tells professionals what to do to be of help to these youth, their families, and their educators.

Material Title: **Adoptalk**
 Author: *Journals/Newsletters 'l 1999-Spring 20*

This semi-annual newsletter is published by the North American Council on Adoptable Children. (NACAC) The publications have articles that pertain specifically to NACAC news, upcoming conferences, and services as well as some articles about general adoption issues.

Material Title: **Adopted (DVD)**
 Author: Barb Lee *DVDs* 2008 80 minutes

This DVD, by first-time director Barb Lee, reveals the grit rather than the glamour of transracial adoption, going deep into the intimate lives of two well-meaning families and showing us the subtle challenges they face. One family is just beginning the process of adopting a baby from China, the other family's Korean daughter is now 32 years old. Prompted by her adoptive mother's terminal illness, she tries to create the bond they never had. The results are riveting, unpredictable and telling. While the two families are at opposite ends of their respective journeys, their stories converge to show us that love alone isn't enough to make a family work.

Includes the companion DVD, "Adopted: We Can Do Better", with more than two hours of experts' advice to help families clarify their intentions, cope with grief, identify themselves as a mixed-race family, foster identity for their transracial adopted children, and become educated about the politics of international adoption.

Material Title: **Adopted Adolescent, The (Audiotape)**
 Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1993 60 minutes

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Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1990 79 minutes

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Material Title: **Adopted Child in the Classroom, The (Audiotape)**
Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1990

This presentation is designed for parents to give to teachers to help them be more sensitive to the needs of adopted children and to consider adoptive family issues when designing lesson plans and assignments.

Material Title: **Adopting and Advocating for the Special Needs Child: A Guide for Parents and Professionals**
Author: L. Anne Babb *Books* 1997 222 pages

Completely frank and remarkably compassionate, this detailed, comprehensive guide 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. It covers such key topics as how to manage finances, advocate within the educational system, and cope when things go wrong. Tables, checklists, and frequent references to additional resources add value to this informed advice to adoptive parents.

Material Title: **Adopting the Older Child**
Author: Claudia Jewett *Books* 1978 289 pages

This book describes a child's transition from the honeymoon period through the testing phase and on to the full integration into a family, giving practical, caring advice on how to handle each situation.

Material Title: **Adoption and Healing: Proceedings of the international conference on Adoption and Healing**
Author: New Zealand Adoption and Healing Trust *Books* 1997 352 pages

Until perhaps the 1970s, adoption was generally regarded in Western countries as beneficial to all parties involved. It was seen as a one-off event, after which life for the adopting family was assumed to carry on as normal. Over the past 20 years, this attitude has altered significantly. It has become obvious that adoption is a lifelong process. Although many adoptions have benefited those involved, others, notably some birth mothers and adopted people, have experienced a range of psychological and emotional problems. Some of these problems have commonalities with known areas of treatment, some may require a specific and different approach. This book contains papers presented to an international conference held in June 1997 in Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand on issues resulting from the adoption experience. The authors include many of the leading professional authorities in the adoption field from Holland, the U.S., the U.K., and Australia, as well as New Zealand.

Material Title: **Adoption and Loss: The Hidden Grief**
Author: Evelyn Burns Robinson *Books* 2003 223 pages

What becomes of women who give up their children for adoption? Why do so many adopted people feel such a strong desire to seek out their families of origin? In what ways are families with adopted children different from other families? This book, written by a birth mother, provides the answers to these questions and many others.

Material Title: **Adoption and the Family System**
Author: Miriam Reitz, PhD, and Kenneth W. Watson *Books* 1992 320 pages

The authors utilize family systems theory to construct a practical treatment approach for working with families on the myriad issues and interrelationships that surround adoption. The model described is broadly inclusive of all families linked by the adoption triangle. This book offers an entirely new approach to evaluation and treatment designed specifically for families linked in adoption.

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Material Title: **Adoption Healing: A Path to Recovery**
Author: Joe Soll *Books* 2000 189 pages

In this book, the author, a psychotherapist, lecturer, former university professor, founder and director of Adoption Crossroads, Adoption Counseling Center, and New York State Adoption Agency Task Force, and himself an adoptee, presents the world of adoption from his own unique perspective, offering myths, facts, exercises, and quotes to augment chapters on a wide range of adoption related issues.

Material Title: **Adoption is a Family Affair! What Relatives and Friends Must Know**
Author: Patricia I. Johnston *Books* 2001 145 pages

This book gives information for relatives and friends about who can adopt, why they consider adoption, the process, and how kids understand adoption as they develop. It addresses concerns, fears, and questions that friends and relatives have when someone they care about decides to adopt.

Material Title: **Adoption Life Cycle, The: The Children and Their Families Through the Years**
Author: Elinor Rosenberg *Books* 1992 188 pages

This book is for anyone involved in the adoption experience – adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and professionals. It provides a framework for understanding the important developmental tasks which span the lifetimes of all those involved.

Material Title: **Adoption Mystique, The**
Author: Joanne Wolf Small *Books* 2007 181 pages

Much of what's been written and said about adoption—the definitions, myths, interpretations, and so on—was generated by non-adopted persons, and often without benefit of adopted person's input. This book was written by an adopted person who hopes to paint a picture of the social welfare system that contrasts with the traditional view and sheds a new light on the situation.

Material Title: **Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution Is Transforming America**
Author: Adam Pertman *Books* 2000 312 pages

Pertman, an adoptive father and former journalist for The Boston Globe, combines research and personal anecdotes in this overview of the trends and cultural ramifications of adoption. His views: families should be "out" about their adoptive status; children should be told they were adopted as early as possible; all members of the adoption "triad" (birth parents, child and adoptive parents) should try to stay in close communication; and much more.

Material Title: **Adoption Parenting: Creating a Toolbox, Building Connections**
Author: Jean MacLeod and Sheena Macrae *Books* 2006 485 pages

Over 100 contributors have helped to weave this tapestry of advice for adoptive parents. It looks at FASD, trauma and PTSD, sensory integration, speech and language delays, and at ways to effectively parent a post-institutionalized child or a child who has experienced trauma. You may not read it all at once, but you'll come back to it again and again as your child's self-awareness develops and your awareness of how to help increases.

Material Title: **Adoption Resource Book, The: Everything You Ought to Know About Creating an Adoptive Family**
Author: Lois Gilman *Books* 1998 546 pp

This practical, wise, and encouraging book contains all the information a couple or an individual needs to investigate adoption alternatives, arrange for and complete a successful adoption, and raise an adoptive family. Beginning with a broad overview of options for both domestic and foreign adoption, the author provides details about agencies, home studies, paperwork, and legal issues. Also covered are procedures for agency and independent adoptions as well as concerns about intercountry adoption, special-needs children, preparing for a child's arrival, and longer term questions about the impact of adoption on your family over the years. This newly revised fourth edition features:

- more information on open adoption and creating the relationship with birth parents that's right for you and your child;
- the latest on financing an adoption, including loans, government subsidies, and tax credits;
- new stories throughout from birth mothers, adoptive parents, and adopted children to illustrate adoption issues today, and a detailed bibliography for further readings;
- and completely updated listings of over a thousand domestic agencies, parent groups, information exchanges, and public service offices.

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Material Title: **Adoption Resources for Mental Health Professionals**
Author: Pamela Grabe *Books* 1990 348 pages

This revised edition is a valuable resource for professionals who find their diagnoses, assessment, and counseling of foster children misleading because they employ criteria based on experiences of non-adoptive children. The 23 contributors include professionals with extensive teaching and practical experience in the field.

Material Title: **Adoption Stories for Young Children* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Randall B. Hicks *Children's Books* 1995 43 pages

This book is told from the perspective of a five year old boy who introduces us to his many friends and neighbors. They come from different walks of life, but they have one thing in common – their families were all created through adoption. It explores common issues of interest to young children about adoption.

Material Title: **Adoption Wisdom: A Guide to the Issues and Feelings of Adoption**
Author: Marlou Russell *Books* 1996 185 pages

This book combines quotations from birth parents, adoptive parents and adoptees with brief observations from the author, a psychologist and adoptee, herself, in reunion with her birth family. In chapters with such titles as "The Adoption Triad," "Basic Truths of Adoption," "Loss and Grief in Adoption," "Search and Reunion," "Before Choosing Adoption," and others, this book sheds a unique light on the world of adoption through the commentary of those who live that world every day.

Material Title: **Adoption: Making it Last (DVD)**
Author: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *DVDs* 16 minutes

This DVD provides a realistic look at frustrations and exhaustion adoptive parents frequently experience. It addresses grief and loss, attachment, anger, aggressiveness, and out-of-control behaviors, emphasizing the need for school advocacy, medical referrals, crisis intervention, support groups, respite care, and therapy by adoption-savvy professionals. It validates kids' feelings of anger and confusion over their situations, gives permission to continue to love one's birth family, and reinforces the idea that making the adoption last is the responsibility of all family members.

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Material Title: **Adoptive Parent Intentional Parent**
Author: Stacy Manning *Books* 2013 249 pages

This book is meant to offer hope. I offer you my story among others so that you will truly understand that you are not alone on this journey. This book is meant to offer peace. I offer you a formula to follow that will aid you in building and maintaining the safety net your child needs to be able to truly heal. This book is meant to offer knowledge. I offer you knowledge about the hurdles you will face; knowledge truly is power. If used intentionally, it will aid you in changing lives. This book is meant to offer clarity. I offer you techniques that help you gain self awareness so that you can more easily move some of your obstacles out of the way. This book is meant to offer support. I offer you tools that will enable you to be the intentional parent you need to be.

Material Title: **After Adoption: A Manual for Professionals Working With Adoptive Families**
Author: J.P. Bourguignon, Jean-Pierre and Watson *Books* 1987 60 pages

Aimed primarily toward mental health professionals who work with adoptees and their families, this manual addresses the differences between adoptive and biological families, identifies needs of adoptive families, and discusses diagnostic assessment of families following placement and factors to be considered in planning therapeutic intervention.

Material Title: **After Adoption: Training Guide**
Author: J.P. Bourguignon *Books* 1987 18 pages

This guide is intended to be used in conjunction with "After Adoption: A Manual for Professionals Working with Adoptive Families." The "Manual" is designed for training adoption workers, mental health professionals, and educational professionals.

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Material Title: **All About Adoption: How to deal with questions of your past* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Anne Lanchon *Children's Books* 2006 89 pages

Adopted teens may be in a unique situation, but Lanchon, without trivializing it, assures them, "When all is said and done, you're no weirder than anyone else. You're adopted, your friends aren't, so what?" Written in an informal, conversational style, this illustrated guide covers an adopted child's traditional worries and concerns, such as establishing identity and living with overprotective parents.

Material Title: **All Kinds of Families* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Norma Simon *Children's Books* 1976 34 pages

This illustrated (by Joe Lasker) children's book describes and shows different kinds of families and normalizes the many ways in which they are not all the same. The word adoption comes up only twice, but the message that it is not necessary to be like everyone else is amply communicated.

Material Title: **Another Place at the Table**
Author: Kathy Harrison *Books* 2003 224 pages

Kathy Harrison has been a foster parent for more than thirteen years, hosting almost a hundred children. This book is an account of many of those placements; it is an invitation into her busy home and the lives of her ever-changing crew of troubled children. The stories that arise within this narrative are not all happy or easy, but they are compelling and very real.

Material Title: **Answering Your Child's Questions About Adoption (Audiotape)**
Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1990 80 minutes

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Material Title: **Attaching in Adoption: Practical Tools for Today's Parents**
Author: Deborah D. Gray *Books* 2002 362 pages

This "how to" and "why to" guide, considers ways to balance families, giving attention to all family members, protecting the development of siblings, and maintaining a family with high self-esteem. Filled with vignettes drawn from over 10,000 hours counseling adopted children, this book addresses building emotional intelligence and concludes with ways parents can build family, peer, and professional support for themselves and for their child.

Material Title: **Baby, We Were Meant for Each Other: In Praise of Adoption**
Author: Scott Simon *Books* 2010 193 pages

In this warm, funny and wise new book, NPR's award-winning and beloved Scott Simon tells the story of how he and his wife found true love with two tiny strangers from the other side of the world. It is a book of unforgettable moments: When Scott and Caroline get their first thumb-sized pictures of their daughters, when the small girls are placed in their arms, and all the laughs and tumbles along the road as they become a real family.

Material Title: **Becoming Patrick: A Memoir**
Author: Patrick McMahon *Books* 2011 310 pages

When Pat McMahon risks the love of the mother who raised him by seeking out the mother who gave him away, he transforms from a mild-mannered engineer into a frenetic detective. After he overcomes the challenges of existential angst, bureaucratic roadblocks and unemployment, the phone call to his first mother releases a torrent of long-buried feelings. During a sometimes turbulent long-distance unfolding, he absorbs her shocking revelation and comes out as gay once again. Their eventual reunion creates a profound bond, even as he navigates waves of conflicting emotions, merges past with present, and embarks on a new future rooted in truth and insights into the universal quest for identity and human connection.

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Material Title: **Behavior With a Purpose: Thoughtful Solutions to Common Problems of Adoptive, Foster and Kinship Youth**

Author: Richard Delaney *Books* 2009 156

Provides a practical understanding of and clinically relevant interventions for common problems of youth in adoptive, foster and kinship homes. Specific attention is placed on food hoarding, wetting, defiance, lying, stealing, and negative attention seeking behavior. The book also explains how the positive intent of adoptive, foster and kinship parents can often work at cross purposes with the motivations of the child. Numerous case examples illustrate the dynamics of a problem. The book firmly endorses the healing power of the family and is written from a strengths-based perspective.

Material Title: **Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self**

Author: David Brodzinsky *Books* 1992 193 pages

This book, based on Eric Erikson's seven stage life cycle model, will open doors for adoptees who at one time or another have wondered why they felt a particular way and had no place to turn for the answer. * There is a hard cover and a paperback.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child, The: How Adoption Impacts Adoptive Parents**

Author: *Journals/Newsletters* Oct 1998-Oct 2000

This monthly newsletter for adoptive parents contains only one article per volume. Some article titles include: Teens feelings about adoption, Parents who adopt racially diverse children, Bipolar Disorder, Adoption reform, ADHD/ADD and more.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: For Parents Adopting Older Children**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1983 to 1991

This collection of articles from 1983 to 1991 includes pieces on issues specific to adopting older children, such as the effect on siblings, the need for a support network, discussing puberty, etc.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: For Waiting or New Adoptive Parents**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1982 to 1993

This collection of articles from 1982 to 1993 includes pieces on rituals to enhance the sense of family, bonding and attachment, and paradoxes and problems around disclosing your child's adoption.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: Helping Others Understand Adoption**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1985 to 1995

This collection of articles from "Adopted Child" from 1985 to 1995 includes pieces on disclosing and explaining adoption to friends, relatives, and their children; differentiating among secrecy, privacy, and openness; public perceptions on adoption, and even a 1992 look at Woody Allen and Mia Farrow.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: How Adoption Impacts Adoptive Parents**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1983 to 1994

This collection of articles from "Adopted Child" 1983 to 1994 includes pieces on infertility issues, midlife issues, the need for a support network, and the needs of African-American adoptive parents.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: Issues Children Face in School**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1982 to 1994

This collection of articles from "Adopted Child" from 1982 to 1994 includes pieces on teasing, disclosing the adoption, hyperactivity, attitudes toward academics, and learning disabilities.

Material Title: **Best of Adopted Child: The Growing Years**

Author: Lois Melina *Journals/Newsletters* 1987 to 1995

This collection of articles from 1987 to 1997 includes pieces on Adoption Day rituals; what behaviors are adoption-related and what ones are not; children's books on adoption; holidays; seven core issues of adoption; and anger, grief and loss related to birth parents.

Material Title: **Best of Pact Press, The: Talking with Kids about Adoption**

Author: Collection *Journals/Newsletters* 43 pages

This 43-page booklet contains 12 articles previously printed in the Pact Press on talking to kids about such things as sex, grief, self-esteem, being adopted older, lifebooks and more.

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Material Title: **Best of Questions & Answers with Heather T. Forbes, LCSW, The (6 CDs)**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *CD-ROMs* 2015 7 hours

This 6-disc audio CD set is a compilation of the very best Q&A Heather T. Forbes has done with parents through her online parenting classes over the past several years. This one-of-a-kind audio set contains seven hours of practical, effective, & loving solutions for foster, adopted, and traumatized children. Topics include abandonment, arguing, boundaries vs. consequences, chores, disobedience, emotional age, expectations, grieving, healing, hygiene, lying, medical trauma, medication, older children, opposition, overwhelm, parent anger, parent self-care, prenatal trauma, regulatory issues, relatives, shutting down, sibling rivalry, social issues, stealing, tantrums, texting, toddler issues, transitions, trauma and much more!

Material Title: **Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors (CD)**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *CDs* 2008 5 hours

This second volume of Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control offers even more empowering examples and more practical applications. It addresses seven behaviors rooted in fear including poor social skills, demanding behaviors, self-injury, defensive attitudes, no conscience, homework battles, and chores. This audio book includes current research on the brain and how it affects behavior, giving you scientific explanations of why children misbehave. This audio book is for all parents who seek to love unconditionally.

Material Title: **Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control: Tweens (2 CDs)**
Author: Heather T., LCSW and B. Bryan Post Forbes *CDs* 2007 1 hour 45 minutes

This 2-part audio CD set will bring you solutions and a deeper understanding of the book "Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control" and how it relates to your tween's behaviors, ages 10-12. This discussion hits the mark for all children and puts the concepts of this book into real life application. The authors answer questions submitted from parents around the world in an engaging and empowering discussion to help you bring peace into your family.

Material Title: **Children's Adjustment to Adoption: Developmental and Clinical Issues**
Author: David M. Brodzinsky *Books* 1998 116 pages

This book presents major issues that affect both the process and outcome of adoption for children and their parents. It offers extensive coverage of theory and research on children and families with clinical vignettes punctuating key points. A discussion of intervention and assessment issues that commonly arise in work with adoptees closes this volume.

Material Title: **Child's Journey Through Placement, A**
Author: Vera Fahlberg *Books* 1991 394 pages

This book provides a foundation of resources and tools to help professionals and parents support children as they move through the foster care system to adoption. At times it can focus on theory and practice but it helps families understand why kids move and how their moves affect them. This is considered a seminal work in the field containing practical and thoughtful information about special needs children. More current material on new neurological research and brain development was not available at the time this was written. However, this is still a valuable resource with insight on various aspects related to foster and adopted children.

Material Title: **Clinical and Practice Issues in Adoption: Bridging the Gap Between Adoptees Placed as Infants and as Older Children**
Author: Victor Groza and Karen F. Roseberg *Books* 1998 165 pages

This book is intended for all those affected by and interested in adoption. The contents are written by a variety of experts in the adoption field and examine topics such as treatment issues for adoptees placed at different ages, search and reunion, ethics, infertility, shared identity issues, and the ongoing need for adoption support.

Material Title: **Closure: A Documentary About Adoption (DVD)**
Author: Bryan Tucker *DVDs* 2013 1 hour 16 minutes

Angela, an African-American woman, was raised by a Caucasian couple in a large, multiracial family in Washington State. She was adopted at the age of one from foster care in the state of Tennessee, under the terms of a closed adoption. As Angela grew older it became apparent that the unanswered questions about her birth story would continue to haunt her if she did not attempt to find some answers. Filmed and edited by her husband Bryan, this documentary follows Angela for two years during the search for her birth family. Several twists and surprising revelations ultimately lead Angela and her family across the country to her place of birth. It is here where Angela comes face to face with her birth mother for the first time, and meets family members who had never known she was even born - including her birth father.

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Material Title: **Communicating with the Adopted Child**
Author: Miriam Komar *Books* 1991 271 pages

This book focuses on the importance of family conversation and the power of speech in providing both information and emotional support to the adopted child. Utilizing examples drawn from interview, case studies, and extensive correspondence, as well as from leading studies in the fields of psychology, sociology, and social work, Dr. Komar's book gives a reassuring perspective on some of the most troubling issues of adoption.

Material Title: **Connected Child, The**
Author: Karyn Purvis *Books* 2007 234 pages

Written by two research psychologists specializing in adoption and attachment, this book is intended to help adoptive parents build bonds of affection and trust with their adopted child, effectively deal with any learning or behavioral disorders, and discipline their child with love without making him or her feel threatened.

Material Title: **Creating Ceremonies: Innovative Ways to Meet Adoption Challenges**
Author: Cheryl Lieberman and Rhea K. Bufferd *Books* 1999 123 pages

Rituals and ceremonies can help us cope with important transitions in our lives. The authors of this book offer ideas that parents can use and modify to create ceremonies in their adopted children's lives that will help them deal with celebration, transition, self-esteem, loss, fears, anniversaries and more.

Material Title: **Creating Sexual Safety in Adoption and Foster Care (2 CDs)**
Author: NACAC Conference *CDs* 2011 84 minutes

This material is a recording from the NACAC Conference in August 2011. Presented by Wayne Duehn, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington (retired). In this session, workers will develop knowledge and skills to help parents address the needs of adopted children who have been sexually abused. Discover how to enable parents to create a healing milieu to counteract the negative impact of trauma on a child's psychosocial and cognitive development, and to enhance positive self-esteem. Learn how to help adoptive families become the central ingredient in their children's recovery.

Material Title: **Creating Your Child's Village (VHS)**
Author: Ed-Net Series *Videotapes* July 15, 1999 1 hour

Panelists Renee Daniel Hershey, the Co-Director of Kinship House in Portland, Dr. Charlene Sabin, a behavioral pediatrician, and Lynn Hackleman, an adoptive mother of uncommon drive and focus cover such topics as how to prioritize your child's needs, how to interview, hire and fire the people who work with you and your child, how to work with school personnel, who makes up your child's village and why you are that village's chief. The panelists speak on these and other topics and answer questions from viewers who called in during this live presentation.

Material Title: **Current Thinking in Special Needs Adoption**
Author: Spaulding for Children *Books* 1996 77 pages

This booklet discusses core issues in adoption, trends related to the adoption of children of color, adoption recruitment, transracial adoption, assessment and intervention in post legal adoption services, and the collaboration necessary to provide these services.

Material Title: **Dare to Love Yourself: Music, Meditations and Affirmations for Emotional Wellness (CD)**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *CDs* 2010 1 hour 15 minutes

This 2-part CD set is designed to be your resource for finding peace and happiness in your life. This unique resource will help you move from a place of pain, frustration, and overwhelm to happiness, harmony, and joy. Included are meditations to help distance yourself from negative emotions, affirmations to move you to the next level of thinking positively and an all new soundtrack created specifically to enhance your experience and healing.

Material Title: **Dark Matter of Love, The (DVD)**
Author: Sarah McCarthy *DVDs* 2013 1 hour 33 minutes

Masha, an eleven year old Russian girl, learns to love her adoptive American family. Masha is adopted along with five year old twins Marcel and Vadim. Can this family form the bonds of attachment and thrive in their adoption? They are aided by Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert Marvin, who has spent a lifetime developing a program to help children learn to love. An encouraging movie, the audience has the honor of watching the Diaz family triumph.

Material Title: **Day We Met You, The* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Phoebe Koehler *Children's Books* 1990 34 pages

This warmly illustrated book to be read to very young children tells a generic story of a mother and father's preparations for bringing an infant home to be adopted.

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Material Title: **Diagnostic Conundrums (2 CDs)**

Author: John Sobraske *CDs* 8/6/2011 2 hours

Presented by John Sobraske, adoption psychotherapist, New York at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. Rather than describing specific diagnoses, this session looks at the issue of diagnosis in general. The speaker will cover the use and misuse of labels, such as bipolar and reactive attachment disorder, and the need to understand how various influences interact (like developmental delays, identity issues, and chemical exposure in utero) and to determine, in individual cases, which factors are salient and which are not. Finally, the session will help parents become expert advocates who maintain a whole picture of their child and resist diagnostic fragmentation by specialists.

Material Title: **Dialogues About Adoption: Conversations Between Parents and Their Children**

Author: Linda Bothun *Books* 1994 216 pages

This book offers comfort and support to adoptive families who want to know how other families have handled adoption issues. Each chapter is introduced with examples of generally accepted developmental information followed by dialogues placed chronologically based on the age of the child when that conversation took place. The real-life anecdotes and experiences shed much-needed light on this complex subject.

Material Title: **Eden's Secret Journal: The Story of an Older Child Adoption* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Brenda McCreight *Children's Books* 2003 59 pages

This fictional journal's title character is a 13-year-old, adopted at age 10, who is writing the journal because her therapist told her to. She talks about her years in foster care, her substance abusing birth parents, and her adoptive parents. Her life is far from perfect, but it is getting better and we learn how she feels about things in her world. Author, Brenda McCreight is a Child & family therapist with more than 20 years experience.

Material Title: **Effective Adoption Support Groups for Families (2 CDs)**

Author: Ardell Brackley, Michelle Hirst and Bernadette Hicks *CDs* 8/5/2011 1 hour 28 minutes

Presented by Ardell Brackley and Michelle Hirst of Children's Friend & Service, and Bernadette Hicks of Adoption Rhode Island at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. This training will explore the effect of support groups on both adoptive and pre-adoptive parents and the children in their care. Come learn how supportive it is for a family to meet with others who are having the same experiences and feelings. We'll discuss how separate parent and child support groups help parents and children stay together and work through the hard times.

Material Title: **Effective Strategies for Severe Behaviors in Adopted and Foster Children (3 DVDs)**

Author: Bryan Post and Gizane Indart, PsyD, LPC *DVDs* 4 hours

Bryan Post and Dr. Gizane Indart provide clear cut understanding of the root of severe behaviors most frequently identified by parents and caregivers as troublesome and specific step by step strategies to eliminating these behaviors and creating healing and peace in your home. Learn why even adoption at birth is traumatic. Gain life changing insights to why your children act out, and what you can do to help them succeed. Leave fear-based parenting behind you!

Material Title: **Emma's Yucky Brother* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Jean Little *Children's Books* 2001 61 pages

Pictures by Jennifer Plecas. This booklet tells the story of Emma, who initially has a harder time getting used to the four year old younger brother her family has adopted than she had anticipated. Problems escalate, but the story ends with a satisfactory resolution for the two children. -- ages 4-8

Material Title: **Empowering, Connecting and Correcting Principles: Healing Children Through Trust and Relationships (DVD)**

Author: TCU Institute of Child Development *DVDs* 2010 1 hour 55 minutes

In this nearly two-hour presentation, Dr. Karyn Purvis, a developmental psychologist, explains her research-based approach with children who come from what she calls "hard places". These are children who have been exposed to drugs and alcohol in utero or suffered abuse, trauma or neglect early in life. She explains how harm during these critical stages of brain growth cause significant disruption in a child's development and behaviors and offers strategies to overcome these deficits.

Through research and years of experience with children throughout the world, Dr. Purvis offers a path of healing through a trust-based, relationship-based, holistic approach. She explains the principles and tactics for reconnecting with these children to meet their needs and help them reach their highest potential.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **English American, The**
Author: Alison Larkin *Books* 2008 336 pages

When Pippa Dunn, adopted as an infant and raised "terribly British," discovers that her birth parents are from the American South, she finds that "culture clash" has layers of meaning she'd never imagined. This funny, poignant debut novel sprung from stand-up comic and British stage regular, Larkin's semi-autobiographical and highly acclaimed one-woman show of the same title.

Material Title: **Exploring Adoptive Family Life: The Collected Papers of H. David Kirk**
Author: H. David Kirk *Books* 1988 155 pages

Few social scientists have so persistently investigated a single facet of human life. Even fewer have presented such complex ideas and important findings in clear, engaging, and readily understandable language. This book is a log of Kirk's long journey of discovery. Adoption of minority children, female preference, stress and the adopted child, child development and the application of the "best interest of the child" are explored.

Material Title: **Exploring The Lifetime Issues Of Adoption (VHS)**
Author: Montana Post Adoption Center, Inc. *Videotapes* 1992 1 hour 47 minutes

This video is in four parts. "Growing Up Adopted" shows six adopted teens expressing the positive and negative feelings they have about being adopted. In "Open Adoption Alliances," a pregnant teen adoptee decides to place her baby in an open adoption. There is also a discussion about older children and open adoptions. In "Parenting Plus," adoptive and foster families discuss separation, loss and out-of-home placement. And in "Making and Maintaining Connections," adult adoptees meet their birthparents and discuss their thoughts on search, reunion and the future.

Material Title: **Families at Risk: A guide to understanding and protecting children and care providers involved in out-of-home or adoptive care**
Author: Jodee Kulp *Books* 1993 399 pages

This book offers an almost encyclopedic look at the difficult task of raising children who have a relationship with the child welfare system. Filled with quotes, charts, lists, illustrations, anecdotes and insight, it is intended as a guide through the maze of hoops, barriers and pitfalls that surrogate families and out-of-home children face.

Material Title: **Families Change: A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights* (Children's Material)**
Author: Julie Nelson *Children's Books* 2006 32 pages

Over time, all families change. Sometimes, when families have big problems, they need to change so kids will be safe. A child's family might change from a birth family to a foster family or an adoptive family. That kind of change can be hard on kids. They may believe that the change is their fault. They may worry about their birth parents, and they may wonder if they can trust the new adults in their life.

This book can help children and families through this difficult change. The first part is meant to be read and shared with children. Simple words and realistic color illustrations tell and show why some kids get foster parents or new adopted moms or dads. The second part includes information and resources for adults who work to keep kids safe: parents and other family adults, foster parents, social workers, teachers, and caregivers.

With the support of caring adults, children who experience termination of parental rights can move from the pain of the past to the promise of the future.

Material Title: **Family Diversity in Education: Foster Care, Kinship Care, Adoption and the Schools (2 CDs)**
Author: Shelly Linenberger and Emily Tracy *CDs* 8/6/2011 1 hour 30 minutes

Presented by Shelly Linenberger & Emily Tracy of The Adoption Exchange, Colorado at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. Children in adoptive, foster, and kinship families have unique experiences and needs—often founded on separation, grief, loss, and trauma. These needs and experiences can negatively affect their development and ability to learn and feel safe in a school setting. Families and child advocates can educate the schools and partner with them to reduce potentially traumatic school assignments, uncaring remarks, educational gaps, and conflicts.

Material Title: **Family of Adoption, The**
Author: Joyce Maguire Pavao *Books* 1998 124 pages

This popular book provides a broad framework for thinking about adoption because it considers the entire family system -- birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptees and other family members. By feeling empathy for all members of the extended family, everyone involved can grow, learn and heal.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Family Therapy Magazine: May/June 2004**
Author: Periodical *Periodicals* *May/June 2004* *8 articles*

This issue of Family Therapy Magazine, a journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, is dedicated to "Adoption Trends and the Role of Family Therapy." It contains eight articles on adoption. The magazine can be checked out of the ORPARC library just as books or tapes can. Contact us by phone or email if you would like to borrow a copy of this unique issue.

Material Title: **Finding Inner Peace when Coping with Special Needs and Difficult Children (CD)**
Author: NACAC Conference 2006 CD *CDs* *2006* *90 minutes*

Transform chaos into calm by taking care of yourself while coping with difficult and special needs children. Learn ancient principals of mindfulness (how to live in the moment) and how to find peace, even in the face of a screaming child and other turmoil. This workshop is based on A Cry for Light: A Journey into Love, a book about a mother who finds inner peace while seeking help for her emotionally disturbed adopted son.

Material Title: **Finding the Right Spot* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Janice Levy *Children's Books* *2004* *42 pages*

When kids can't live with their parents, their feelings are complicated, confusing, and often chaotic. This beautifully illustrated story, for all such kids, regardless of the circumstances, offers children a chance to think about their feelings and understand them better. It also provides caregivers help in understanding the child's experience and a two-page "Note to Caregivers" by professionals for help in facilitating conversation.

Material Title: **First Person Plural (VHS)**
Author: Deann Borshay Liem *Videotapes* *2000* *1 hour*

This award winning documentary tells the story of its writer, producer, director, Deann Borshay Liem, who in 1966, was adopted by an American family and sent from Korea to her new home in California. Along the way, the memory of her birth family was nearly obliterated by time and misinformation, but recurring dreams led her to discover the truth: her Korean mother was very much alive. Bravely uniting her biological and adoptive families, Borshay Liem's heartfelt journey makes First Person Plural a poignant essay on family, loss, and the reconciling of two identities.

Material Title: **First Steps for Strengthening Adoptive Families (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* *2006* *1ours 20 minutes.*

This DVD can be viewed independently by parents, or as part of a pre-adoptive or post-adoptive curriculum to educate parents, or to educate adoption staff about the important role of attachment, attunement and regulation in strengthening adoptive families. Whether a child was adopted abroad or domestically, early in life or as an older child, recently or several years ago, this DVD can help parents strengthen connections with their adopted child.

Study Guide available. Please request Guide when requesting DVD.

Material Title: **First Steps for Strengthening Adoptive Families: Tools and Techniques for Meeting the Needs of Your Adopted Child Study Guide**
Author: Melissa and Todd Nichols *Books* *2007* *53 pages*

The First Steps Study Guide is designed in workbook format and supplements learning from the DVD. The guide contains an outline of the information on the DVD, as well as new information. There's room to take notes while viewing the DVD, and all new exercises not included in the DVD. (description is from publisher at www.familyattachment.com)

Material Title: **For Love of a Child: Stories of Adoption**
Author: Lisa Meadows Garfield *Books* *2005* *154 pages*

After beginning with her own story (she's an adoptive mom, a birth grandmother, and the sister of an adoptee), Garfield lets the other 19 contributors to this collection tell their own stories. We hear from all members of the triad, including a birthfather, and extended family members. There are international, domestic, kinship, infant, older child, sibling group, and open adoptions, and adoptive parents who gave birth after adopting.

Material Title: **Forever Family, A: A book about adoption* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Roslyn Banish and Jennifer Jordan-Wong *Children's Books* *1992* *41 pages*

Recommended for children ages five to eight, this first-person photo essay tells the true story of Jennifer's experiences with foster parents, social workers, and getting used to the new life she leads with her adoptive family. This upbeat, loving, yet honest story has a picture book appearance that offers accessibility to beginning readers.

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Material Title: **Forever Fingerprints* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Sherrie Eldridge *Children's Books* 2007 30 pages

In the first children's book by the author of *Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew*, young, imaginative Lucie is excited to feel a baby moving in her Aunt Grace's tummy but it makes her understand her adoption story in a different way. She thinks about her birth parents and wonders why they didn't keep her. This gives Lucie's parents the chance to reinforce their love for her, to empathize with her feelings and to honor her past. The book, for ages 4-8, includes two pages of "Parent Tools and Activities."

Material Title: **Forever Parents: Adopting Older Children**
Author: James E. Kloeppel *Books* 1995 120 pages

Forever Parents is the personal story of one family and their four children, ranging in age from four to nine at the time of adoption. Despite the parents' preparation and good intentions, the children's first months at home were more difficult than expected. This is the story of people learning to live with and love one another through the creation of a family.

Material Title: **Forming Adoptee and Adoptive Family Identity: Psychological and Communication Perspectives (3 CDs)**
Author: Gregory Keck and Robert Ballard *CDs* 8/4/2011 hours 23 minutes

Presented by Gregory Keck of the Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio and Robert Ballard of the University of Waterloo, Ontario at the 37th NACAC Conference in Denver, Colorado. This workshop will examine identity formation for adoptees and their families. In addition to discussing identity formation in general, the presenters will explore the unique features of adoptee identity development. They will also cover how adoptee identity may be affected by the separation and individuation process in adolescence, how families influence and are influenced by these issues, and the difficulties some adoptees experience due to their having multiple identities.

Material Title: **Foster Care and Adoption: A Pathway to Understanding* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Heather Wilson *Children's Books* 2006 64 pages

This is a unique interactive, illustrative and educational book created to help children de-mystify the process and their feelings as they move into foster care and adoption. It is an engaging tool to help children understand the people and steps involved in their transition to permanency. Ideally, the book is used by a clinician or caseworker in therapy with a child.

Material Title: **From Chaos to Calm (2 CDs)**
Author: NACAC Conference *CDs* 8/4/11 1 hour 30 minutes

This item is a recording from the 37th NACAC Conference. Presented by Juli Alvarado, coaching for LIFE! in Colorado. Sometimes in adoption, all goes well and as planned. Sometimes we parents are faced with challenges we could never have anticipated. Parenting children with disruptive behaviors and attachment challenges often leave us feeling scared, frustrated, hopeless, and sometimes even helpless. Join a fellow foster/adoptive parent, therapist, consultant, and trainer for this educational, motivational, and inspirational workshop that will provide you with the tools necessary to transition your home from chaos to calm today!

Material Title: **From Fear to Love**
Author: B. Bryan Post *Books* 2010 114

Bryan Post speaks to parents about the challenges they face when dealing with behaviors that are often present for adopted children. He helps parents understand the impact of early life trauma and the impact of interruptions in the attachment process. In his compassion for parents and children he offers hope and solutions for the challenges families face. Many parents of adopted children express their fear not only for their child's present behaviors, but for what will become of them in the future. Bryan's straightforward, clear-cut approach has created peace and healing for hundreds of families; families who once operated in fear, are now experiencing love.

There are occasional references to God.

Material Title: **Get Real* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Betty Hicks *Children's Books* 2006 184 pages

In this adolescent novel, 13-year-old best friends Dez and Jil are each a little envious of the other's parents - Dez's parents run a sloppy, chaotic household while the adopted Jil's keep a neat, orderly one. Jil becomes obsessed with meeting her birth mother and does so, eventually spending holidays and weekends with her new family which includes a 10-year-old half sister. Problems ensue, lessons are learned, and life is lived.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Goose* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Molly Bang *Children's Books* 1996 34 pages

This story for preschoolers through about grade 3 tells of a gosling raised by a family of woodchucks. But despite the best efforts of her family and friends, the goose feels different and sad. So she goes off into the world to learn what she can about herself, where she learns she can fly. She flies back home to her family, surprising everyone, even herself.

Material Title: **Great Behavior Breakdown, The**
Author: Bryan Post *Books* 2009 164

The Great Behavior Breakdown identifies 27 of the most problematic, serious, and challenging behaviors that parents face, broken them down, and provided step-by-step guidance and insight for transforming your family conflict immediately. This is a must-read book for any parent or professional working with children who have seemingly uncontrollable behavior. Common diagnoses for such children are Reactive Attachment Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Bi-Polar Disorder, Conduct Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Depressive Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Material Title: **Growing Up Adopted* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Maxine Rosenberg *Books* 1989 107 pages

This striking collection of fourteen brief case studies, told in first person, is based on lengthy interviews with eight children and six adults, all of whom were adopted as children. The text is consciousness-raising, low-key, and highly readable. Growing Up Adopted is an illuminating resource for children and adults alike.

Material Title: **Handbook of Adoption: Implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families**
Author: Rafael Javier, et al *Books* 2007 536 pages

Although most mental health and behavioral health professionals have encountered adoption triad members—birth parents, adoptive parents, and adopted persons—in their clinical practice, the vast majority have had no formal or informal training on adoption issues. The Handbook of Adoption is the first text designed for mental health practitioners to specifically address the many dimensions of adoption-related issues which can and do affect adoption triad members, specifically in the United States.

Material Title: **Healthy Touch (DVD)**
Author: TCU Institute of Child Development *DVDs* 2008 51 minutes

Touch is a universal language - more dynamic and powerful than any other form of communication. More than an integral part of everyday life; touch is essential to our very existence. The Healthy Touch DVD explores the importance of touch, particularly as a tool for promoting healing and developing deeper connections between parents of children. It features child development experts, Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross, founders of the TCU Institute of Child Development, and renowned researcher, Dr. Tiffany Field, Director of the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, among other renowned experts. This nearly 50-minute video also explores research about touch and offers practical ways to add healthy touch in our lives on a daily basis.

Material Title: **Help for Billy**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *Books* 2012 198 pages

"Help for Billy" is a pragmatic manual to help guide families and educators who are struggling with traumatized children. Based on the concept of the neuroscience of emotions and behavior, Heather Forbes provides detailed, comprehensive, and logical strategies for teachers and parents. This easy to read book, with tables, outlines and lists, clears the way for a better understanding of the true nature regarding traumatic experiences affecting the brain and learning. It is a must read for anyone working with a child in the classroom.

Material Title: **Help! I've Been Adopted* (Children's Material)**
Author: Brenda McCreight *Children's Books* 2010 83 pages

When a child or youth is placed for adoption, it is a time of joy and excitement and it presents the child with the opportunity to experience what it is like to truly belong to a loving, stable family. However, for many adoptees, the first few months in a new adoptive placement are also a time of confusion and even more change in a lifetime of loss, unpredictability, and unanswered questions. "Help - I've Been Adopted!" will answer many of the questions that new (and long time placed) adoptees have about their lives. This book presents issues such as "Why do birth parents give up or lose their children?", "What is attachment and how does it affect my life?" "How do adoptive parents get matched to a child?" "Who makes all the decisions about a child's life" and more. This book is full of helpful suggestions to promote discussion between the adoptive parents and the child, and it will help social workers and counselors gain a new perspective on how to support the early stages of an adoption placement.

Material Title: **How it Feels to be Adopted* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Jill Krementz *Children's Books* 1982 105 pages

Nineteen young people present both the good and the bad sides of being adopted from an adolescent point of view--a personal and moving book to be read by children and parents.

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Material Title: **I Wonder...Teenagers Talk About Being Adopted (VHS)**
Author: Families Adopting in Response *Videotapes* 1996 45 minutes

Fourteen adopted teenagers respond to such topics as "difficult times," "special memories," "birth families," "transracial/transcultural issues," "how much they think about adoption," and others. The range of answers is certain to provide insight and compassion to anyone who interacts with adopted people.

Material Title: **I Wonder... Teenagers Talk About Being Adopted (DVD)**
Author: Families Adopting In Response F.A.I.R. *DVDs* 1996 45 Minutes

Fourteen adopted teenagers respond to such topics as "difficult times," "special memories," "birth families," "transracial/transcultural issues," "how much they think about adoption," and others. The range of answers is certain to provide insight and compassion to anyone who interacts with adopted people.

Material Title: **Implementing the Fostering Connections Act in Your State (CD)**
Author: Joe Kroll *CDs* 2010 90 minutes

Parents and young people have shaped significant federal legislation recently, including the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act. This session will help you be part of implementing the Fostering Connections Act in your state—estimating how much your state will receive when it increases adoptions and places previously non-IV-E eligible children for adoption.

Material Title: **In My Heart* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Molly Bang *Children's Books* 2006 32 pages

This warm, reassuring book with vividly colored illustrations and lettering has a mother telling her child how she thinks of that child and finds her/him in her heart in a wildly imaginative list of ways, times, places and circumstances over the course of a typical day. For children 4-8

Material Title: **Inside Kinship Care: Understanding Family Dynamics and Providing Effective Support**
Author: David Pitcher *Books* 2014 245 pages

This book takes an in-depth look at what goes on 'inside' kinship care. It explores the dynamics and relationships between family members that are involved in kinship care, including mothers, grandparents, siblings and the wider family. Chapters also discuss issues such as safeguarding, assessment, therapy, encouraging permanence, placement breakdown, support groups and cultural issues. The final part of the book looks at kinship care from an international perspective, with examples from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the United States.

Material Title: **Integrative Parenting: Strategies for Raising Children Affected by Attachment Trauma**
Author: Debra Wesselmann, Cathy Schweitzer and Stefanie *Books* 2014 130 pages

Children traumatized in their attachment relationships by abuse and neglect, hospitalizations, or out-of-home placements experience intense hurt, fear, and mistrust. The deep emotional pain often manifests as defiance and aggression, even after the environment has change through adoption, foster care, guardianship, or resolution of issues in the home. A treatment that integrates EMDR and family therapy provides hope and healing for hurt children and their families. This practical guide provides specialized parenting strategies to support the treatment, designed to help heal the past, integrate the emotional and logical regions of the child's brain, and nurture a healthy, happier child.

Material Title: **Is That Your Sister?: A True Story of Adoption* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Catherine Bunin *Children's Books* 1992 31 pages

This illustrated children's book tells about the feelings of a child who was adopted into a multiracial family and who explains adoption as a chosen way of life that is positive, compassionate and civilized.

Material Title: **Issues Facing Adoptive Mothers of Children with Special Needs (CD)**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *CD-ROMs*

If you're a mother struggling with post-adoption issues, this audio CD is for you! It will speak your language and help you to see that you're really not going crazy! Based on the research of Heather T Forbes, LCSW, which appeared in *Journal of Social Work* in 2003, this CD set will open your eyes to common challenges moms face with post-adoption. The CD set is full of fascinating information, scientifically researched and presented in an interesting and informative manner.

Material Title: **Ithaka: A Daughter's Memoir of Being Found**
Author: Sarah Saffian *Books* 1998 302 pages

The author tells the story of her own adoption including a reversal of the usual adoption narrative: her biological parents sought her out. Her journey to a reunion with her biological parents and siblings raises many difficult questions that adoptees face. Her thoughtful inquiry reveals new ways of looking at the ties that bind us to each other and finally make us who we are.

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Material Title: **Joining New Families: A Study of Adoption and Fostering in Middle Childhood**
Author: David Quinton *Books* 1998 243 pages

Based on a study of 61 children who were placed, between the ages of 9 and 10, with adoptive or long-term foster families, this book focuses on the problems and strengths the children brought to their new families, how the families coped, and factors associated with stable, secure placements.

Material Title: **Journey of the Adopted Self: A Quest for Wholeness**
Author: Betty Jean Lifton *Books* 1994 328 pages

From the author of *Lost and Found*, this book is a story of one adopted child's search for a sense of self, beginning when she first learns she is adopted at age 7. Lifton illustrates that this search is a lifelong process for the adopted child.

Material Title: **Joys and Challenges of Raising Adopted Children, The (Audiotape)**
Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1990 55 minutes

Families formed by adoption have unique experiences not shared by families formed by birth. This tape describes the sometimes difficult and subtle ways adoption challenges families and provides opportunities for growth.

Material Title: **Keys To Parenting An Adopted Child (Second Edition)**
Author: Kathy Lancaster *Books* 2009 181 pages

Adoptive parents will find information and advice on preparing for placement, bonding with an adopted child, transracial and international adoptions, coping with a child's health or learning problems, and many more.

Material Title: **Laughter and Parenting: The Importance of Laughter When Nothing Seems Funny (CD)**
Author: NACAC Conference 2006 CD *CDs* 2006 90 minutes

Laughing is one of the healthiest things one can do when facing the deep stresses of parenting and life in general. This workshop demonstrates how to bring more laughter into both home life and work life, particularly in areas that were previously viewed as not particularly funny.

Material Title: **Little Bunnies Say Goodbye to Birth Mom* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Sherri Malloy, PhD *Children's Books* 2005 26 pages

This powerfully moving book is for children facing termination of their parent's parental rights. This little book has been instrumental in touching the hearts of children ages 2 to 12, helping them to explore and release their feelings of grief and loss related to adoption and foster care. It could be a turning point in the life of your child.

Material Title: **Little Heroes: Foster Care and Adoption* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Kristin Condon & Tracy Crabb *Children's Books* 2003 32 pages

This issue focuses on two brothers, Robert and Philip, in the welfare system and their tale of new homes and separation. Little Heroes can help brothers and sisters of a new child in the family be more tolerant of the emotional turmoil of adoption, as well as help them accept the new sibling's behaviors that frustrate them and contribute to conflict in sibling relationships.

Material Title: **Lost and Found: The Adoption Experience**
Author: Betty Jean Lifton *Books* 2009 302 pages

For nearly three decades this book has topped recommended readings list for those who seek to understand the effects of adoption - including adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents, and their friends and family. With new material on the controversies concerning adoption, artificial insemination, and newer reproductive technologies, it continues to add to the discussion on this important topic.

Material Title: **Love Like No Other, A: Stories from Adoptive Parents**
Author: Pamela Kruger and Jill Smolowe *Books* 2005 254 pages

Twenty leading writers, all adoptive parents, offer evocative, sometimes provocative, personal essays that have the liveliness and immediacy of prose fiction. Categorized in four sections, "Reflections on Birth Parents;" "Encounters with the unexpected;" "Variations on Family;" and "Personal Transformations," these essays reflect the diversity of adoption in America.

Material Title: **Making Sense of Adoption**
Author: Lois Melina *Books* 1989 245 pages

This "Parent's Guide" offers "many examples of ways to present difficult information in a sensitive manner -- sensitive to the child's needs, to the birthparents' struggles, and to the adoptive parents' perspective."

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Material Title: **May the Circle Be Unbroken: An Intimate Journey into the Heart of Adoption**
Author: Lynn C. Franklin *Books* 1998 276 pages

A poignant memoir of a woman who reunited with a child she gave up for adoption and a no-nonsense book that gives readers an intelligent and well-informed approach to adoption. The two are woven seamlessly into a complex and engaging story that is, in fact, many stories from many people that form a complete picture of the varied and often fulfilling experience of adoption.

Material Title: **Medications, Behavioral Management and Child Welfare**
Author: J.P. Bourguignon *Books* 1990 71 pages

This book describes indications and contra-indications for medications prescribed to treat behavioral problems in "systems children."

Material Title: **Microscope with a Wide-Angle Lens, The: A Complete Look at Your Adopted Child Using a Bio-Psycho-Social Model (2 CDs)**
Author: James Kagan and Richard Delaney *CDs* 852011 1 hour 28 minutes

Presented by James Kagan, pediatrician/psychiatrist, Colorado and Richard Delaney of Hawaii Behavioral Health, Texas at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. This workshop will address how the bio-psycho-social assessment of troubled adopted children and youth permits adoptive parents to be better advocates, more informed treatment team members in working with helping professionals, and more knowledgeable observers and caregivers of their children.

Material Title: **More Than Love (VHS)**
Author: *Videotapes* 1992 67 min

This video shares intimate glimpses of families who have grown up together through the joys and challenges unique to adoption: fantasies, lingering grief over infertility, living with a child's inherited biological traits, sibling rivalry, search wishes and fears, how and when to talk openly about adoption, and more. It helps adoptive parents deal with their own and their children's adoption issues at various stages of development and includes a 32 page guidebook for adoptive parents.

This video comes with the booklet "More Than Love: A Guidebook."

Material Title: **Mulberry Bird, The: An Adoption Story* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Ann Braff Brodzinsky *Children's Books* 1996 44 pages

Revised in 1996 from the 1986 version, and with color illustrations, this book tells the story of a mother bird whose best efforts to care for her young chick fall continually short of keeping him safe. So she goes to Owl who helps her find another family for her baby. He adapts well to the new environment, but he also deals with questions and issues related to his adoption.

Material Title: **Murphy's Three Homes: A Story for Children in Foster Care* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Jan Levinson Gilman *Children's Books* 2009 29 pages

Being a pup in foster care is awfully confusing. What's Murphy to do when he's taken away from his family and placed in a new home, with new people, new pets, and... new everything? As he moves from one house to another, Murphy begins to understand all his sad and angry feelings and finds ways to cope. Eventually, he discovers what it means to be a "good luck" dog as he jumps and barks his way into a comfortable spot in his new home.

*Note to Parents: Author Jan Levinson Gilman, PhD, discusses the emotional experience of children who are in foster care, and provides caregivers with information on how to help kids cope with the difficulties of being placed in multiple homes.

Material Title: **New Legs: Seven Core Adoption Poems**
Author: Penny Callan Partridge *Books* 1999 14 pages

This booklet contains seven poems, each related to one of the "Seven Core Issues of Adoption" described by Sharon Kalplan Roszia and Deborah Silverstein – loss, rejection, guilt and shame, grief, identity, intimacy, and control. Partridge, herself an adoptee and an adoptive parent, is a frequent speaker at adoption conferences and has published other books of adoption poetry.

Material Title: **Nutmeg Gets Adopted* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Judith Foxon *Children's Books* 2001 22 pages

(Ages 4-8) A little squirrel goes to live with a new family because his birth mother cannot keep him safe. This book encourages children to explore their own stories and understand some of the painful memories they might have of their early life. Illustrated by Sarah Rawlings, it is intended to be read to children by their adoptive parents. A removable "Practice Guidelines" section offer suggestions and triggers for further discussion which can be developed to suit the needs of each child.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Older Child Adoption**
Author: Grace Robinson Books 1998 170 pages

The chapters in Part 1 of this book deal with specific issues faced by some older adopted kids, such as grief, trauma, sexual abuse, provocative behavior, etc. Part 2 deals with different family dynamics. Laced with interviews and stories, it presents a realistic picture of the challenges and opportunities that adoptive parents of older children face.

Material Title: **One Kid At a Time: A Single Dad, A Boy in Foster Care, And an Adoption**
Author: Jake Dekker Books 248 pages

This true, heartwarming story reveals that miracles occur in everyday life. Danny had no chance. His mother abandoned him. His father in prison didn't know him. His grandmother beat him so badly that the doctors couldn't count the bruises. He lived nonstop days of unending anxiety, loneliness and terror. Ordered into foster care, the system isolated, drugged and betrayed him. Jake lived the good life. Warm friendships, plenty of money and freedom to do what he enjoyed. From the outside he had the perfect existence. But inside he longed for a child.

Material Title: **Open Adoption, Open Hearts (2 CDs)**
Author: Terri Kirby, Lisa Rankins, Jennifer and M. Gerrits CDs 8/4/2011 1 hour 27 minutes

Presented by Terri Kirby, adoptive parent, Lisa Rankins, birth mother, Jennifer Gerrits of the Saint John Adoptive Parents Association, New Brunswick, and Michelle Gerrits, adoptee, New Brunswick at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. This workshop profiles two families' open adoption experiences. A birth mother and the woman who adopted her son will share their journey, which began on opposite sides of a courtroom. They developed a strong bond and learned about love, trust, patience, and understanding. In the second story, a parent and an adopted teen share how they gradually opened an adoption from foster care. The presentation will include practical information for parents considering connecting with their children's birth family.

Material Title: **Our Own: Adopting and Parenting the Older Child**
Author: Trish Maskew Books 1999 252 pages

An Adoptive Mother draws on her own experiences, extensive research, and interviews with adoptive families, adult adoptees, and professionals to create a memorable collection of practical tips, advice and real-life stories on older child adoption.

Material Title: **Out of Home Placement Issues with Adopted Youth (2 CDs)**
Author: Deobrah Cave, Lacey Berumen and Lori Ross CDs 8/4/2011 1 hour 22 minutes

Presented by Deborah Cave of the Colorado Coalition of Adoptive Families, Lacey Berumen of NAMI Colorado, and Lori Ross of the Midwest Foster Care & Adoption Association, Missouri at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011. Join this advanced, interactive discussion about what happens when an adopted child or youth needs support that cannot be provided in the home. Far too often, parents are investigated, have a child protective case opened, need to relinquish parental rights, or are otherwise treated like the enemy. In this discussion, we'll explore how to address this challenging problem.

Material Title: **Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Isabella and Craig Hatkoff, and Dr. Paula Kahumbu Children's Books 2006 29 pages

Material Title: **Parent 2 Parent: A Mentoring Program (VHS)**
Author: Richard J. Delaney Videotapes 1999 20 minutes

In this tape, Rick Delaney and four foster parents discuss the spiritual and practical benefits of foster and adoptive parent mentoring. This video and its companion guidebook, "Safe Passage," provide a glimpse at what is possible when experienced adoptive parents mentor relatively inexperienced parents who have just embarked on their journey with troubled adoptive children.

Material Title: **Parenting Adopted Adolescents: Understanding and Appreciating Their Journeys**
Author: Gregory Keck, PhD Books 2009 220 pages

Your adopted adolescent proclaims, "I can't wait until I turn eighteen so I can leave!" And you celebrate your future liberation. If this scenario is too familiar, you're not alone. And you've chose the right resource for parenting strategies, tips, new suggestions, and insights to manage tough situations in your family. Dr. Gregory Keck - adoptive parent, psychologist, and adoption expert - helps you understand and appreciate the complicated journey that adopted adolescents face. And once you understand your role in their journey, you will be more effective in your role as a parent.

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Material Title: **Parenting Someone Else's Child: The Foster Parents' How-To Manual**
Author: Ann Stressman *Books* 2004 220 pages

Stressman, who has parented over 100 foster children and adopted four, offers a broad range of perspectives with chapters on the impact of social class; the importance of a support system; fostering or adopting older children; using strengths, dealing with weaknesses; system issues/establishing working relationships; dealing with "failure"; and more.

Material Title: **Parenting Your Adopted Child: A Complete and Loving Guide**
Author: Stephanie Siegel *Books* 1989 234 pages

From infancy through the teenage years and beyond, this book serves as a practical manual. For each stage of adoption, it provides advice on how to handle the issues of adoption including special needs adoption, special situations, and common questions.

Material Title: **Parenting Your Adopted Older Child**
Author: Brenda McCreight *Books* 2002 199 pages

With such chapters as "Attachment," "Loss and Grief," "False Allegations of Abuse," "Maintaining Your Married or Single Lifestyle," "Avoiding Power Struggles," "Self-Esteem for You and Your Child," and many more, this handbook has something for just about any; family who has adopted a child older than two years either domestically or internationally.

Material Title: **Parenting Your Internationally Adopted Child: From Your First Hours Together Through the Teen Years**
Author: Patty Cogen *Books* 2008 412 pages

Though written with international adoptions in mind, this book has much that is relevant to domestic adoptions as well, including bonding; development of a positive self image; telling the child's story from the child's point of view; handling sleep problems, meal time problems, and resistance to house rules; etc.

Material Title: **People They Brought Me, The: Poems in the Adoption Community**
Author: Penny Partridge *Books* 2009 92 pp

Poet Penny Callan Partridge has selected 14 adoption themed poems and paired them with short essays describing the unique way each poem brought some person into her life. The poems and the stories take the reader down some of the less travelled roads of the adoption world. All members of the adoption constellation will find enlightenment, warmth and beauty in this slim volume. An additional five poems are added without essays.

Material Title: **Perfect Spring, A* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Lark Carrier *Children's Books* 1990 24 pages

This illustrated story for young children tells of a seabird couple who find an egg and hatch it along with their own. The egg they find hatches into a turtle. Both young listen to the lessons taught by the parents which apply equally to life in the air and life in the sea. This book takes a look at the similarities of parenting children born to you and adopted and yet gives the freedom to both young to explore the environments that "feel" natural.

Material Title: **Perspectives on a Grafted Tree: Thoughts for those touched by adoption**
Author: Patricia Irwin Johnston (compiler) *Books* 1983 138 pages

This book of poetry contains the work of 65 authors from 22 states and four foreign countries and includes poetry from birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptees and other members of families expanded by adoption. The poems are arranged in eight sections, "Beginnings and Endings," "The Grafting," "Reactions," "Attachment," "Motherspeakings," "Identities," "Reflections," and "Benediction."

Material Title: **Playful Interaction: Unlocking the Mysteries of Nurturing Human Relationships (DVD)**
Author: TCU Institute of Child Development *DVDs* 2009 2 hours 6 minutes

Play puts the fun in fundamental - central to a child's well-being now and in the future. Through play, children learn to develop the social and emotional skills they need to succeed in life. Playful Interaction, featuring child development experts, Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross, along with other child development experts, outlines the importance of play and provides practical examples of playful interaction from The Institute of Child Development's Hope Connection Summer Camp.

This DVD highlights the importance of playful interactions, especially children with histories of trauma, abuse, or neglect. The practical examples through The Institute of Child Development's Hope Connection Summer Camp show how playful interactions: promote attachment through attuning and engaging the child, disarm fear responses, teach problem solving skills, teach self-regulation skills, teach social skills, can correct children and connect after correcting.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Post Adoption Family Therapy: A Practice Manual**
Author: Cheryl Prew Books 1990 40 pages

This resource book provides current information about the unique challenges adoptive families face, describes the Protective Bonding Cycle and its role in the attachment process, and presents a treatment model utilizing six innovative solution-focused intervention techniques that work with adoptive families.

Material Title: **Post-Adoption Blues, The: Overcoming the Unforeseen Challenges of Adoption**
Author: Dr. Karen J. Foli and John R. Thompson Books 2004 225 pages

Drawing on their own experience as adoptive parents as well as interviews with dozens of adoptive families and experts in the field, Drs. Foli and Thompson help parents address the stress and depression that can follow an adoption by focusing on adjusting their expectations of themselves, their child, and others in their world.

Material Title: **Power of the Mind, The: Affirmations for Regulation (2 CDs)**
Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW CD-ROMs 2013 1 hour 37 minutes

The question for every parent, ultimately becomes, "How do I stay regulated amid dysregulation?" We have the answer! Based on the work of Dr. Art Martin, these affirmations are designed to shift you back into a place of love, acceptance, and forgiveness. These two audio CDs include affirmations such as: Affirmations to Reinstalling Love; Affirmations to Reclaim Personal Power; Affirmations for Regulation; Affirmations to Acknowledge Effective Parenting; Affirmations to Release Anger and Yelling Patterns; Affirmations to Release Reaction to Aggression; and Affirmations to Release Reaction to Lying and Stealing. Musical tracks for relaxation complete this set of CDs. Listen to an affirmation or two - or more - daily and begin to live in a state of regulation. Join Heather T. Forbes, LCSW as she talks you through a powerful and insightful discovery of a new reality.

Material Title: **Preparing for the Teen Years (Audiotape)**
Author: Gregory Keck Audiotapes February 26, 2001 5 hours

Dr. Keck addresses a Portland audience of adoptive parents and adoption professionals to talk about some of the unique issues that surface for families when adopted children go through adolescence, including discipline, school, etc.

Material Title: **Preparing Youth for Adult Life (VHS)**
Author: Ed-Net Series Videotapes 1996 2 hours

A panel consisting of a therapist, an agency director, and an adoptive/foster parent discuss developmental issues for youth ages 11-30, with a focus on the additional developmental tasks adopted and foster youth face. The video will challenge adoptive parents to re-evaluate their views on defining family, honoring birth family connection, educating the community, understanding the tasks and steps that assist youth in moving into adulthood, and the wisdom of independent living at a particular age. This video is intended for parents of adolescents and young adults.

Material Title: **Privilege of Youth, The: A Teenager's Story**
Author: Dave Pelzer Books 2004 209 pages

This book covers the adolescent period in Pelzer's life that is not addressed in his other biographical accounts. The ups, the downs, the growth in that period of a ragged life.

Material Title: **Raising Adopted Children**
Author: Lois Melina Books 1998 370 pages

This 1998 update of the classic handbook on issues faced by adoptive families examines the child's physical, emotional and psychological development at every age. It also has chapters on special topics such as the multiracial family, serious behavior problems and single parent adoption.

Material Title: **Raising Resilient Rascals 2008: Disc 1 (DVD)**
Author: DVD DVDs 2008 3 hours

This disk includes the following presentations from the 2008 conference: "The Nature and Nurture of the Brain" with Julian Davies; "The Dichotomy of Foster Care Adoption" with Paulette Caswell; and "Raising Resilient Rascals in a Raging Rambunctious World" - on sensory processing - with Stephen T. Glass.

Material Title: **Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010: Disc 1 (DVD)**
Author: DVD DVDs 2010 2 hrs. 30 min.

Disk 1 DVD includes the following presentations from the Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010 Conference: "Turbulence and Instrument Calibration: Early Childhood Mental Health & Development in Adoption," presented by Kristie Baber, MSW, LICSW; "Sleep and Adoption" presented by Julian Davies, MD.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Real Parents, Real Children: Parenting the Adopted Child**
Author: Holly Van Gulden *Books* 1993 279

This title, which covers all aspects of adoption, argues that whatever happened, whenever it took place, and for whatever reasons, children in need of adoption have become separated from their birth parents and their genetic roots. Though writing for the adoptive parent, the authors have produced a book that will also be useful for professionals working with adoptive families. One fear among expectant parents is whether they and their child will be close. Adoptive parents ask, "Can I love an adopted child the same as I would a birth child?" Beginning with bonding of child to parent, the authors do a fine job on the developing child, covering early infancy through adolescence. Leading authority Van Gulden offers practical advice for parents on how to talk with their children about adoption and how to help them through the rougher times of growing up adopted. Highly recommended for academic and public libraries with strong reader interest in this area.

Material Title: **Re-Education of Foster & Adopted Children: Prospects for a Healthy Life (DVD)**
Author: Vera Fahlberg *DVDs* 1992 70 min.

From "The Dr. Vera Fahlberg Collection" with 9-page viewer's manual: Troubled kids from troubled backgrounds often bring deep-seeded problems to their new homes. However, foster and adoptive parents can prepare themselves by developing an effective re-education plan. In this informative video, Dr. Fahlberg discusses how to overcome a child's resistance to change and provide both personal and social relearning experiences.

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Material Title: **Reflection Pond**
Author: Jaiya John *Books* 2007 228 pages

Through allegory and parable, poetry and prose, Jaiya John, author of *Black Baby White Hands*, draws from the natural world around us to unveil the magical inner life of children and youth. Here is a revelatory positioning of the human mirror.

Material Title: **Rituals in Adoption (Audiotape)**
Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1993 57 minutes

This tape helps families understand the importance of rituals and how to create them. It helps families design meaningful rituals for significant events from ceremonies of mourning to entrustment of a child to adoptive parents.

Material Title: **Rituals in Adoption (CD)**
Author: Lois Melina *CDs* 1993 57 minutes

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Material Title: **Sacred Connections: Stories of Adoption**
Author: Mary Ann Koenig *Books* 2008 128 pages

This book of 24 biographical essays tells a variety of adoption stories from all points of the triad. Some of the people profiled are well known in the national and international adoption communities; others are not. But none of their stories are ordinary. It is graced not only by Koenig's eloquent prose, but also by the crisp, revealing, black and white photography of Niki Berg.

Material Title: **Second Best (VHS)**
Author: Warner Brothers *Videotapes* 1993 105 minutes

Graham (William Hurt) is a shy man who must find the courage to reach for happiness. James is a young boy, scarred by childhood tragedy and torn between loyalty to his convict father and his growing attachment to Graham. Together, Graham and James discover families aren't born, they're made - one risk, one joy, one act of trust at a time. Released in theaters, Rated PG-13.

Material Title: **Secret Thoughts of an Adoptive Mother**
Author: Jana Wolff *Books* 2000 163 pages

Wolff, whose interracial, open adoption of an infant at birth is the source of this volume's content, shares her experiences with wit and fearless honesty. She addresses such personal fears and questions as: What if I don't like the kid I get? Will my child ever feel like mine? Why am I so sad when I'm supposed to be so happy? Are people staring, or am I paranoid? Will she want him back? What if I want to return him?

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Seven Core Issues in Adoption, The (DVD)**
Author: Sharon Kaplan Roszia & Deborah N. Silverstein *DVDs* 1989 2 hours

Adoption is a lifelong, inter-generational process, which unites birth parents, adoptees and adoptive parents forever. It triggers seven lifelong issues for all triad members -- grief, rejection, guilt, loss, identity, control, and intimacy. Recognizing these similarities, triad members and professionals can reduce the adversarial nature of adoption and improve understanding.

Material Title: **Siblings in Adoption and Foster Care: Traumatic Separations and Honored Connections**
Author: Deborah N. Silverstein and Susan Livingston Smith *Books* 2008

Contributors address not only the importance of nurturing sibling bonds and mental health strategies to support those relationships, but also the legal rights of siblings to be together, as well as issues in international adoptions. Emerging and standing programs to encourage and facilitate adoptions that keep siblings together are featured, as are programs that at least enable them to stay in contact. "Theory and research, practice guidelines, and stories, are all explored." The contributing authors include educators, clinicians, researchers, practitioners, psychologists, and youth.

Material Title: **Small Feats: Unsung Accomplishments & Everyday Heroics of Foster & Adoptive Parents**
Author: Richard Delaney *Books* 2003 82 pages

This book describes the results achieved by the daily, one-step-at-a-time, life-long commitment demonstrated by foster and adoptive parents. It examines how raising troubled foster or adoptive children results in costs – both psychological and emotional – to the family.

Material Title: **Story of Megan, The* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Daniel Gregg *Children's Books* 1980 15 pages

Megan is so anxious about the thought of being adopted that her tummy feels funny! She wonders what it means to be adopted, and what being part of a forever family will be like for her. When she meets the mom and dad who will adopt her she wonders "How can I fit into this family?" The Story of Megan addresses some of the questions and feelings that children may have when going into adoption.

Material Title: **Supporting Adoptees through Search and Information Seeking (CD)**
Author: Susan Cutler Egbert *CDs* 8/5/2011 1 hour 15 minutes

Presented by Susan Cutler Egbert, Utah State University at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. This workshop will help adoptees, adoptive parents, and adoption professionals understand the developmental issues involved in search and information-seeking from the perspective of adopted persons. In addition, participants will explore adopted persons' motivations and expectations with regard to search and search outcomes, and gain practical ideas for supporting all members of the adoption triad as they search.

Material Title: **Supporting An Adoption**
Author: Pat Holmes *Books* 1982 21 pages

Written for friends and relatives, this booklet explains how they can be sensitive and helpful to the prospective or current adoptive family.

Material Title: **Swings Hanging from Every Tree: Daily Inspirations for Foster & Adoptive Parents**
Author: Susan Stone *Books* 2001 373 pages

Arranged chronologically, there is a page for each day of the year. Each page contains a quotation and either a story from an adoptive or foster life or a poem or words to live by. Encouraging, inspirational, humorous words from people who have been touched by the life.

Material Title: **Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Jamie Lee Curtis *Children's Books* 1996 29 pages

In this picture book, illustrated by Laura Cornell, a young girl asks the parents who adopted her at birth to tell her about the night she was born. She shows from her continued questions that it is a cherished tale she knows by heart. On an accompanying audiotape, Jamie Lee Curtis reads the story followed by a couple of songs.

Material Title: **Tender Healing (DVD)**
Author: Spaulding for Children *DVDs* 1997 40 minutes

A Video Curriculum for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Care Parents, with Drs. Vera Falhberg, Richard Delaney and Joseph Crumbley. This DVD features three segments designed to help parents and professionals better understand issues related to helping troubled children. The three components include: Part 1: Helping Children Make Transitions; Part 2: Helping Children Build Attachments; and, Part 3: Effective Strategies for Discipline Designed for parents caring for children in the child welfare system who have been abused or neglected.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **The Adoption Reader: Birth Mothers, Adoptive Mothers, and Adopted Daughters Tell Their Stories**
Author: Susan Wadai-Ells *Books* 1995 272 pages

With eloquence and conviction, more than thirty birth mothers, adoptive mothers and adopted daughters explore what is a deeply emotional, sometimes controversial and always compelling experience that affects millions of families and individuals. These personal essays and stories are informed by the contemporary adoption movement and raise timely issues that illustrate its complexity, among them: open and closed adoption, cross-cultural adoption, the birth record debate, the experience of biracial adoptees, adoption by lesbian couples, and the search for identity.

Material Title: **Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft**
Author: Mary Hopkins-Best *Books* 2012 247 pages

Most often, children are joining their permanent, adoptive families past the age of infancy but not yet as "older children." This book covers many aspects of adopting and parenting these young children: the decision whether or not to adopt; preparation and education; forming attachments; behavior management; and more. Until now, few written resources have been available to discuss this special age -- the toddler.

Material Title: **Touched by Adoption: Stories, Letters and Poems**
Author: Nancy A. Robinson *Books* 1999 338 pages

Together, these stories, letters and poems, compiled by Nancy Robinson, from adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth parents weave a rich tapestry of adoptive life from the diverse perspective of all sides of the triad. They include images of international adoption, life in foster care, search, reunion, loss and grief and affirmation. There is much here for anyone who is touched by adoption.

Material Title: **Transitions: Moving Children With Sensitivity**
Author: Kris Villanueva and Judy Miller *Non-Return Items* 2007 60 pages

This information packet contains a variety of materials to assist both caseworkers and families in preparing a child for transitions. It includes suggested activities to build attachment and age specific transition checklists to be prepared by the child's caregiver to assist the new family in learning about the child.

Material Title: **Trauma-Informed Adoption Practices: The Healing Power of Adoptive Families (3 CDs)**
Author: NACAC Conference *CDs* 8/4/2011 hours 45 minutes

This material is a recording from the 37th NACAC Conference in August 2011. Presented by Wayne Duehn of the School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington and Sherry Anderson of Three Rivers Adoption Council in Pennsylvania. This workshop will expose the cutting edge of recent findings related to the effects of trauma on the neurobiology of the developing brain. This information forms the basis for developing trauma-informed treatment strategies that provide safety, a sense of belonging, and resiliency, while also promoting recovery. Participants and listeners receive tools that guide the process of trauma resolution and gather tips to use with families.

Material Title: **Treewalker's Gift: Overcoming the Fear of Being Loved**
Author: Erma S. Brundidge, MS *Books* 2014 101 pages

A true story of a 6 year old girl's journey from abuse, neglect, and shame to a path of Truth guided by the Great Spirit. The gentleness of her Grandfather's lessons taught along the paths through the meadow and by the flowing stream gave her strength to continue through the emotional pain she would inevitably walk back into. Author Erma Brundidge is a foster and adoptive family trainer who spends time speaking to groups about the effects of trauma on children and their future lives and relationships. She was a family therapist for 27 years before retiring and dedicating her life to giving a new understanding to foster and adoptive parents on how their words and actions impact the children they care for.

Material Title: **Tribal Customary Adoption: Achieving Culturally Appropriate Permanency FOR American Indian Children (CD)**
Author: Nancy Currie *CDs* 2010 90 minutes

California's Tribal Customary Adoption (TCA) bill was signed into law in October 2009. TCA allows Indian children and families to realize the permanency and support of adoption without terminating parental rights. The work-shop will provide insight into CA's history, purpose, and potential challenges, and will explore how to implement TCA at tribal, county, and state levels and how TCA will affect private agencies.

Adoption - General

Material Title: **Trust-Based Parenting: Creating Lasting Changes in Your Child's Behavior (2 DVDs)**
Author: TCU Institute of Child Development *DVDs* 2011 *hours 35 minutes*

This DVD set offers in-depth training for parents of children with trauma-based behavioral issues. The Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is an intervention model created by developmental psychologists Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross, founders of the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University. It is based on more than a decade of research and hands-on work with vulnerable children and their families. Dr. Purvis coined the phrase "children from hard places" to describe children who have experienced abuse, neglect, abandonment and/or trauma in early development. Their survival behaviors can be confusing, frustrating, and difficult to manage even for the most patient and loving parents.

This video features Drs. Purvis & Cross coaching families through real-life, problem-solving scenarios. They demonstrate proven, practical skills and strategies for applying TBRI Empowering, Connecting and Correcting Principles to everyday life to build a stronger parent-child connection, which leads to better behavior. Parents from around the world praise TBRI for giving them hope in times of crisis and lifelong solutions that can benefit the entire family.

Material Title: **Twenty Life-Transforming Choices Adoptees Need to Make**
Author: Sherrie Eldridge *Books* 2003 *270 pages*

For adoptees, the past is full of mixed emotions. There's joy and sadness, confusion and relief. Often, difficult and inescapable questions can linger well into adulthood. These questions include: Does my birth mother still think about me? Why was I given up? Was I unworthy for some reason? These feelings are common for many adoptees, even if they grew up in an open, loving adoptive home, they still may be asking some of these questions. The final question that needs to be asked is this: "Will I choose to heal?"

Material Title: **Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew**
Author: Sherrie Eldridge *Books* 1999 *211 pages*

This book, written by a woman who was adopted, herself, gives voice to children's unspoken concerns and shows adoptive parents how to free their kids from feelings of fear, abandonment and shame. Eldridge reveals twenty complex emotional issues you must understand to nurture the child you love.

Material Title: **Twice Born: Memories of an Adopted Daughter**
Author: Betty Jean Lifton *Books* 1977 *281 pages*

An account of one adoptee's search and reunion with her birth parents.

Material Title: **Unconditional Commitment: The Only Love That Matters to Teens (DVD)**
Author: Pat and You Gotta Believe, Inc. O'Brien *DVDs* 2007 *52 minutes*

There is a great need for prospective and current parents to become unconditionally committed to the children that they care for, particularly teenagers, in order to prevent disruptions in permanent family homes. The emphasis here is that every child in foster care needs one placement and one placement only, and the challenges to unconditional commitment are explored and addressed. This is the story behind the enormously successful older teen adoption agency, and includes many of the staff, foster and adoptive parents, along with the children they have taken into their hearts and lives.

Material Title: **Understanding Adoption (Audiotape)**
Author: Lois Melina *Audiotapes* 1993 *64 minutes*

This presentation answers many of the fundamental questions prospective and new adoptive parents have about raising adopted children: How do children and parents "bond" or form attachments in adoptive families? Do adopted children have more psychological problems? Should adopted children have contact with their birth families? When and how should children be told they were adopted?

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Material Title: **Voice for Adoption: The Adoptive Family Portrait Project (2009)**
Author: Voice for Adoption *Periodicals*

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Material Title: **Wasn't love supposed to be enough? Biographies of a Long-Term Adoptive Parent Support Group and Services for Adoptive Families**
Author: Barbara D. VanSlyck, Et. Al *Books* 1998 342 pages

This book chronicles the life experiences of several families who have participated in a support group for adoptive families. It contains a compilation of information and advice for families and professionals who are touched by adoption. There is also general information on support groups including a chapter on adopted youth groups.

Material Title: **Welcome Home: A Guide for Adoptive, Foster and Treatment Foster Parents**
Author: Christopher Alexander *Books* 2005 289 pages

This book directs parents in a wide variety of stages of caring for children brought into their lives. It begins with preparation beforehand, moves into the settling in stage with the establishment of relationships and expectations, and the last half of the book addresses a variety of emotional issues typically faced by adoptive and foster parents.

Material Title: **When Friends Ask About Adoption: Question and Answer Guide**
Author: Linda Bothun *Books* 1996 88 pages

For parents, teachers and other professionals as well as kids, this booklet not only provides sensitive, down-to-earth answers to kid's questions, but it will also educate adults about the complexities and joys of adoption.

Material Title: **Whole Life Adoption Book, The: Realistic Advice for Building a Healthy Adoptive Family**
Author: Jayne Schooler and Thomas C. Atwood *Books* 2008 210 pages

This book offers encouragement and practical information to help you respond to your adopted child's unique struggles and your own feelings of inadequacy or frustration. It addresses such issues as attachment, adjustment and identity and provides "ten essential success factors for healthy adoptive families."

Material Title: **Wild Within: How Rescuing Owls Inspired a Family**
Author: Melissa Hart *Books* 2014 312 pages

Every page sparkles with vivid imagery and wit in this beautifully written memoir of parallel pursuits. Wild Within is, above all, about the power of love - romantic, animal, and parental - to save lives and fulfill dreams.

Material Title: **Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families**
Author: Jayne Schooler *Books* 2009 269

Why don't our children return our love? What are we not understanding? What are we failing to do? These questions can trouble the minds of adoptive parents caring for wounded, traumatized children. Families often enter into the adoption experience with high expectations for themselves and their children but are quick to discover that these hopes are not realistic. This book addresses those unmet expectations and offers validation and solutions for the challenges that arise when parenting deeply traumatized or emotionally disturbed children.

Material Title: **Zachary's New Home: A Story for Foster and Adopted Children* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Geraldine Blomquist *Children's Books* 1990 30 pages

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 no one loves him. This comforting story, designed to be read to children aged 3 to 8, explores his emotions with appealing illustrations of animal characters. It may evoke strong emotions in children, so it is important that knowledgeable and concerned adults discuss these emotions and allow the child to explore his or her own feelings.
