

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.

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Material Title: **Adoption and the Schools: Resources for Parents and Teachers**
 Author: Lansing Wood and Nancy Ng *Books* 2001 239 pages

This book, from "Families Adopting In Response," addresses a wide range of school situations faced by adoptive families including parent-teacher communication, transcultural considerations, Special Education, graduation, older child adoption, and more.

Material Title: **Adoption Awareness in the Schools**
 Author: Video *Non-Return Items* N/A

Educational packet used by adoptive families to help educate school professionals on issues faced by and related to adopted children. Packet includes several handouts and resources teachers can use when developing their curriculum. Packet includes a 16-minute video (description follows):

Through conversations with adopted children, their families, and education professionals, this video demonstrates ways to address family issues in the classroom that are helpful to adopted children and respectful of their unique sensibilities. It focuses on three observations: certain class assignments can be traumatic for adopted children; adoptive families need teachers as partners; and certain adoption terms can be painful to adopted children and their families.

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: **Brain, The: Effects of Childhood Trauma (VHS)**
 Author: Bruce Perry *Videotapes* 2002 29 minutes

Trauma in childhood can have devastating effects on the developing brain. Current research confirms that trauma can activate various systems in the brain that actually change neuron response and cognitive pathways. Children who experience on-going high levels of arousal due to trauma will develop systems in their brains that cause them to be constantly hyper-aroused and hyper-vigilant. These changes can result in severe problems for children, adolescents, and adults in learning ability, mood, bonding, and attachment, and in problem-solving. ("Understanding Childhood Trauma" Series Part 3.)

Material Title: **Building Bridges: Improving Educational Outcomes for Foster and Adopted Children and Teens (CD)**
 Author: NACAC Conference 2006 CD *CDs* 2006 90 minutes

The Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, in partnership with Casey Family Programs, developed the "Building Bridges" curriculum to address the challenges foster and adopted youth face in the schools. "Building Bridges" has two components: teaching foster and adoptive parents to advocate for their children in the schools, and informing school personnel about issues facing foster and adoptive youth. This workshop will help you develop a similar low-cost program in your state.

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Material Title: **Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander, The: From Preschool to High School - How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence**
Author: Barbara Coloroso Books 2003 203 pages

Everything you always wanted to know about bullying but were afraid you'd get beat up if you asked. This book examines bullying from a number of fresh angles – different types, how to recognize it, how to protect your child, etc – and contains a strong focus on bullying at school and what to do about it.

Material Title: **Challenging Behaviors in Young Children: Techniques and Solutions (DVD)**
Author: DVD DVDs 2006 50 min

This program (DVD) gives educators and parents the opportunity to observe firsthand the techniques used by teachers, in a state of the art preschool and research facility, effectively managing children with challenging behaviors. The esteemed authors of the book, "Challenging Behaviors in Early Childhood Settings; Creating a Place for All Children" offer their expert advice, which is then implemented in the classroom. This program includes: 1.)Live classroom footage of teachers effectively defusing actual crisis situations such as: tantrums, fighting, noncompliance, separation anxiety and other inappropriate behaviors in young children. 2.)How to model problem solving strategies and language. 3.)How to be an active listener to create and environment that fosters learning while giving students the skills to solve problems on their own.

Material Title: **Common Sense Parenting: Helping Kids Succeed in School (DVD)**
Author: DVD DVDs 2008 27 minutes

This DVD shows what parents can do at home and in partnership with the school to help kids succeed at school. At home, you can encourage your child to read, be positive about school activities, establish a time, place, and rules conducive to doing homework, and ask for tutoring help if needed. This DVD also gives tips on what you can do to help children improve their behavior, follow the school's code of conduct, and meet teacher's expectations. Finally, learn how to stay informed of your child's progress, work cooperatively with school staff to resolve problems, and enlist teachers and administrators as partners in helping your child.

Material Title: **Education and Trauma: Making Sense of Our Complex Children (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Ronald Federici and Heather T. Forbes DVDs 2012 42 minutes

Trauma can have an impact on the brain, compromising a child's focus, memory, and ability to retain, retrieve, and organize information. It can negatively impact a child's memory, speech, language, problem solving skills, and informational processing. In this series, Dr. Federici discusses how to best educate children who may present with typical behavioral or learning issues but need to be addressed from a trauma perspective in order to reach their full learning potential.

Material Title: **Failing at Fairness: How Our Schools Cheat Girls**
Author: Myra Sadker and David Sadker Books

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 Diversity in the Classroom: The Adopted Child (VHS)**
Author: Arizona's Children Association Videotapes 19 minutes

Through conversations with adopted children, their families, and education professionals, this video demonstrates ways to address family issues in the classroom that are helpful to adopted children and respectful of their unique sensibilities. It focuses on three observations: certain class assignments can be traumatic for adopted children; adoptive families need teachers as partners; and certain adoption terms can be painful to adopted children and their families.

Material Title: **Fundamentals of Home-Schooling: Notes on Successful Family Living**
Author: Ann Lahrson-Fisher Books 2003 382 pages

This book offers insight to help parents learn how to nurture joyful learning through play, encourage through conversation, nourish student interest and a love for learning, enjoy a satisfying homeschooling lifestyle, and launch their students into college, work, and adulthood.

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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: **How To Do Homework Without Throwing Up* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Trevor Romain *Children's Books* 1997 67 pp

Targeted at elementary and middle school children, this book emphasizes the importance of doing your homework. Through the use of jokes and cartoons, it teaches valuable homework skills such as how to make a homework schedule, how to get help with your homework, and especially how to get excited and motivated about doing it.

Material Title: **How to Prepare Your Child for Kindergarten**
Author: Florence Karnofsky and Trudy Weiss *Books* 1993 77 pages

Material Title: **How to Talk So Kids Can Learn At Home and in School**
Author: Adele Faber *Books* 1995 266 pages

This book offers parents and teachers unique strategies, down-to-earth dialogue, and interesting cartoons to help them help school age children handle the everyday problems that interfere with learning.

Material Title: **Identifying and Responding to Trauma: Ages Six to Adolescence (DVD)**
Author: Dr. Bruce Perry *DVDs* 2002 29 minutes

Misdiagnosed characteristics of trauma are typically gender related, with boys who are hyperactive and act out and girls who dissociate and withdraw. An accurate assessment of the problem is critical to the success of intervention. Common trauma-related problems for adolescents also include learning difficulties, test anxiety, difficulty in forming relationships, difficulty with authority figures, substance abuse, acquiescence to abuse, and violent behavior. This video emphasizes the role of school and community in healing from trauma.

Material Title: **I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World**
Author: Marguerite A. Wright *Books* 1998 264 pages

This book is intended to teach parents and educators of black and biracial children how to reduce racism's impact on a child's development "from preschool through adolescence" and, in doing so, to raise emotionally healthy children. It is divided into three parts; "That Magical Place: Race Awareness in the Preschool Years;" "The Waning of Racial Innocence: The Early School Years;" and "Reality Bites: Race Awareness in Middle Childhood and Adolescence."

Material Title: **Lost at School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges Are Falling Through the Cracks and How We Can Help Them**
Author: Ross W. Greene *Books* 2008 286

Dr. Greene describes how his road-tested, evidence-based approach -- called Collaborative Problem Solving -- can help challenging kids at school.

Includes:

- tools to identify the triggers and lagging skills underlying challenging behavior.
- explicit guidance on how to radically improve interactions with challenging kids -- along with many examples showing how it's done.
- dialogues, Q & A's, and the story, which runs through the book, of one child and his teachers, parents, and school.
- practical guidance for successful planning and collaboration among teachers, parents, administrations, and kids.

Backed by years of experience and research, and written with a powerful sense of hope and achievable change, Lost at School gives teachers and parents the realistic strategies and information to impact the classroom experience of every challenging kid.

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Material Title: **Lucy's Family Tree* (Children's Materials)**
Author: Karen Halvorsen Schreck *Children's Books* 2001 39 pages

In this illustrated older child's book, Lucy's family doesn't "match" and being different bothers her. A family tree project at school brings Lucy's feelings about her adoption into the open, and she begins to explore what really makes a family. As she comes to understand that being different is part of life, Lucy finds a way to make a family tree that celebrates her past as well as her present.

Material Title: **Me and My Families: A Handbook on Adoption and Foster Care for School Professionals**
Author: Lynne Edwards & Sheelah Sodhi *Books* 1992 19 pages

This booklet for teachers and other school personnel is intended to help educators create a learning environment that is sensitive to the needs of all children while attending to the particular needs of adopted and foster children. In each of seven chapters it describes an issue, classroom situations that raise the issue, suggested responses, and messages children need to hear when we respond to the issue.

Material Title: **Organized Student, The: Teaching Children the Skills for Success in School and Beyond**
Author: Donna Goldberg *Books* 2005 246 pages

Here are hands-on strategies to help parents identify and teach organizational skills – assessments about your child's learning style, study habits, and school requirements; guidelines for taming that overstuffed binder and keeping it under control; a 4-step plan for purging and reassembling a backpack or locker; instructions for organizing an at-home work space; special tips for kids with learning disabilities.

Material Title: **Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit In - When to Worry and When Not to Worry**
Author: Perri Klass, M.D. and Eileen Costello, M.D. *Books* 2003 360 pages

From the fourth-grade girl who never gets invited to a birthday party because classmates think she's "weird", to the geek who is terrific at math but is failing every other subject, quirky children are different from other kids in ways that they – and their parents – have a hard time understanding. They present a host of challenges that standard parenting books fail to address. Seasoned pediatricians Perri Klass and Eileen Costello provide expert guidance that families with quirky children so desperately need. Illuminating the confusing list of terms often applied to quirky children - from Asperger's Syndrome and "nonverbal learning disability" to "obsessive-compulsive behavior" and Sensory Integration Dysfunction, the authors also discuss various therapy options, coping strategies, and available medications. Most of all, they will help quirky kids lead rich, fulfilling lives at home, at school, even on the playground.

Material Title: **Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010: Disc 2 (DVD)**
Author: DVD *DVDs* 2010 3 hours

Disk 2 DVD includes the following presentations from the Raising Resilient Rascals Takes Flight! 2010 Conference: "Understanding and Building Childhood Executive Functioning," presented by Gwen A. Lewis, Ph.D, A.B.Pd.N; "Enhancing Executive Function," presented by Julia M. Bledsoe, MD; "Panel Discussion: Advocating for your child's school needs."

Material Title: **Reach to Teach: Educating Elementary and Middle School Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**
Author: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin *Non-Return Items* 2007 51 pages

Reach To Teach is a resource guide for parents of a child with an FASD and for teachers in elementary and middle schools who work with children who have an FASD. It provides a basic introduction to these disorders and tools to improve communication between parents and teachers. You can download a copy at www.ncadi.samhsa.gov.

Material Title: **Read-Aloud Handbook, The**
Author: Jim Trelease *Books* 2006 292 pages

This book tells you why, how, when, and what to read aloud to your children. The why (it helps your kid, helps your relationship with your kid, and it's fun) is reason enough to make a habit of it. The "how" includes a list of do's, don'ts, tips on luring kids away from TV, etc. When? Now! The what includes a 104 page list of recommended read-aloud books (not all good books are ideal for reading aloud) based on type, topic, and age level.

Material Title: **Rhythms of Learning: Creative Tools for Developing Lifelong Skills**
Author: Chris Brewer *Books* 1991 317 pages

This book details the importance of rhythm and music for self-development and education. Aimed at the teacher or practitioner, it explores scientific discoveries and describes new and old music therapy techniques.

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Material Title: **Survival Guide for Kids with LD (Learning Differences), The* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Gary Fisher, Phd and Rhoda Cummings, EdD *Children's Books* 2002

What is LD? Why do some kids have LD? Why is it hard for kids with LD to learn? Why do other kids sometimes tease kids with LD? What happens when kids with LD get out of school? If you are a kid with LD, you may have lots of questions like these. This book has many answers. It can help you understand LD better. It can also help you understand yourself better.

Material Title: **Teaching With Love & Logic: Taking Control of the Classroom**

Author: Jim Fay & David Funk *Books* 1995 364 pages

The "Love and Logic" techniques that Jim Fay and Foster Cline developed for parents is adapted for use by classroom teachers.

Material Title: **What Every Parent Needs to Know About 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades: An Essential Guide to Your Child's Education**

Author: Bickart, Toni S. et al *Books* 1997 141 pages

Taking readers inside the classroom of today's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders--and inside the minds of the teachers--this guide shows parents how they can help make their child's learning environment an exciting place where children become thinkers, problem-solvers and self-directed learners.

Material Title: **When the Chips Are Down: Strategies for Improving Children's Behavior (VHS)**

Author: Video *Videotapes* 1997 62 minutes

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