General Adoption Resources

Books


Websites

Adoption Learning Partners (ALP)
www.adoptionlearningpartners.org

ALP, founded by The Cradle, seeks to improve adoption outcomes for all members of the adoption circle. ALP offers valuable, timely, web–based educational resources for adoptive parents, adopted individuals, birthparents and the families that love them. ALP e–learning courses are designed to increase each person's understanding of the joys and challenges of adoption. Throughout their site, they offer downloads of articles and papers parents and professional will find interesting. ALP also has a community forum – it's there for you to be able to interact with others who are on this journey as well. ALP occasionally offers clients of ABC of Ohio free trainings. It is also the home of The Identity Project which highlights adoptees' extra adolescent struggles to determine, "Who am I?"

Center for Adoption Medicine
http://adoptmed.org/
Located in Washington state, the Center for Adoption Medicine has a comprehensive website! The blog and the articles provide lots of information for those families in the adoption process and those whose new arrival is home!

Child Welfare Information Gateway
www.childwelfare.gov

The Child Welfare Information Gateway is a comprehensive resource on all aspects of adoption and is a service of the Children's Bureau; Administration for Children and Families; and the Department of Health and Human Services. Services include technical assistance to professionals and policy makers, a library collection, publications, searchable databases on adoption resources, and information on federal and state legislation. This website is packed with articles on all aspects of adoption and trauma. Parents and professionals will find this organization of utmost assistance pre– and post–adoption.

Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute
The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute's mission is to provide leadership that improves adoption law, policies and practices—through sound research, education and advocacy—in order to better the lives of everyone touched by adoption. All adoption professionals should review this website periodically to stay abreast of cutting edge research and recommendations pertaining to all facets of adoptees and the adoption process.

**International Adoption Medicine Program, University of Minnesota**
https://adoption.umn.edu/

This clinic was the first clinic in the United States to provide for the health needs of internationally adopted children. Anyone interested in international adoption should review the assortment of articles contained on this website. The articles offer a wealth of information about the medical needs of children adopted intercountry as well as the types of long–term developmental issues parents may expect to face. There are also recommendations for pre– and post–placement evaluations.

**North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)**
www.nacac.org

NACAC promotes and supports permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. and Canada who have been in care—especially those in foster care and those with special needs. Their annual conference is always exciting and informative. Child care is available at this parent friendly conference. Tapes of conference workshop sessions may be purchased at www.adoptivefamilies.com. The NACAC website offers a “parent group” heading. Click on this tab to locate an array of articles about parent support groups, a searchable database to find a support group near your home.

**Magazines**

*Adoption Today Magazine*
www.adoptinfo.net

This is the only magazine dedicated to international and transracial adoption.

*Adoptive Families Magazine*
www.adoptivefamilies.com

*Adoptive Families* magazine is a national award winning adoption magazine providing information for families before, during and after adoption. The *Adoptive Families* website offers a wealth of adoption related articles!
This magazine is packed with honest and poignant articles related to foster care and adoption. This magazine is a must read for anyone involved with children from the child welfare system.