

# General Adoption Resources

## Books

[\*20 Things Adoptive Parents Need to Succeed: Discover the Unique Needs of Your Adopted Child and Become the Best Parent You Can\*](#), by Sherrie Eldridge. New York: Delta Trade Paperbacks, 2009.

[\*Adopting the Hurt Child: Hope for Families with Special-Needs Kids: A Guide for Parents and Professionals\*](#), by Gregory C. Keck and Regina M. Kupecky. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2009.

[\*The Complete Book of International Adoption: A Step by Step Guide to Finding Your Child\*](#), by Dawn Davenport. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2006.

[\*The Connected Child: Bring Hope and Healing to Your Adoptive Family\*](#), by Karyn Purvis, David Cross and Wendy Sunshine. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2007.

[\*Dear Birthmother\*](#), by Kathleen Silber and Phyllis Speedlin. San Antonio: Corona Publishing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 1991.

[\*Journeys after Adoption: Understanding Lifelong Issues\*](#), by Jayne Schooler and Betsie Norris. Westport: Bergin and Garvey, 2002.

[\*Our Own: Adopting and Parenting the Older Child\*](#), by Trish Maskew. Snowcap Press, <http://snowcappress.com/>, 2003.

[\*Parenting Adopted Adolescents: Understanding and Appreciating their Journey\*](#), by Gregory C. Keck. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2009.

[\*The Post-Adoption Blues: Overcoming the Unforeseen Challenges of Adoption\*](#) by Karen Foli and John R. Thompson. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Books, 2004.

[\*Risk and Promise: A Handbook for Parents Adopting a Child from Overseas\*](#) by Ira Chasnoff, Linda Schwartz, Cheryl Pratt and Gewndolyn Neuberger. Chicago: NTI Upstream, 2006.

[\*Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft\*](#), by Mary Hopkins-Best. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2012.

[\*Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew\*](#), by Sherrie Eldridge. New York: Delta Trade Paperbacks, 1999.

[Welcoming a New Brother or Sister Through Adoption: From Navigating New Relationships to Building Loving Families](#), by Arleta James. London: Jessica-Kingsley Publishers, 2013.

[Whole Life Adoption Book](#), by Jayne Schooler and Thomas Atwood. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1993, revised 2008.

## **Websites**

### **Adoption Learning Partners (ALP)**

[www.adoptionlearningpartners.org](http://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](http://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**

[www.adoptioninstitute.org](http://www.adoptioninstitute.org)

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](http://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.adoptiontapes.com](http://www.adoptiontapes.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](http://www.adoptinfo.net)

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

### ***Adoptive Families* Magazine**

[www.adoptivefamilies.com](http://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!

***Fostering Families Today Magazine***  
[www.fosteringfamilies.com](http://www.fosteringfamilies.com)

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.