

SUGGESTED READINGS



ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

Additional
Resources
Suggested
Readings

Books for Adults

Note: Those books marked with an asterisk () are especially helpful for families.*

Alperson, M. (2001). *Dim sum, bagels, and grits: A sourcebook for multicultural families*. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

Babb, L. (1999). *Ethics in American adoption*. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey.

Barth, R.P., & Berry, M. (1988). *Adoption and disruption: Rates, risks, and responses*. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter.

*Bazarte, M. (2001). *The care or repair of children's self esteem: 42 prescriptions for children's healthy self esteem*. Gulfstream, FL: Doctor Melanie, Inc.

Best, M. H., Ed.D. (1998). *Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft*. IN: Perspectives Press.

Bradshaw, J. (1990). *Healing the shame that binds you*. Edison, NJ: Health Communications, Inc.

Brodzinsky, D.M., Schecter, M.D., & Hening, R.M. (1992). *Being Adopted: The lifelong search for self*. New York, NY: Doubleday Publishers.

Brodzinsky, D.M., Smith, D.W., & Brodzinsky, A.B. (1998). *Children's adjustment to adoption: Developmental and clinical issues*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

*Burns, D. (1993). *Ten days to self esteem*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.

Clapton, G. (2002). *Birth Fathers and Their Adoption Experiences*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

*Clarke, J.I. (1998). *Self-esteem: A family affair*. Center City, MN: Hazelden Information and Educational Services.

*Clarke, J.I., & Dawson, C. (1996). *Growing up again: Parenting ourselves, parenting our children*. Center City, MN: Hazelden Information and Educational Services.

Cline, F., & Fay, J. (1990). *Parenting with love and logic: Teaching children responsibility*. Colorado Springs, CO: Piñon Press.

Cox, C. B. (2000). *Empowering Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Springer Publishing.

Crook, M. (2000). *Face in the Mirror: Teenagers and Adoption*. Arsenal Pulp Press.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

Crumbly, J. (1999). *Transracial adoption and foster care: Practice issues for professionals*. Washington, D.C.: CWLA Press.

Crumbly, J., & Little, R.L. (1997). *Relatives raising children: An overview of kinship care*. Washington, D.C.: CWLA Press.

Darow, S. (ed.) (1999). *I Wish for You a Beautiful Life: Letters from the Korean Birth Mothers of Ae Ron Won to their Children*. Yeong & Yeong Book Company.

Delaney, R. (1998). *The permutations of permanency: Making sensible placement decisions*. Oklahoma City, OK: Wood & Barnes Publishing.

Dore, M. M. Ph.D. (ed.) (2006). *Postadoption Experience: Adoptive Families; Service Needs and Service Outcomes*. CWLA Press.

*Dorner, P.M. (1991). *Talking to your child about adoption*. Santa Cruz, CA: Schaefer Publishing.

Doucette-Dudman, D. (1997). *Raising Our Children's Children*. Fairview Press.

Edelstein, S. B. (1996). *Children with Prenatal Alcohol and/or Other Drug Exposure: Weighing the Risks of Adoption*. CWLA Press.

Eldridge, S. (2003). *Twenty life transforming choices adoptees need to make*. Colorado Springs, CO: Piñon Press.

*Eldridge, S. (1999). *Twenty things adopted kids wish their adoptive parents knew*. New York, NY: Dell Publishers.

*Fahlberg, V. (1991). *A child's journey through placement*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press.

Fessler, A. (2007). *Girls Who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade*. Penguin (Non-Classics).

Foli, K. J. Ph.D., & Thompson, J. R. M.D. (2004). *The Post Adoption Blues, Overcoming the Unforeseen Challenges of Adoption*. Rodale Press.

Francesca, Z., & Ghahremani, S. (2007). *My Family, My Journey: A Baby Book for Adoptive Families*. Chronicle Books.

Gediman, J.S., & Brown, L.P. (1991). *Birth bond: Reunions between birthparents and adoptees – what happens after*. Far Hills, NJ: New Horizon Press.

Goldstein, J., Solnit, A.J., Goldstein, S., & Freud, A. (1996). *The best interests of the child: The least detrimental alternative*. New York, NY: Free Press.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

Goleman, D. (1995). *Emotional intelligence*. New York, NY: Bantam Books.

*Gray, D.D. (2002). *Attaching in adoption: Practical tools for today's parents*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press, Inc.

Gray, D. D. (2007). *Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspectives Press.

*Gritter, J. (1989). *Adoption without fear*. San Antonio, TX: Corona Publishing Company.

Gritter, J. (1999). *Lifegivers: Framing the birthparent experience in open adoption*. Washington, D.C.: CWLA Press.

*Gritter, J. (1997). *The spirit of open adoption*. Washington, DC: CWLA Press.

Grotevant, H., & McRoy, R. G. (1998). *Openness in Adoption: Exploring Family Connections*. Thousand Oaks, CA. Sage Publications, Inc..

Heegaard, M. E. (2007). *Adopted and Wondering: Drawing Out Feelings*. Fairview Press.

Hicks, S., & McDermott, J. (1998). *Lesbian and Gay Fostering and Adoption: Extraordinary Yet Ordinary*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Holmes, J. (2001). *The search for the secure base: Attachment theory and psychotherapy*. Philadelphia, PA: Taylor & Francis, Inc.

Homes, A.M. (2007). *Mistress's Daughter*. Viking Adult.

*Hopkins-Best, M. (1997). *Toddler adoption: The weaver's craft*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspectives Press.

Hoppenhauer, D. H. (2004). *Adopting a Toddler: What Size Shoes Does She Wear?* iUniverse Star.

*Hughes, D.A. (1998). *Building the bonds of attachment: Awakening love in deeply troubled children*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, Inc.

*Hughes, D.A. (2000). *Facilitating developmental attachment: The road to emotional recovery and behavioral change in foster and adopted children*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, Inc.

Imber-Black, E. (1998). *The secret life of families: Truth-telling, privacy, and reconciliation in a tell-all society*. New York: Bantam Books.

Javier, R. A. (ed.) (2006). *Handbook of Adoption: Implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families*. Thousand Oaks, CA. Sage Publications, Inc.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

Jernberg, A.M., & Booth, P.B. (1999). *Theraplay: Helping parents and children build better relationships through attachment-based play*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.

Jewett-Jarratt, C.L. (1978). *Adopting the older child*. Boston, MA: The Harvard Common Press.

Jewett-Jarratt, C.L. (1994). *Helping children cope with separation and loss*. Boston, MA: The Harvard Common Press.

John. J. (2005). *Black Baby White Hands: A View from the Crib*. Soul Water Rising

Johnston, P.I. (1992). *Adopting after infertility*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press.

Johnston, P.I. (2001). *Adoption is a family affair: What relatives and friends must know*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press.

Karen, R. (1994). *Becoming attached: First relationships and how they shape our capacity to love*. New York, NY: Warner Books.

Karr-Morse, R., & Wiley, M.S. (1997). *Ghosts from the nursery*. New York, NY: Atlantic Monthly Press.

*Keck, G.C., & Kupecky, R.M. (1998). *Adopting the hurt child: Hope for families with special-needs kids*. Colorado Springs, CO: Piñon Press.

*Keck, G.C., & Kupecky, R.M. (2002). *Parenting the hurt child: Helping adoptive families heal and grow*. Colorado Springs, CO: Piñon Press.

*Keefer, B., & Schooler, J.E. (2000). *Telling the truth to your adopted or foster child: Making sense of the past*. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey.

Kirk, H.D. (1984). *Shared fate: A theory and method of adoptive relationships*. British Columbia, Canada: Ben-Simon Publications.

Kramer, S. (2007). *Thicker Than Blood: Bonds of Fantasy and Reality in Adoption*. Poisoned Pen Press.

Kranowitz, C.S. (1998). *The out-of-sync child: Recognizing and coping with sensory integration dysfunction*. New York, NY: The Berkley Publishing Group.

Kruger, P., & Smolove, J. (2005). *Love Like No Other: Stories from Adoptive Parents*. New York, NY: Penguin Group.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

**Additional
Resources
Suggested
Readings**

- Lacher, D. B., & Nichols, T. (2005). *Connecting with Kids Through Stories: Using Narratives to Facilitate Attachment in Adopted Children*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
- LeDoux, J. (1996). *The emotional brain*. New York, NY: Touchstone.
- Levine, P. A., & Kline, M. (2006). *Trauma Through a Child's Eyes: Awakening the Ordinary Miracle of Healing; Infancy Through Adolescence*. North Atlantic Books.
- Levy, T., & Orlans, M. (1998). *Attachment, trauma, and healing: Understanding and treating attachment disorder in children and families*. Washington, DC: CWLA Press.
- *Lieberman, C.A., & Bufferd, R.K. (1998). *Creating ceremonies: Innovative ways to meet adoption challenges*. Phoenix, AZ: Zeig, Tucker, & Co., Inc.
- Mallon, G. P. (2006). *Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents: Recruiting, Assessing, and Supporting an Untapped Resource for Children and Youth*. Washington, DC: CWLA Press.
- Marindin, H. (2000). *The handbook for single adoptive parents*. Wharton, NJ: National Council for Single Adoptive Parents.
- Maskew, T. (2003). *Our Own: Adopting and Parenting the Older Child*. Snowcap Press.
- *Mason, M.M. (1995). *Designing rituals of adoption: For the religious and secular community*. Minneapolis, MN: Resources for Adoptive Parents.
- Mason, M.M. (1995). *Out of the shadows: Birthfathers' stories*. Edina, MN: O.J. Howard Publishing.
- Mattaini, M. (1993). *More than a thousand words: Graphics for clinical practice*. Washington, D.C.: National Association of Social Workers Press.
- *McColm, M. (1993). *Adoption reunions: A book for adoptees, birth parents and adoptive families*. Toronto, Ontario: Second Story Press.
- McGoldrick, M., Gerson, R., & Schellenberger, S. (1999). *Genograms: Assessment and intervention*. 2nd Edition, New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company, Inc.
- McGoldrick, M., & Gerson, R. (1985). *Genograms in family assessment*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company, Inc.
- McCreight, B., Ph.D. (2002). *Parenting Your Adopted Older Child: How to Overcome the Unique Challenges and Raise a Happy and Healthy Child*. New Harbinger Publications.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

- *Melina, L.R. (1998). *Raising adopted children*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.
- *Melina, L.R., & Roszia, S.K. (1993). *The open adoption experience: A complete guide for adoptive and birth families – from making the decision through the child's growing years*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.
- Menichiello, M. (2006). *A Gay Couple's Journey Through Surrogacy: Intended Fathers*. Haworth Press.
- Miller, L. C. (2004). *Handbook of International Adoption Medicine: A Guide for Physicians, Parents and Providers*. Oxford University Press
- Munns, E. (1999). *Theraplay: Innovations in attachment-enhancing play therapy*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, Inc.
- Nakazawa, D. J. (2004). *Does Anybody Else Look Like Me? A Parent's Guide to Raising Multiracial Children*. Da Capo Press.
- Negar, N. J. (2006). *Coping with Infertility: Clinically Proven Ways of Managing the Emotional Roller Coaster*. Brunner-Routledge
- *O'Malley, B. (2000). *Lifebooks: Creating a treasure for the adopted child*. Winthrop, MA: Adoption-Works.
- Orlans, M. & Levy, T. M. (2006). *Healing Parents: Helping Wounded Children Learn to Trust & Love*. Washington, DC: CWLA Press.
- Osborne, H. (2003). *Ticklebelly Hill: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. 1st Books Library.
- Pavao, J.M. (1999). *The family of adoption*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press.
- Perry, B., & Szalavitz, M. (2007). *The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog: What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us about Loss, Love, and Healing*. New York, NY: Basic Books.
- Pertman, A. (2000). *Adoption nation*. New York, NY: Basic Books.
- Prager, E. (2002). *Wuhu Diary: On Taking My Adopted Daughter Back to Her Hometown in China*. Anchor.
- *Probst, C. (2002). *Adoption lifebook: A bridge to your child's beginnings*. Boston, MA: Adoption Press.
- Rackley, V., Hart, D., Brniak, R., Hickmott, M., Swierk, I. Ferguson, P., Barber, V., Alford, A., Wenzel, D. (2002). *Ten sisters: A true story*. Mahomet, IL: Mayhaven Publishing.



ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

*Additional
Resources
Suggested
Readings*

- Ratey, J. (2001). *User's guide to the brain: Personality, behavior and the four theaters of the brain*. New York, NY: Knopf Publishing Group.
- Riley, D. B., & Meeks, J., MD (2005). *Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens*. C.A.S.E. Publications.
- Roles, P. (1989). *Saying goodbye to a baby: Volume 1 – the birthparent's guide to loss and grief in adoption*. Washington, D.C.: CWLA Press.
- Roles, P. (1990). *Saying goodbye to a baby: Volume 2 – a counselor's guide to birthparent loss and grief in adoption*. Washington, D.C.: CWLA Press.
- Rosenberg, M. (1989). *Growing up adopted*. New York, NY: Bradbury Press.
- Rush, S. E. (2000). *Loving Across the Color Line: A White Adoptive Mother Learns About Race*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc
- Schaefer, C. (1991). *The other mother: A woman's love for the child she gave up for adoption*. New York, NY: Soho Press.
- Schoettle, M. (2003). *S.A.F.E at School, Support for Adoptive Families by Educators*. The Center for Adoption Support and Education, Inc.
- Schore, A.N. (1999). *Affect regulation and the origin of self: The neurobiology of emotional development*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.
- Schwartz, L. L. Ph.D. (2006). *When Adoptions Go Wrong*. Haworth Press.
- Schwiebert, P, & DeKlyen, C. (1999). *Tear soup: A recipe for healing after loss*. Portland, OR: Grief Watch.
- Selekman, M. (1997). *Solution-focused therapy with children: Harnessing family strengths for systemic change*. New York, NY: Guilford Press.
- Shapiro, L. (1997). *How to raise a child with a high EQ: A parents' guide to emotional intelligence*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.
- Siegel, D.J. (2001). *The developing mind: How relationships and the brain interact to shape who we are*. New York, NY: Guilford Press.
- Siegel, D.J., Hartzell, M.M. (2004). *Parenting from the inside out*. New York, NY: Jeremy P. Tarcher.
- Siegel, D.J., Norton, W. W. (2007). *The Mindful Brain: Reflection and Attunement in the Cultivation of Well-Being*.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

*Silber, K., & Dorner, P.M. (1990). *Children of open adoption*. San Antonio, TX: Corona Publishing Company.

Simon, R.J., & Roorda, R.M. (2000). *In their own voices: Transracial adoptees tell their stories*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

*Steinberg, G., & Hall, B. (2000). *Inside transracial adoption*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press.

Terr, L. (1990). *Too scared to cry: Psychic trauma in childhood*. New York, NY: Basic Books.

Thomlinson, B. (2001). *The family assessment handbook: An introductory practice guide to family assessment and intervention*. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

Toledo, S. (1995). *Grandparents as Parents, A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family*. The Guilford Press.

Tremiere, B. (1994). *The large adoptive family: A special kind of "normal."* York, PA: One Another Publications.

Waters, J. (2005). *Arms Wide Open: An Insight Into Open Adoption*. AuthorHouse.

*Watkins, M., & Fisher, S. (1995). *Talking with young children about adoption*. Binghamton, NY: Vail-Ballou Press.

Williams, M.B., & Poijula, S. (2002). *The PTSD workbook: simple, effective techniques for overcoming traumatic stress symptoms*. Oakland, CA: New Harbinger Publications, Inc.

Wolff, J. (1999). *Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother*. Vista Communications.

Wood, L., & Ng, N. (ed.) (2001). *Adoption and the Schools: Resources for Parents and Teachers*. Palo Alto, CA: F.A.I.R. Publishing.

Books for Children

Blomquist, G.M., & Blomquist, P.B. (1990). *Zachary's new home: A story for foster and adopted children*. New York, NY: Magination Press.

Bond, J. C. (2004). *Sam's Sister*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspectives Press.

Brodzinsky, A.B. (1996). *The mulberry bird*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspective Press.

Bunin, C., & Bunin, S. (1992). *Is that your sister?* New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers.

- Bunting, E. (2001). *Jin Woo*. Clarion Books
- Burwash, L., & McMullin, C. (1998). *All about me: Adopted and special; an interactive tool for parents and children*. All About Me.
- Cain, B.S. (2001). *Double dip feelings: Stories to help children understand emotions*. New York, NY: Magination Press.
- Cannon, J. (1993). *Stellaluna*. Harcourt Children's Books.
- Carlson, N. (2006). *My Family is Forever*. Puffin.
- Caseley, J. (2004). *Sisters*. Greenwillow.
- Chen, C. Y. (2004). *Guji Guji*. Kane/Miller Book Publishers.
- Costanzo, C. (2001). *The twelve gifts of birth*. New York, NY: HarperResource.
- Cummings, M. (2006). *Three Names of Me*. Albert Whitman & Company.
- Curtis, J.L. (1996). *Tell me again about the night I was born*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.
- Freidrich, M. (2004). *You're Not My Real Mother*. Little, Brown Young Readers.
- Girard, L.W. (1991). *Adoption is for always*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Company
- Gordon, E.R. (1992). *Mommy, did I grow in your tummy?: Where some babies come from*. Santa Monica, CA: E. M. Greenberg Press, Inc.
- Hamanaka, S. (1994). *All the colors of the earth*. New York, NY: Scholastic.
- Hicks, R.B. (1995). *Adoption stories for young children*. Los Angeles, CA: Wordslinger Press.
- Karst, P. (2000). *The invisible string*. Marina del Rey, CA: DeVorss Publications.
- Kasza, K. (1996). *A mother for Choco*. United Kingdom: Puffin Publishers.
- Kates, B.J. (1992). *We're different, we're the same*. New York, NY: Random House Trade.
- Keller, H. (1995). *Horace*. Mulberry Books.
- Kirk, D. (2003). *Little Miss Spider*. Scholastic Inc.



ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

*Additional
Resources
Suggested
Readings*



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

Kitze, C. (2003). *I don't have your eyes*. Warren, NJ: EMK Press.

Krementz, J. (1988). *How it feels to be adopted*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.

Kroll, V. (1993). *Beginnings: How families come to be*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Company.

Lanchon, A., Dzarnecki, M. (2006). *All About Adoption: How to Deal with the Questions of Your Past*. Amulet Books.

Leedy, L. (1999). *Who's who in my family?* New York, NY: Holiday House.

London, J. (1998). *A koala for Katie: An adoption story*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman and Company.

Lowell, P. (2006). *Returnable Girl*. Cavendish Children's Books.

Lucado, M. (1999). *Just the way you are*. Wheaton, IL: Good News Publishers/ Crossway Books.

Markle, S. (2006). *Little Lost Bat*. Charlesbridge Publishing.

McCoy, T. (1993). *My Adoption Workbook* [10 pack].

McCoy, T., & Barnes, D. (2002). *Real Me: A Teen Lifebook for Young Adults in Foster Care or Adoption* [10 pack]. Cedar Rapids, IA; Adoption World Specialties, Ltd.

McCoy, T.L. (1993). *Getting ready for adoption*. Cedar Rapids, IA: Adoption World Specialties, Ltd.

McCutcheon, J. (2001). *Happy Adoption Day*. Little, Brown Young Readers.

Miller, K.A. (1994). *Did my first mother love me?* Buena Park, CA: Morning Glory Press.

Mitchell, C. (2006). *Welcome Home, Forever Child*. Authorhouse

Montgomery, L.M. (2001). *Anne of Green Gables*. New York, NY: Random House Children's Books.

Munsch, R. (1986). *Love you forever*. Willowdale, Ontario, Canada: Firefly Books.

Nelson, J. (2006). *Families Change: A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights*. Free Spirit Publishing.



ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

Additional
Resources

Suggested
Readings

- Nemiroff, M., Annunziata, J., Koeller, C. (2003). *All About Adoption: How Families are Made*. Magination Press.
- O'Malley, B. (2006). *For When I'm Famous: A Teen Foster/Adoption Lifebook* [10 pack]. Adoption-Works Press.
- O'Malley, B. (2000). *Lifebooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child*. Adoption-Works Press.
- Parnell, P., & Richardson, J. (2005). *And Tango Makes Three*. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.
- Parr, T. (2003). *The family book*. New York, NY: Megan Tingley Books.
- Parr, T. (2001). *It's O.K. to be different*. New York, NY: Megan Tingley Books.
- Patterson, E. (1987). *Twice upon a time: Born and adopted*. Brattleboro, VT: EP Press.
- Portnoy, F. (1997). *One wonderful you*. Greensboro, NC: Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc.
- Rogers, F. (1995). *Let's talk about it: Adoption*. New York, NY: Putnam Publishing Group.
- Rosenberg, L. (2001). *We wanted you*. New York, NY: Dorling Kindersley Publishing
- Rosove, L. (2001). *Rosie's family: An adoption story*. Ontario, Canada: Asia Press.
- Schoettle, M. (2000). *W.I.S.E. Up! Powerbook*. Silver Spring, MD: The Center for Adoption Support and Education, Inc.
- Schreck, K.H. (2001). *Lucy's family tree*. Gardiner, ME: Tilbury House Publishers.
- Seuss, Dr. (1990). *Oh, the places you'll go*. New York, NY: Random House.
- Shemin, C. Shemin, C. & Capone, D. (2003). *Families are forever*. New York, NY: As Simple As That.
- Simon, N. (1976). *All kinds of families*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Company.
- Simon, N. (1976). *Why am I different?* Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Company.
- Skutch, R. (1997). *Who's in a Family?* Tricycle Press.
- Stergianis, S., & McDowall, R. (2006). *What is Adoption: Helping Non-Adopted Children Understand Adoption*.



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Suggested Readings

Tichnor, R. (1994). *A spark in the dark*. Madison, WI: Demco Media

Viorst, J. (1976). *Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day*. New York, NY: Simon and Schuster.

Waybill, M. (1974). *Chinese Eyes*. PA: Herald Press.

Wickstrom, L. (1991). *Oliver: A story about adoption*. Wayne, PA: Our Child Press.

Zisk, M. (2001). *Best Single Mom in the World: How I was Adopted*. Albert Whitman & Company.

Recommended Websites

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>

US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

www.adopt.org

National Adoption Center administers several adoption programs to help families find children waiting for adoption, and provide education, resources, research and information on legal benefits.

<http://www.adoptionattorneys.org>

The American Academy of Adoption Attorneys is a national association of approximately 330 attorneys who practice, or have otherwise distinguished themselves, in the field of adoption law.

www.adoptioninstitute.org

The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute provides information about research, policy and practice updates, professional education, and other adoption related information.

<http://www.adoptionsupport.org>

CASE – Center for Adoption Support and Education, an online adoptive family support resource.

<http://www.adoptivefamilies.com>

Adoptive Families magazine.

www.americanadoptioncongress.org

American Adoption Congress calls itself an “international network of adoption triad members and organizations committed to adoption reform that protects all those involved from abuse and exploitation.”

<http://attach.org>

The Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of children.

<http://www.brainplace.com>

Daniel G. Amen, MD is a child and adult psychiatrist, brain imaging specialist, and an expert in neuroscience and behavioral psychiatry. He uses Brain SPECT Imaging to diagnose brain function and is an expert on treating ADD/ADHD.

<http://www.childstudy.org>

Children’s Research Triangle is committed to provide research driven services that improve the quality of life for all children with special needs or those who are at risk for developmental, behavioral, psychological or educational problems. (Ira Chasnoff, MD).



ACT

**Facilitator’s
Guide**

*Additional
Resources*

**Recommended
Websites**



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources

Recommended Websites

<http://www.childtrauma.org>

The Child Trauma Academy, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston, Texas is a unique collaborative of individuals and organizations working to improve the lives of high-risk children through direct service, research and education. (Dr. Bruce Perry, et al).

www.childwelfare.gov

The Child Welfare Information Gateway provides access to information and resources to protect children and strengthen families. It was formerly known as The National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC).

<http://www.circleofsecurity.org>

The Circle of Security (COS) is a therapeutic process designed to create or repair the bond between mother and child.

www.cubirthparents.org

Concerned United Birthparents (CUB) is a organization focused on adoption issues for birth-parents, adoptees, adoptive parents and professionals.

www.cwla.org

Child Welfare League of America provides educational events, and has developed practice standards for all areas of child welfare. It lobbies and advocates for children and families on a wide range of issues, including research.

<http://www.danielhughes.org>

Daniel Hughes is a trauma/attachment therapist who trains professionals and parents to work with these special children, using Dyadic Developmental Therapy.

<http://www.davethomasfoundation.org>

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption – Finding forever families for children in foster care.

<http://www.drdansiegel.com>

Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., pediatrician and psychiatrist, his work focuses on family interactions with an emphasis on how attachment experiences influence emotions, behavioral regulation, autobiographical memory and narrative processes.

<http://www.fosteringfamielstoday.com>

Fostering Families Today magazine, a resource for foster and adoptive families.

<http://www.hrc.org>

Human Rights Campaign advocating for LGBT rights. All Children-All Families umbrella agency.

http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/concurrent-permanency-planning.html

National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. Good information on concurrent permanency planning.

<http://www.kinshipcenter.org>

Kinship Center website, including the Education Institute of Kinship Center information.

www.nacac.org

North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) is the oldest and largest parent-led organization meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt children with special needs.

<http://www.nationalcasa.org>

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) national website.

<http://www.nfpainc.org>

National Foster Parent Association website.

www.nrcadoption.org

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Adoption provides information and resources to assist special needs adoption programs.

<http://www.openadoptioninsight.org>

Insight – open adoption resources and support website.

<http://www.isrr.net>

International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) a free mutual consent reunion registry that serves individuals separated from birth family through adoption, divorce, foster care, institutional care, abandonment, etc.

<http://www.resolve.org>

Resolve provides a support network for individuals and couples experiencing infertility.

<http://www.tapestrybooks.com>

Excellent resource for books and DVDs about adoption, permanency, foster care.

<http://www.voice-for-adoption.org>

Voice for Adoption (VFA) is a national organization that develops and advocates for improved adoption policies at the national level.



ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

*Additional
Resources*

**Recommended
Websites**



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources

Recommended Websites

Empty box for content.

FREQUENTLY USED TERMS GLOSSARY



ACT
*Facilitator's
Guide*

*Additional
Resources
Glossary*

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

AAP, a financial adoption subsidy program, is federally and state funded. Programs and benefits vary from state to state. It is intended to encourage and support adoption of children from the child welfare system and is designed to support children's special needs, so as not to put an undue burden on a family's finances. Payments can continue until the child reaches age 18, or in some cases, until age 21. Children adopted independently and internationally are not eligible for AAP.

CONCURRENT PLANNING

For every child who is placed away from parents, the optimum plan is to return to the family of origin as quickly as possible. When this is not an option, and the child becomes a dependent of the court, the county is obligated to develop a reunification plan, so that the child can go to parents or to family members within a specified, mandated time frame. Concurrent Planning requires that, while working on the reunification plan, the jurisdiction also makes a simultaneous plan, intended to be permanent, for that child in the event that reunification is not successful. The optimum plan is for children to be placed initially with foster families who may adopt these children if they cannot return to parents or kin (see foster/adopt).

In the past, adoption planning did not begin until all reunification attempts were exhausted, delaying the adoptive placement of a child sometimes for years. Concurrent planning requires that both reunification and adoption plans be developed simultaneously. It provides the birth parents and relatives, as appropriate, with clear information about the consequences if reunification is not achieved. Concurrent planning is designed to minimize children's separations and disruptions, and provide stability for children as quickly as possible.

CONSTELLATION

A term used to define all parties to an adoption. This definition goes beyond the traditional "triad" of birth parent(s), adopted person, and the adoptive parent(s), and includes siblings, extended family members, as well as previous caregivers.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

A CASA is a volunteer citizen advocate appointed by a judge to speak for the needs of foster children in the court system. This is a national model with over 900 CASA programs and a national CASA association. The association holds a national conference, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and offers consultation and resources that help in establishing and maintaining CASA programs. www.nationalcasa.org



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

Additional Resources Glossary

DE FACTO PARENT

An individual who has requested and obtained standing in court on behalf of a dependent child. Generally, but not always, the de facto parent has cared for the child in his/her home for an extended length of time, and has an interest in having “standing” in court on behalf of the child’s best interest.

DEPENDENT CHILD

A child who is under the custody, care, and supervision of the court of a jurisdiction because his/her parents have been adjudicated to be unable to care for them. The threshold of declaring a child “dependent” may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

FOSTER/ADOPTION (ALSO KNOWN AS FOST/ADOPT)

Foster/adoption refers to a plan whereby children are placed in an adoptive family on a foster care basis with adoption as the ultimate plan. The child is not yet legally freed to be adopted. This could also be a “concurrent placement.”

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

A GAL may be an attorney or layperson who is appointed by a judge to represent the child in a juvenile court proceeding. The GAL acts in the best interest of the child, advocating for and advising the child during all court proceedings.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

ICPC is an agreement between states regarding the placement of children from one state to another for the purpose of adoption. A child may not be placed between states for the purpose of adoption without the knowledge and consent of both the sending state and the receiving state. This pertains to both agency adoptions and independent and private adoptions.

KINSHIP CARE OR RELATIVE CARE

Kinship Care or Relative Care refers to those grandparents, aunts, uncle, siblings, step-parents, cousins, and other degrees of relatives who are caring for/parenting their relative children, either through informal arrangement, guardianship, foster care, or adoption.

LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE

A plan for a minor to remain in a foster home until the age of majority without the benefit of legal adoption or guardianship. Long-term foster care is not generally recognized as a “permanent” plan.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

TANF became effective July 1, 1997, replacing Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Trainings (JOBS), and Emergency Assistance (EA) programs. States are given federal funds and flexibility to develop and implement state-specific welfare programs in order to assist in moving families from welfare to self-sufficiency through work. Benefits are time-limited and are to be used for: assisting needy families, so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reducing dependency on the public fund by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encouraging the formation, and maintenance of, two-parent families.

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TPR is a legal action that involuntarily, and permanently severs parental rights to a child. Parental rights must be severed before a child can be adopted.

TRIAD

A term used to define the parties to adoption, including the birth parent(s), adopted person, and the adoptive parent(s). In ACT, the word “triad” has been replaced with “constellation” to reflect more current inclusive terminology.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT

The voluntary severing of parental rights.



ACT

*Facilitator's
Guide*

*Additional
Resources
Glossary*



ACT

Facilitator's Guide

*Additional
Resources*
Glossary