Suggested Reading List

The Connected Child: Bring hope and healing to your adoptive family by Karyn Purvis, David Cross, Wendy Sunshine
The adoption of a child is always a joyous moment in the life of a family. Some adoptions, though, present unique challenges. Welcoming these children into your family--and addressing their special needs--requires care, consideration, and compassion.
Written by two research psychologists specializing in adoption and attachment, The Connected Child will help you:

- Build bonds of affection and trust with your adopted child
- Effectively deal with any learning or behavioral disorders
- Discipline your child with love without making him or her feel threatened

Talking with Young Children about Adoption by Mary Watkins and Dr. Susan Fisher, MD
Current wisdom holds that adoptive parents should talk with their child about adoption as early as possible. But no guidelines exist to prepare parents for the various ways their children might respond when these conversations take place. In this wise and sympathetic book, a clinical psychologist and a psychiatrist, both adoptive mothers, discuss how young children make sense of the fact that they are adopted, how it might appear in their play, and what worries they and their parents may have. Accounts by twenty adoptive parents of conversations about adoption with their children, from ages two to ten, graphically convey what the process of sharing about adoption is like.

Attaching in Adoption by Deborah Gray
Many adopted children come to their families at an older age. Their adoptive parents need help in understanding how prior experiences and changes in caregivers, culture, language, and more can create challenges for children trying to form attachments in their new families. Attaching In Adoption provides advice about obtaining a proper diagnosis; building a caring, professional team; using various approaches to parenting and teaching; and finding a therapist who is adequately informed, prepared, and experienced.

Nurturing Adoptions by Deborah Gray
Adoption has changed dramatically in less than a decade. With higher and higher percentages of children joining their families not as newborns, but from domestic or international foster care or from orphanages abroad, both parents and the professionals with whom they consult need new skills. From the author of Attaching in Adoption comes this new tool designed to help placement professionals and therapists whose

practices are not focused specifically on adoption and attachment understand how new research on the impact of neglect, abuse, early trauma, and institutionalization on the developing brains of children can guide their practices in new directions. Nurturing Adoption's goal is to help professionals to assist parents in healing their children and guiding them into strong and healthy relationships and productive adulthood.

Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew by Sherrie Eldridge
This remarkable book offers an unparalleled window into the heart of the adopted child, giving voice to feelings that are often too difficult to express. In powerful, poignant essays, it highlights the TWENTY THINGS ADOPTED KIDS WISH THEIR ADOPTIVE PARENTS KNEW. It also speaks to the unspoken concerns at the heart of every adoptive family, offering practical advice for addressing past issues, handling current crises, and ensuring a long, loving future for you and your children.

Brown Babies, Pink Parents by Amy Ford
Brown Babies Pink Parents: A Practical Guide to Trans racial Parenting by Amy Ford is an honest look into the realities of trans racial adoptive families in the United States. Both funny and poignant, it sheds light on the difficulties often faced by adoptive families who have had little, or no, preparation when it comes to parenting a child of a different race. Brown Babies Pink Parents covers a variety of topics, from the physical world of taking care of the lovely hair and skin of African American girls, to the more nurturing side of the importance of role models and celebrating culture and heritage.

Brothers and Sisters in Adoption by Arleta James
Having a child with a history of neglect or trauma enter the family is rarely a smooth transition. It is important for everyone involved to have realistic expectations, and give consideration to the possibility that the new child will need special attention that may take away from the already present children. Brothers and Sisters in Adoption offers insights and examples and sturdy, practical, proven tools for helping newly configured families prepare, accept, react, and mobilize to become a new and different family meeting the practical, physical and emotional needs of all its members. These well prepared and supported families are the ones who thrive!

Adoption: Choosing It, Living It, Loving It; Straight Answers to Heartfelt Questions by Ray Guarendi
Ray Guarendi, psychologist, husband and father of ten adopted children, considers the most commonly asked adoption questions with insight, humor and a heart for the adoptive family. His aim? To dispel unsettling misperceptions about adoption, to encourage others to think about and act on adoption, and to guide adoptive parents to a more relaxed, rewarding family life for all involved.

There are many adoption related website available providing information, resources and training for those interested in adoption. Below are a few websites we recommend our adoptive parents visit.

Adoption Learning Partners (ALP) www.adoptionlearningpartners.org

- The vision of Adoption Learning Partners (ALP) is to make a positive measurable impact on adoption outcomes. We offer meaningful, timely, web-based educational adoption resources for professionals, parents, adopted individuals, and the families that love them.

National Council For Adoption (NCFA) www.hagueadoption.org

- The Intercountry Adoption Journey 2.0 - The National Council For Adoption (NCFA)'s 10-hour Hague-compliant intercountry adoption training program includes videos featuring adoption experts from the U.S. Department of State and other agencies. Founded in 1980, NCFA is a nonprofit organization that promotes a culture of adoption through education, research, and advocacy efforts.

Boris Gindis Center – Post Adoption Learning Center www.bgcenterschool.org

- The Post Adoption Learning Center courses offer a practical guide for adoptive parents on how to handle special needs of a post-institutionalized older child adopted internationally. All online courses are interactive, and you can ask the instructor, a psychologist specializing in international adoption, questions related to the subject of the course.

Medical Encyclopedia -- If you're interested in learning more about a specific medical need, talk with your local expert or for basic information check out this medical encyclopedia: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html

The Medical Encyclopedia website provides general information on numerous medical conditions. : http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html .

In addition, Adoption Assistance recommends all families who are considering or who are in the process of adopting internationally consult with a physical well trained in international adoption. Below is a list of International Adoption Clinic in the United States who can provide guidance and consultations with prospective adoptive parents.

International adoption medical clinics are great resources for international medical and health, especially if your adopted child has an ailment that is uncommon, not easily diagnosed or difficult to treat. International adoption medical clinics also provide advice on pre-adoption evaluations, immunizations and post adoption medical examinations.

Alabama Adoption Clinics

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Jennifer Nobles Chambers, MD, MPH&TM
UAB International Adoption Clinic, Director
MTC 201
1600 7th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233-1711
Phone: (205) 939-6964
email: jchambers@peds.uab.edu , adoption@peds.uab.edu

California Adoption Clinics

International Adoption Clinic
Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland
http://www.internationaladoptionclinic.org
Nancy Curtis MD
Carina Grandison Ph.D.
747 Fifty Second Street
Oakland, California 94609
Email: ncurtis@mail.cho.org
Ph: 510-428-3010
Fax 510-450-5878

New York Adoption Clinics

International Pediatric Health Services (PLLC)
Dr. Jane Aronson
International Pediatric Health Services, PLLC
151 East 62nd Street, Suite 1A
New York, NY 10021
Phone: 212-207-6666
Fax: 212-207-6665
e-mail: orphandoctor@aol.com

Schneider Children's Hospital
Andrew Adesman, MD
Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics1983 Marcus Ave, Suite 130
Lake Success NY 11042
Telephone: 516-802-6150
Fax: 516-616-5801
email: adoption@LIJ.edu

Ohio Adoption Clinics

The International Adoption Center
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 7036
Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039
Barbee Sjödahl
Emai: Barbee.Sjodahl@CCHMC.org
Phone: (513) 636-2877, option 2

Miller Children's Hospital
Stramski Developmental Center
International Adoption Program
Gary Feldman, M.D.
2801 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806
Email: GFeldman@memorialcare.org
Phone: 562-424-4815
Fax: 562-424-4688

Connecticut Adoption Clinics
Yale University International Adoption Clinic
Carol Weitzman, M.D.
464 Congress Avenue
New Haven, CT 06520
(203)737 1623

District of Columbia Adoption Clinic
Georgetown University
Child Development Center, Department of Pediatrics, Georgetown University School of Medicine
International Adoptions Health Resource Center
Dr. Nina Scribanu, MD
3307 M St NW,
Washington, DC 2007
Tel: (202) 687-8635 Fax: (202) 687-8899

Georgia Adoption Clinics
Emory University School of Medicine - Pediatrics Department
International Adoption Research
Dr. Pakula, Director of the International Adoption Center
Marcus Institute
1920 Briarcliff Rd.
Atlanta, GA. 30329
Email: pmason@emory.edu

Illinois Adoption Clinics
University of Chicago Comer
(800) 344-CHMC (2462), ask for ext. 62877, option 2
Fax: (513) 636-6936

Columbus Children's Hospital (Ohio State University)
Dwight A. Powell, MD
Director, International Adoption Clinic
700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205
Columbus, Ohio
Phone: (614) 722-4459
Fax (614) 722-4458
Email: internationaladoption@chi.osu.edu

Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
University Hospitals of Cleveland
Rainbow Center for International Child Health
Adoption Health Service
Director: Dr. Karen Olness
11100 Euclid Avenue, Mail Stop 6038
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-6038
(216) 844-3224
E-mail RCIC@po.cwru.edu

Adoption Center of Akron Children's Hospital
Director: Ellen Kempf, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Two Perkins Square, Suite 6300
Akron, OH 44308-1062
800-262-0333, ext. 33550 Fax: 330-543-3512
E-mail: ekempf@chmca.org

Cleveland Clinic Childrens Hospital International Adoption Program
Dr. Elaine Schulte
9500 Euclid Ave A120
Cleveland, OH 44195
(216) 445-9742
(216) 444-4367 for appointments

Oregon Adoption Clinics
OHSU Adoption Health Services
Medical Director/Adoption Medicine Specialist: Meg Hayes, MD

Children's Hospital International Adoption Clinic
International Adoption Clinic
5841 S. Maryland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
phone: (773) 702-6169
email:adoption@uchospitals.edu

Indiana Adoption Clinic
International Adoption Clinic
Riley Hospital
Dr. John Christenson, Dr. Julie Keck, Dr. Maria Finnell
ROC RI 4380 702, Barnhill Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
phone: 317-274-7260
email: washinge@iupui.edu

Pediatric International Adoption Clinic
St. Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center
Christopher Belcher, M.D., F.A.A.P,.
Fernando Escobar, M.D
1707 West 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone: 317-338-5288 Fax: 317-415-5580
email: jestone@stvincent.org

Maine Adoption Clinic
Maine Medical Center
Nataniel James
22 Bramhal Street
Portland, Maine 04101
Tel: 207-871-0111

Maryland Adoption Clinic
International Adoption Clinic of Kennedy Krieger Institute & Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Kennedy Krieger Institute
707 North Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21205
Tel: 443-923-9402

Program Manager: Mary Masterson, MPH, MPA
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Mailcode: FM
Portland, Oregon 97239-3098
Phone: 503-494-5445
Fax: 503-494-3396
Email: adoption@ohsu.edu

Ontario, Canada Adoption Clinic
Canadian Clinic for Adopted Children
Dr. Angelo Simone
2338 Hurontario Street, Suite 200
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Tel: 905-848-8303
FAX: (905) 848-5727
Email: asimone@attcanada.net
Dr. Simone is also Chief of Pediatrics for the Trillium Health Center in Mississauga.

St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Anna Banerji, MD, MPH, FRCC, DTM&H
Pediatric Infectious & Tropical Disease
St. Michael's Hospital
Pediatric Ambulatory Clinic
61 Queen Street East, 2nd floor
Toronto, ON M5C 2T2
TEl: 416-867-3655
FAX: 416-867-3736

Pennsylvania Adoption Clinic
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
International Adoption Health Program
34th St. and Civic Center Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Dr. Alyssa Harrison
Dr. Gail Farber
Phone 267-426-5005
Fax 215-590-3198
email: chopadopt@email.chop.edu

Rhode Island Adoption Clinic
Hasbro Children's Hospital
Division of Pediatric ID
International Adoption Clinic
593 Eddy Street

Massachusetts Adoption Clinics

New England Medical Center
International Adoption Clinic
The Floating Hospital
Dr. Laurie Miller
750 Washington Street, Box 286
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Tel: 617-636-8121

Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School
Adoption Program, Children's Hospital
Lisa Albers, MD, MPH and Kay Seligsohn, PhD
300 Longwood Avenue,
Boston, Massachusetts 02115
Tel: (617) 355-5209; Fax: (617) 730-5529
Email: albers_l@hub.tch.harvard.edu

Michigan Adoption Clinics

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Dr. Jerry Jenista
551 Second St
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Tel:734-668-0419; Fax:734-668-9492

Minnesota Adoption Clinics

International Adoption Medicine Program & Clinic
Dana Johnson, MD, PhD; Judith Eckerle Kang, MD; and Cynthia Howard, MD, MPHTM
717 Delaware St SE, Room 365
Mail Code 1932
Minneapolis, MN 55414
612-624-1164 tel
612-625-2920 fax
email:iac@umn.edu

Missouri Adoption Clinics

St. Louis University School of Medicine
Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
(401) 444-8360
(401) 444-5650 - fax
Dr. Boris Skurkovich
webpage: http://adoptionsinternational.com/
email: bskurkovich@netscape.net

South Carolina Adoption Clinic

International Adoption Clinic at MUSC Children's Hospital
135 Rutledge Ave.
P.O. Box 250561
Charleston, SC 29425
(843) 876-8512

Texas Adoption Clinics

Texas Children's Hospital
6621 Fannin
(5th Floor, Suite 550, Feigin Center)
Houston, Texas 77030
Tel: 832-824-1038 or 1-866-824-5437 (TCH KIDS)
Fax: 832-825-1281
Email: internationaladoptions@texaschildrenshospital.org

Virginia Adoption Clinics

Inova Fairfax Hospital
Dr. Patrick Mason
International Adoption Center
8505 Arlington Blvd. Suite 100
Fairfax, VA 22031
Tel: 703-970-2651
Fax: 703-970-2620

University of Virginia Children's Hospital International Adoption Clinic
Dr. Mark Mendelsohn
Dr. Linda Waggoner-Fountain
The clinic is held at the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center.
Department of Pediatrics
P.O. Box 800386
Charlottesville, VA 22908-0386

F.A.C.E.S. (Foreign Adoption Clinic and Educational Services)
Jennifer S. Ladage, MD
1465 S. Grand Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63104
(314) 577-5643; (314) 268-4028 (fax)

Nebraska Adoption Clinics
Edward M. Kolb, M.D.
International Adoption Medical Consultants
13110 Birch Drive
Suite 148, Box 366
Omaha, NE 68164
Phone:(402) 680-3269
Fax: (402) 496-7126
email: adoptmedconsultants@cox.net

email: tll2e@virginia.edu
Phone: 434-924-9130

Washington Adoption Clinics
Julia M. Bledsoe, MD, FAAP
Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.
International Adoption Medicine
Pediatric Care Center
4245 Roosevelt Way NE
Seattle, Washington 98105-6920
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KENTUCKY

Pediatric Specialty Clinic

Kentucky Clinic

Second Floor, Wing D, Room J201
740 S. Limestone
Lexington KY 40536
Call **859-257-4297**
Fax 859-257-9813
Wednesday: 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m

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Vanderbilt Children's International Adoption Clinic
2200 Children's Way, 8th Floor
Nashville, TN 37232
615-936-6800