

This Website Was Created To Give Teachers And Other Professionals Working Within The Schools More Information About Students They May Come Into Contact With Who Have Been Adopted Or Are In Foster Care. We Hope That It Is Helpful And Resourceful.



Policies Regarding Adoption



- 1.) <http://www.adoptionnetwork.org/anc2/AdoptCuyahogaKids.html>

This website contains articles about adoption policies in Cuyahoga County. Several agencies are listed that

help make contributions to fund this program. A list of books can be found covering issues from self identity to how to hold a discussion with a child about adoption.

- 2.) <http://www.facadopt.org/>

Information is provided on the specific policies in international and domestic adoption processes. A list of frequently asked questions are available for common issues about adoption. The Family Adoption

Consultants recruit adoptive parents whose interests are mainly in international adoption.

- 9.) <http://www.childwelfare.com>

Adoption, foster care and many topics close to this area are covered on this website. Laws, articles, reports and statistics are provided to those persons who choose to access this website. It is very useful in finding out a variety of information about foster care services.

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4.) <http://www.familyhelper.net/arc/sch.html>

Here is an article about the issues that adoptive children may face in school. While it is short it has some relevant details that adoptive parents or school systems (including social workers) may not have thought about. In addition, it gives a variety of links at the end of the article that may be helpful.

5.) <http://www.abcadoptions.com/>

Professional services and links are available for those seeking information on domestic and international adoption. Positive aspects of adoption are listed for people to view. Support groups and chat rooms are accessible for readers to converse with others interested in the same process.

6.) http://www.starsofdavid.org/adoptee_resources.html

This website contains many links that are very helpful for adoptive children and possibly their parents. It also has different links for teenage adoptee and adult adoptees. This may be helpful to the parents and family members of adoptees as well. Also, it may help for school workers because they will be able to direct students to it for helpful resources.

7.) <http://www.advocatesforchildren.org/pubs/FCrep7-11.htm>

While some of this information is only specific to New York City, the amount of statistics and facts about children in foster care is astounding. The topics covered can give a teacher, parent, school social worker, or any interested party a decent amount of background information about foster care and the issues associated with it.

8.) <http://www.fosterclub.com/fyi3/>

This website is targeted towards children that are involved with foster care. Teachers and school social workers would benefit from this because it would provide insight into the issues and concerns of the foster care youth with which they are involved.

Organizations Where You Can Get Any Questions Answered



- 9.) <http://www.pressleyridge.org/>
Pressley Ridge

This agency provides community-based practice and treatment foster care services for youth in Cuyahoga County. A success story can be read about an adolescent boy in the foster care system. Expectations for foster care parents are clearly outlined.

- 10.) <http://www.cchome.org/>
Cleveland Christian's Home

Cleveland Christian's Home strives to be a place of hope and healing with children and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect. Traditional and specialized foster care is available for parents interested in foster children with or without special needs

- 11.) <http://www.nfpainc.org/>
National Foster Parent Association

The website offers a wonderful array of information on various issues that arise in foster parenting. It presents details about the different requirements and rights of foster parents in all states. This would be particularly helpful to both teachers and school social workers.

- 12.) http://www.noas.com/Web_Pages/start.htm
Northeast Ohio Adoption Services

Northeast Ohio Adoption Services have placed over 1,000 children since 1978 and have successfully served many children in the therapeutic foster care program. Statistics on children who are most commonly available are provided. Monthly newsletters can be read containing articles on adoption services and events.

- 13.) <http://www.adoptionnetwork.org/>
The Adoption Network

While this site has limited resources on foster care, it does provide an abundance of information on adoption. Students may be involved in the process of working towards adoption and it will help to understand that situation more specifically.

- 14.) <http://www.ofcaonline.org/>
The Ohio Family Care Association

Information is offered about foster care ranging from articles, to links to other websites, to regional resources. It can help anyone who is under informed about this topic because of the variety of help that is can provide.

- 15.) http://www.applewoodcenters.org/frames_page_programs_services.htm
Applewood Centers, Inc.

Basic but useful information is found on this website. It can provide readers with the facts and resources that they may find beneficial in dealing with a child in foster care or adoption services.

- 16.) <http://www.bchfs.org/foster.htm>
Berea Children's Home and Family Services

Here readers will find facts and figures about foster care services offered by Berea Children's Home and Family

Services. The different types of foster care are spelled out and the makeup of the children in foster care is described.

In addition, they provide names and phone numbers of workers that would be able to provide additional information to searchers.

- 17.) <http://www.beechbrook.org>
Beech Brook

The people that access this website will find many resources for foster parents as well as useful information for teachers and school social workers. If social workers are dealing with parents that are looking into becoming foster parents, they can find links here about how to help those parents become more informed.

- 18.) <http://www.bellefairejcb.org/index.htm>
Bellefaire JCB

Both foster care and adoption are touched on very well on this website. A social worker would be able to access useful information and additional help in understanding the foster care system. In addition to foster care and adoption, this site offers help in becoming more familiar with residential services.

- 19.) <http://24.75.117.7/cfs/faq.htm>
Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services

What an incredible resource! Teachers and school social workers alike can find a wide variety of information on this website. The role of the DCFS worker, the social worker and the juvenile court is described very well here. In addition, frequently asked questions about foster care are answered in a quality manner.

Miscellaneous Adoption Sites



20.) <http://www.cwop.org/PDF/howdo.pdf>

The survival guide to the NYC Child Welfare System: A workbook for parents by parents is the name of the article found on this website. It is based off of the NYC child welfare system but the topics touched on are relevant across the board. Parents, teachers and social workers could definitely benefit from the information provided in this document.

21.) <http://www.fosterparenting.com/>

This website has relevant information for anyone who desires to learn more about foster care. It provides facts about topics ranging from the logistics of foster parenting to the concerns that foster parents encounter.

22.) <http://www.cwla.org/programs/adoption/default.htm>

Links and resources regarding National Adoption Awareness Month and Day can be found on this website.

There is also accessibility to a single adoptive parent fact sheet that lists common questions and concerns about this certain population of parents.

23.) <http://www.adoptionsfromtheheart.org>

Unplanned program is an increasing issue and this website helps to draw the attention of pregnant teenagers. Information can be accessed on why adoption can be a positive alternative to other options.

Classes can also be taken to provide adoptive parents with information they will need to learn.

24.) <http://www.adoptuskids.org>

This website provides a photo listing of children waiting for adoption. There is a resource center with a glossary of adoption terms, and information about special needs adoptions, such as children with developmental disabilities. Within the website, there is information about support groups for adoptive parents.

25.) <http://www.adoptioncircle.org/birthparent-story.html>

This is a birth mother's story and her experience of adoption. The original website offers information also regarding adoptive families and international adoption. An informational video can be downloaded and viewed on the agencies mission statement and services.

26.) <http://www.adoption.com>

Reunion registries are available on the website for children seeking out birth parents. Kinship care and infant adoptions can be further researched on this website, and news on Ohio's adoption laws are constantly being applicable to view. Information on Jewish adoption is also available.

27.) <http://www.comeunity.com/>

Comeunity is a parent support site with in depth articles and resources for adoption with special needs. Premature babies and infertility are other reasons for people deciding to adopt. Family centered support and diversity training is a large focus of this site.

28.) <http://www.hannahandhermama.com/>

This website is a fantastic website for anyone wanting information straight from and adoptive family themselves. The matching process between the adoptive mother and child is reviewed and updated for others to read about. Attachment and bonding research is available.

29.) <http://www.nysccc.org/T-Rarts/T-Rarts.html>

Transracial adoption is a controversial subject and may be the most challenging type of adoption. Articles are provided from many different standpoints on this issue, and common questions and concerns are answered by adoption professionals.

30.)

http://www.rainbowkids.com/2004/10/stories/painful_adoption_comments.chtml

This website is dedicated to finding positive homes for children who are adopted internationally. This specific page focuses on a child's self-identity and how to react to their friend's questions about their

adoption. Hurtful comments can be avoided if a parent is aware of coping mechanisms for these issues.

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