Montgomery County Child Welfare Services—Resource Homes

Resource List for Resource Parents

For Those Considering Becoming a Foster Parent

- Families Considering Foster Care and Adoption
- 9 Things Foster Parents Want You to Know About the Foster Care System
- Discover Foster Parenting
- The Foster Care Conundrum: Reunification
- Talking to Kids About Foster Care
- The Positive Impacts of Fostering
- Preparing the Kids in Your Home for Fostering
- Foster Care Firsts – What Your Journey May Include
- If You’ve Ever Wanted to Be a Foster Parent, ‘Now Is the Time to Get Involved’
- 6 Skills You Need to Master Before Becoming a Foster Parent
- Deciding if Fostering a Child Is for You
- The Unique Challenges Foster Families Face

Books for Adults

- Another Place at the Table, Kathy Harrison
- Welcome to the Rollercoaster, D.D. Foster
- Three Little Words: A Memoir, Ashley Rhodes-Courter
- The Connected Child, Karyn Purvis
- To the End of June: The Intimate Life of American Foster Care, Cris Beam
- Garbage Bag Suitcase: A Memoir, Shenandoah Chefalo
- The Quiet You Carry, Nikki Barthelmess
- Far from the Tree, Robin Benway
- The Whole-Brain Child, Daniel Siegel
- Life in the Foster Lane, Lesia Knudsen

Books Appropriate for Children

- Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care, Jennifer Wilgocki
- Kids Need to Be Safe: A Book for Children in Foster Care, Julie Nelson
- Finding the Right Spot: When Kids Can’t Live With Their Parents, Janice Levy
- The Invisible String, Patrice Karst
- Zachary’s New Home: A Story for Foster and Adopted Children, Geraldine Blomquist
- A Different Home: A New Foster Child’s Story, Kelly DeGarmo
- Families Change: A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights, Julie Nelson
- A Family Is a Family is a Family, Sara O’Leary

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The Child Welfare System & Child Maltreatment

- How the Child Welfare System Works
- What is Child Abuse and Neglect? Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms
- Parenting Children Who Have Experienced Abuse or Neglect
- Parenting a Child Who Has Been Sexually Abused: A Guide for Foster and Adoptive Parents
- Partnering with Birth Families to Promote Reunification
- Resource Family Tip Sheet for Supporting Reunification

Trauma, Loss, Attachment, & Child Development

- Understanding Trauma
- Child Neglect and Trauma: A Fact Sheet for Providers
- Responding to the Experiences of Children Adopted or in Foster Care: A Guide for Parents
- What Every Foster Parent Should Know: 8 Losses Foster Kids Feel
- What Grief Looks Like for Children & Youth in Foster Care
- Ambiguous Loss Haunts Foster and Adopted Children
- Attachment: You & Your Foster Child
- Child Development Basics
- Ages & Stages

Transracial Fostering & Adoption

- The Realities of Raising a Kid of a Different Race
- Transracial Parenting
- Transracial Parenting in Foster Care and Adoption
- Parenting a Child of a Different Race
- Seven Suggestions for a Successful Transracial Adoption
- 25 Helpful Resources for Transracial Adoptive Families

Videos & Movies

- Foster (HBO)
- Removed
- Unadopted
- Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development
- Children of the System

Additional Websites

- https://nfpaonline.org/
- https://mrpa.org/
- https://www.childwelfare.gov/
- https://www.parents.com/
- https://www.nacac.org/
- https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/foster-care/

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