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

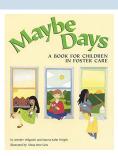
Books Appropriate for Children

- * 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









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/