School and Adoption Resources

BOOKS


**Children of Intercountry Adoption in School: A Primer for Parents and Professionals,** by Ruth Lyn Meese. Westport: Bergin and Garvey 2002.


The Sound of Hope: Recognizing, Coping with, and Treating Your Child’s Auditory Processing Disorder, by Lois Kam Heymann.


WEBSITES

Adoptive Families Magazine
www.adoptivefamilies.com

Adoptive Families magazine is a national award winning adoption magazine providing information for families before, during and after adoption. The Adoptive Families website offers a wealth of adoption related articles! Many are devoted to talking with teachers about adoption, and talking with kids about how to respond to adoption-related questions. There is a fee for using this website.

Children and Adults with Attention–Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
www.chadd.org

CHADD is a national non-profit organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with AD/HD. This website contains abundant information pertaining to AD/HD and special education services.

National Child Traumatic Stress Network
www.nctsn.org
NCTSN is a unique collaboration of academic and community-based service centers whose mission is to raise the standard of care, and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States. Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences and attention to cultural perspectives, the NCTSN serves as a national resource for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, trauma-informed services, and public and professional education — see “School Personnel Resources”: http://www.nctsn.org/resources/audiences/school-personnel. This website is a must read for parents and professionals. It covers the impact of all types of trauma on the child's development. There are articles and videos viewable online.

Post–Adoption Learning Center (PAL Center, Inc.)
www.bgcenterschool.org/index.shtml
This online school offers courses, CDs, publications, presentations, workshops and group consultations that help to raise awareness and prepare parents and professionals for addressing language, developmental and educational needs of internationally adopted older children. All information comes from professionals, who work with internationally adopted children on a daily basis. Adoptive parents will find over 500 short articles on all aspects of international adoption. A number of these articles are devoted to the academic needs of intercountry adoptees.

Trauma Sensitive Schools
https://traumasensitiveschools.org/
This website is spreading the word that traumatized children need new approaches to help them learn. Their two bulletins — "Helping Traumatized Children Learn: Volume 1 and Volume 2": http://traumasensitiveschools.org/ — are a must read for parents and school professionals.

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov
The U.S. Department of Education's website offers content about a 504 plan and the IEP process. Parents will find a wonderful question/answer section pertaining to obtaining services for children with special needs. There are also informative articles/brochures regarding helping children learn and develop.