



# INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS

*A Voice of HOPE for Children Worldwide*

The following are a list of resources for adoptive families who have adopted a child with special needs or who are considering the adoption of a child with special needs.

## **Waiting Child Video:**

[Made with Love by Adoptive Families](#) -

Families from across the USA rallied to get the message out that "Special Needs" is just a label. Children are waiting, right now, for families.

## **Medical Resources:**

[Listing of Doctors & Clinics by State](#) - a downloadable pdf of adoption physicians and clinics which specialize in international adoptee illnesses and special needs.

[AdoptSpecialNeeds.org](#) - an educational listing with information on the most common pediatric special needs compiled by Love Without Boundaries.

[MedlinePlus](#) -Trusted health information for you

## **General Websites:**

<http://www.specialneeds.com>

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/ADOPTION.html>

<http://special-needs.adoption.com/>

<http://www.adopting.com/special.html>

<http://www.adoptmed.org/books/>

<http://specialchildren.about.com/>

<http://www.parentpals.com/gossamer/pages/>

<http://www.family-friendly-fun.com/>

## **Specialty Websites:**

Attachment — <http://brandnewdayconsulting.com/index.php?content=book>

Adopting the Older Child—[What to Expect the First Year Home After the Adoption](#)

Adopting Out of Birth Order—<http://www.arletajames.com/broandsis.htm>

**Specialty Websites** (continued):

<http://www.arletajames.com/aboutclips.html> - click on subheading "Supporting Brothers and Sisters" to view individual video clips

<http://www.veoh.com/watch/v20870306SdQdptRP> - link to additional videos on adoption of older children, adopting out of birth order and supporting brothers and sisters in a family

[When Parents Adopt Out of Birth Order](#)

[Artificial Twinning](#)

**Cleft Lip/Palate**—<http://www.cleftadvocate.org/>

<http://www.cleftline.org/>

<http://cpcj.allenpress.com/cpcjonline/?request=index-html>

<http://www.operationsmile.org>

**Down Syndrome** — [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/down\\_syndrome\\_adoption/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/down_syndrome_adoption/)

[http://specialneedsadoption.rainbowkids.com/Down\\_Syndrome.aspx](http://specialneedsadoption.rainbowkids.com/Down_Syndrome.aspx)

**Cognitive Disabilities** — <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>

<http://www.ffcmh.org/>

**Dancing with Max (a child with autism) by Emily Colson**

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SDnFyqBuJQ> - promo clip with Emily Colson about her book DANCING WITH MAX

## AIDS/HIV Resources

### HIV Materials:

Project Hopeful: [www.projecthopeful.org](http://www.projecthopeful.org)

Bethany Services Tool Kit: [store.bethany.org](http://store.bethany.org)

NAM aidsmap: [www.aidsmap.com/booklets](http://www.aidsmap.com/booklets)

### Books:

“The First Year: HIV-An Essential Guide” Brett Grodeck

“Be Prepared: The Complete Financial, Legal, and Practical Guide to Living with Cancer, HIV, and other Life Challenging Conditions” David Landay

“A Positive Life: Living with HIV as a Pastor, Father, Husband” Shane Stanford

### Helpful Websites:

[www.saddlebackresources.com/HIVAIDS-toolkit-what-yourchurch-can-do](http://www.saddlebackresources.com/HIVAIDS-toolkit-what-yourchurch-can-do)

[www.stdhivtraining.org/online\\_courses](http://www.stdhivtraining.org/online_courses)  
(HIV; Hepititas)

[www.ceitraining.org](http://www.ceitraining.org)

[www.ihs.gov/hivaids](http://www.ihs.gov/hivaids) (training modules)

[www.ifapa.org](http://www.ifapa.org)

[www.nnaapc.org/resources/toolkit](http://www.nnaapc.org/resources/toolkit)

[www.hivaidsinitiative.com](http://www.hivaidsinitiative.com)

[www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org)

[www.pacanet.net](http://www.pacanet.net)

[www.inerela.org/resources/downloadable\\_resources](http://www.inerela.org/resources/downloadable_resources)

### Physicians

- Children’s Hospital Oakland (PHAP Pediatric AIDS Program)
- Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (Children’s AIDS Center)
- UCLA “Care 4 Families” Program

**USEFUL READING:**

***And Then You Get Home with Your Older Child***

by Susan Ward

***You Can Adopt: A Guide for Military Families with Emphasis on Waiting Children***

by Steve Humerickhouse

***Best of Adopted Child: For Parents Adopting Older Children***

edited by Lois Melina

***Can This Child Be Saved***

by Foster W. Cline and Cathy Holding

***Bringing Our Angel Home***

by Tracy Sanford Pillow

This personal story recounts the adoption of Tracie Minh from Vietnam, who was born with a cleft lip and palate.

***Self Awareness, Self-Selection, and Success: A Parent Preparation Guidebook for Special Needs Adoption***

by Wilfred Hamm, T Morton and L Flynn  
(Washington: NACAC, 1985).

A workbook style series of questionnaires and exercises for people considering special needs adoption. Order from AFA.

***Helping Children Cope with Separation and Loss (revised)***

by Claudia Jewett Jarratt (Boston: Harvard Common Press, 1994).

A valuable resource for those considering the adoption of an older child.

***Adopting the Hurt Child: Hope for Families with Special Needs Kids***

by Dr. Gregory Keck and Regina Kopecky  
(Colorado Springs: Pinon Press, 1995)

An honest and accessible exploration of the challenges faced by families adopting children with difficult histories by one of the most intriguing educators in the field of attachment issues.

***The Child With Special Needs***

by Stanley Greenspan

***When Friends Ask about Adoption: Question and Answer Guide for Non-Adoptive Parents and Other Caring Adults***

by Linda Bothun (Chevy Chase, MD: Swan Publications, 1987).

A booklet designed to be given to those whose lives may touch our families.

***The Out-of-Sync Child: Recognizing and Coping with Sensory Integration Dysfunction***

by Carol Stock Kranowitz; Foreword by Larry B. Silver

***Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun: Activities for Kids with Sensory Integration Dysfunction***

by Carol Stock Kranowitz, M.A.

A companion volume to *The Out-of-Sync Child*. The author demonstrates that fun and games can be an important part of helping children strengthen their sensory.

***Adopting and Advocating for the Special Needs Child: A Guide for Parents and Professionals***

by L Anne Babb and Rita Laws

***Adoption Piece by Piece: Lifelong Issues, A Toolkit for Parents, and Special Needs -***

edited by Sara Graefe; Foreword by Brad Watson.

The three books that make up the *Adoption Piece by Piece* trilogy are exceptional resources for parents and professionals dealing with special needs and, singly or together, for every adoptive family.

***Handling the Young Child With Cerebral Palsy at Home***

by Nancy Finnie

***Fantastic Antone Succeeds! -Experiences in Educating Children With Fetal Alcohol Syndrome***

edited by Siobhan Wescott

***Children with Prenatal Alcohol and/or Other Drug Exposure: Weighing the Risks of Adoption***

by Susan B. Edelstein

Designed primarily for professionals, this book

offers practical suggestions, recommendations, and food for thought for preparing, counseling and working with those who are considering adopting an infant or child who has been prenatally exposed.

***Reaching Out to Children With Fas/Fae: A Handbook for Teachers, Counselors, and Parents Who Live and Work With Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol***

by Diane Davis

***Caring for your Newborn and Hearing and Behavior in Children with Cleft Lip and Palate.***

by S. MacDonald

***Our Own: Adopting and Parenting the Older Child***

by Trish Maskew

***Helping Children Cope with Separation and Loss***

by Claudia Jewett (Harvard Common Press, 1982)

***Helping Children When They Must Move, Attachment and Separation, the Child in Placement: Common Behavioral Problems, and Child Development.***

by Vera Fahlberg.

Three excellent books for families adopting toddlers and older children. Available from Spaulding for Children, PO Box 337, Chelsea, MI 48118

***No More Here and There***

by Ann Carney (University of North Carolina Press, 1976).

A helpful book on dealing with adjustments and problems of adopting an older child.

***Raising Adopted Children***

by Lois Ruskai Melina (Harper & Row, 1986).

Great book with realistic insight into the life cycle of the adoptive family.

***Toddler Adoption***

by Mary Hopkins Best

***With Eyes Wide Open—a Workbook for Parents Adopting International Children Over Age One.***

Available through Children's Home Society of Minnesota.

***Adopting A Toddler: What Size Shoes Does She Wear?***

by Denise Harris Hoppenhauer

An all inclusive book which covers all aspects of adopting a toddler and the immediate requirements for raising a toddler. Some of the topics which are covered include: naming your child, baby showers and the developmental milestones for a toddler.

***Older Child Adoption***

by Grace Robinson

Thirty families share their experiences and insights on family-making with children adopted over the age of two.

***Adoption Parenting: Creating a Toolbox, Building Connections***

edited by: Jean MacLeod and Sheena Macrae

Over 100 contributors from across the globe have come together to offer advice specifically for adoptive parents. Parenting adopted children is parenting plus there's an extra layer that adopted kids often have and understanding their perspective is key.

***Welcome Home: An International and Nontraditional Adoption Reader***

by Florence Kaslow, Ph.D. and Lita Schwartz, Ph.D.

Provides insight into the adoption process, open adoption, biracial adoption, adopting a special needs child, cultural attitudes, and how to handle an adopted child's questions in later years and much more.

***Nobody's Perfect: Living and Growing with Children who have Special Needs***

by N. Miller

***After the Tears: Parents Talk about Raising a Child with a Disability***

by Robin Simons

Engaging personal accounts by parents who have learned to respond to the daily challenge of raising a disabled child.

***You Will Dream New Dreams: Inspiring Personal Stories by Parents of Children with Disabilities***

by Stanley D. Klein and Kim Schive