Parent Education Program

International Adoptions

Education is very important as you are preparing to adopt an institutionalized child from another country. It is our goal to insure that you are as prepared as possible for the changes in your life and that of your family as you go through the adoption and post adoption process. The education you will receive in addition to your home study consists of education classes and reading materials including web sites, books and articles.

The education you will receive is not only an agency requirement, it is also a 'federal regulation' for anyone adopting internationally according to Hague Standard 96.48(b)(2). The Hague Convention is a program that governs the way international adoptions are conducted throughout the world. One of the major components of The Hague is the education of adoptive parents. Each prospective adoptive parent is required by Federal mandate, to take a minimum of 10 hours of education, in addition to the home study. Some States as well as countries require additional education, over the 10 hour Hague requirement.

In California, Nightlight home study clients are required to take the in-office classes that meet the Hague requirement. These classes consist of, “Attachment and Other Issues of International Adoption,” “Life Long Issues in Adoption” and “Medical Issues in International Adoption.” The additional education required by China can be completed via an on-line webinar. Please see webinar information that follows.

Colorado requires 16 hours of CORE adoption training that includes topics required by Hague regulations. Nightlight home study clients are required to take this 16-hour course through Colorado Adoption Consultants or Nightlight Christian Adoptions Colorado.

South Carolina home study clients complete their required 10 hours of Hague or parent education through the webinar education programs listed below.

If you are completing your home study through another agency with Nightlight Christian Adoptions as the ‘Primary Provider’ or placement agency, we still require the following education as provided either through your home study agency or the online education programs discussed below. Please check with your Nightlight coordinator to insure your completion of the appropriate pre-adoption education.

REQUIRED EDUCATION

Nightlight Christian Adoptions has always placed a high value on education. It is our belief that families who are well educated and prepared for the adoption of post institutionalized children helps to promote a successful adoption. Families who work with Nightlight Christian Adoptions make the commitment to complete the following education program.
REQUIRED CLASSES – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1. Attend a 3 hour Nightlight Seminar where the following information is addressed:
   - Intercountry adoption process
   - General characteristics and needs of children awaiting adoption
   - Review the specific information about any country being considered for international adoption that is available in the Nightlight Office in Anaheim Hills, California or via websites provided in the Client’s Adoption Notebook.
   - Fees associated with Intercountry adoptions.

2. Attend the Attachment and Issues of International Adoption Class, a 5 hour training class that covers:
   - Information about the impact on a child of leaving familiar ties and surroundings according to the age of the child.
   - Data on institutionalized children and the impact regarding the length of institutionalization and type of care provided.
   - Information about attachment disorders, impact of multiple caregivers both before and after adoption and ways to help facilitate attachment.
   - Issues of multi-culturalization.
   - Post Adoption Depression.
   - This class includes articles on the affects of institutionalization on children; Developmental milestones; Recommended Medical tests once the child arrives in the United States

3. Attend the Medical Issues Class provided by Dr. Gary Feldman, Medical Director, Miller Children’s Hospital, Stramski Clinic, Long Beach Memorial Hospital, Long Beach California. This is a 2.5 hour class that addresses:
   - Medical issues most common in institutionalized children
   - Effects of malnutrition, relevant environmental toxins, maternal substance abuse and other known genetic, health, emotional and developmental risk factors associated with children from various countries.
   - Resources
   - List of medical tests recommended once the family returns from the foreign country with the child.

4. Attend the Lifelong Issues Class, a 2.5-hour class, where the prospective parents hear about adoption from adults who have gone through the process. This class addresses the impact of having ‘two’ families and long term implications of multi-cultural issues.

The State of Colorado requires the following adoption training for families adopting internationally:

7.710.55 Training [Rev. eff. 5/1/10]
A. The adoptive agency shall verify and document that all adoptive applicants have completed in training provided or approved by the agency as a part of the adoption process.
1. All adoptive applicants shall complete sixteen (16) core hours of training provided in face-to-face format.
2. Reasonable effort must be made to compete all required hours of training prior to the placement of a child(ren).
3. All training must be completed by each adoptive applicant prior to the finalization of the adoption.
4. Applicants adopting children over twelve (12) months of age or completing an Intercountry adoption must complete training topics as listed at Section 7.710.55, C.
5. Training must be separate from and in addition to the family assessment.
6. If an adoptive applicant(s) is completing a subsequent adoption through the same agency or has completed documented training from their previous agency, the core training need not be repeated if documentation of the prior training is on record with the current agency. The social worker completing the home study will make a recommendation to the NCA Executive Director and a clinical manager who will make that decision together.
7. All training must be documented in writing, including dates, number of hours and topics covered.

B. Core training must include all of the following topics:
1. Attachment/bonding issues.
2. Loss and grief issues, as applicable for all parties to the adoption.
3. Adoption as a life long issue as it pertains to all parties to the adoption.
4. Key concepts of child growth and development.
5. Boundary setting and discipline.
6. Parenting a child of different cultural or racial background infancy through adulthood, if applicable.
7. Disclosure issues including the accuracy of family history information regarding the child and birth parent(s)’ family, discussion with the child and sharing information with others.
8. Understanding adoption laws and procedures, including termination of parental rights and the expedited relinquishment process pursuant to Section 19-5-103.5, C.R.S., and the administrative notice for presumed birth fathers pursuant to 19-5-103.7, C.R.S., if applicable.
9. On-going contact and/or communication of child and adoptive family with biological family and/or significant individuals, if applicable.
10. Possible current and/or future use of community resources, including help with parenting techniques.
11. Medical and health issues including, but not limited to, shaken baby syndrome, parental substance abuse, relevant environmental issues, and genetic risk factors.
12. Expectations of adoption and adoptive process.
13. Basic core and supervision appropriate to the age of the child.

C. Additional Areas of Training
1. For families that will be adopting a child who is either medically fragile, over twelve (12) months of age or any Intercountry adoption, four (4) additional hours from the following topics must be completed as applicable and appropriate for the age(s) of the child(ren) being adopted for a total of twenty (20) hours. These four (4) hours of training may be approved in formats other than face-to-face training at the agency’s discretion.
   a. Parenting a child that has been abused or neglected.
   b. Parenting the physically, mentally, developmentally or emotionally delayed child.
   c. The impact of frequent moves and multiple caregivers on the development of a child.

2. For families that are just completing an Intercountry adoption, an additional four (4) hours of training on all topic areas listed below must be completed as applicable for a total of twenty-four (24) hours. These four (4) hours of training may be provided in formats other than face-to-face at the discretion of the agency and must be completed prior to travel.
   a. U.S. immigration requirements and the laws and procedures of the foreign country, including reporting requirements such as any post-placement or post-adoption reports required by the expected country of origin.
   b. Cultural heritage of the child, including available community resources.
c. Information on the long-term implications for a family that has become multicultural through Intercountry adoption, including:

1) The child’s history and cultural, racial, religious, ethnic and linguistic background; and,
2) The known health risks in the specific region or country where the child resides. Any general characteristics and needs of children awaiting adoption and the in-country conditions that affect children from the expected country of origin.

d. Any other medical, social and other data known about the particular child.

e. The impact of a child leaving familiar surroundings as appropriate to the expected age of child.

f. The impact of frequent moves and multiple caregivers on the development of a child and data on institutionalized children and the impact of institutionalization on children, including the effect on children depending on the length of time spent in an institution and of the type of care provided in the expected country of origin.

REQUIRED EDUCATION FOR CHINA ADOPTIONS

Please check with your Nightlight Coordinator to insure your choice of classes meets the education criteria for China

1. Pre adoptive training covers the possible risks of inter-country adoption, how to deal with problems in adoption and avoid adoption disruption and re-placement due to lack of preparation.
2. Adoption training covers how to nurture and educate children; how to establish attachment with adopted children; laws and regulations by the Chinese government, features and risks of inter-country adoption, ways to promote integrations between child and family (maintaining culture); ways to seek assistance when encountering difficulties and post placement services provided by agency and government.
3. Training for special needs children should be focused on knowledge and skills in medical treatment, rehabilitation, nurturing and care of special needs children.

Options Include: (please make sure your education includes the elements
1. Adoption Learning Partners http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/china
An Overview of the China Adoption Process (0.5 hours) $15.00
China: Her Land & People, History, and Philosophies (0.5 hours) $15.00
China: Language, Festivals, and Traditions (0.5 hours) $15.00
Conspicuous Families: Race, Culture and Adoption (1.5 hours) $30.00
Parent Planning for Special Needs Adoptions $55.00 (2 hours)

TRAINING SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN 12 HOURS, COMBINING IN-PERSON CLASSES AND ONLINE TRAINING.
REQUIRED READING

The following books are mandatory reading to help you prepare for your adoption. Although we recommend that you purchase the books for your home library, they are all available for checkout through our office library.

★ **The Connected Child: Bringing Hope and Healing to Your Adoptive Family** Karyn Purvis, David Cross & Wendy Sunshine

★ **Parenting With Love and Logic**: Teaching Children Responsibility. Foster Cline, MD and Jim Fay.

★ **Raising Adopted Children**: Practical Reassuring Advice for Every Adoptive Parent. Lois Ruskai Melina

You will need to **read at least two** of the following books, however all are highly recommended (you may want to discuss which books you should read with your social worker).

**Adopting the Hurt Child**: Keck & Kupecky

**Attaching In Adoption**: Deborah Gray

**Helping Children Cope With Separation and Loss, Revised Edition**: Claudia Jewett

**Parenting From the Inside Out**: Daniel Siegel

**Parenting the Hurt Child**: Keck & Kupecky

**Touchpoints: Your Child's Emotional and Behavioral Development**: T. Berry Brazelton

"Toddler Adoption, The Weaver's Craft": Mary Hopkins-Best

**The Whole Brained Child: Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind**: Daniel Siegel, MD and Tina Payne Bryson, PhD

**With Eyes Wide Open: A Workbook for Parents Adopting International Children Over Age One**: Margi Miller and Nancy Ward (Available at www.childrenshomeadopt.org)

**If you are completing your home study through another agency, please check with us to determine whether their education program meets the Hague standards.** The programs listed below, do meet the Standards set by The Hague and are excellent alternative learning programs. However, if you are completing your home study through Nightlight Christian Adoptions in California or Colorado, we require that you complete our education program, as provided in these States. For South Carolina and other States, please choose from the programs listed below to complete your pre-adoption education. Please consult with your social worker and the person coordinating your adoption, if you have any questions or concerns.
Adoption Learning Partners (ALP)  
www.adoptionlearningpartners.org  
Cost: $200.00 for package listed below, including certificates. Please enter our agency partner code when registering. **Nightlight’s Agency Partner Code is: F271NLCA**

- 4 hours  With Eyes Wide Open
- 2 hours  The Journey of Attachment
- 2 hours  Finding the Missing Piece: Helping Adopted Children Cope with Grief & Loss
- 2 hours  Let’s Talk Adoption: A Lifetime of Family Conversations
- 1.5 hours  Conspicuous Families: Race, Culture & Adoption
- 2.5 hours  Medical Issues in International Adoption

Heart of the Matter Seminars  
Because They Waited™ education system  
www.heartofthematterseminars.com  
(816) 258-2037

National Council For Adoption (NCFA)  
Prospective parents can register for The Intercountry Adoption Journey at www.hagueadoption.org. For more information about this training, please contact NCFA at 1-866-21-ADOPT or ncfa@adoptioncouncil.org. This training covers 8 out of the 10 hours of training required by The Hague. It does not cover the Medical Issues training. The cost is $95.00 per person or $175.00 per couple. Please enter our agency reference number when registering. Nightlight’s Agency Reference Number is: 4680

Although these classes do not meet the criteria for pre-adoption Hague education, they are very helpful and highly recommended for families planning to adopt school age children.

Boris Gindis Center – Post Adoption Learning Center  
www.bgcenterschool.org
Karen Purvis  
http://empoweredtoconnect.org/created-to-connect-study-guide/
Bryan Post  
http://www.postinstitute.com/feartolove/hp_video_signup.php#

INTERNET RESEARCH

Please read the following adoption and country information as required by the Hague Convention on International Adoptions, on the country you are adopting from.

Please review the web sites provided. These web sites provide information about the laws of adoption in the country from which you are adopting, information about each country and health information about international travel. Please review at least 4 sites that relate to your adoption plans and write a summary consisting of at least 2 sentences of what you learned from reading through that site. This information is also available in the Nightlight office in Anaheim Hills, California for your personal review.

In addition to the websites, there are also required books to read as part of your home study. After you have read each book, please write a brief paragraph, including what you liked about the book, what you did not like, identify a particular idea or intervention that you believe will help you with your adopted child and describe what you gained from reading this book.
• Child Citizenship Facts: [http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/info/info_448.html](http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/info/info_448.html)
World Health Organization on International Travel and Health: [http://www.who.int/ith/en/](http://www.who.int/ith/en/)

COUNTRY SPECIFIC ADOPTION INFORMATION

The following information is provided on countries where Nightlight has a program. If the country you are adopting from is not listed please use the following links to find country specific information from the U.S. Dept. of State web sites:

- Adoptions process in each Country: [http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/country/country_369.html](http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/country/country_369.html)
- Country Background Information: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/)

• CHINA
  - Information on international adoptions from China can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site: [http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=china](http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=china)
  - Information on the country of China can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/18902.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/18902.htm)

• KAZAKHSTAN
  - Information on international adoptions from Kazakhstan can be found at the U.S. Dept. of State web site: [http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=kazakhstan](http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=kazakhstan)
  - Information on the country of Kazakhstan can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5487.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5487.htm)

• ROMANIA
  - Information on international adoptions from Romania can be found at the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: [http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=romania](http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=romania)
  - Information on the country of Kyrgyzstan can be found on the U.S. Dept of State web site at: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35722.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35722.htm)

• RUSSIA
  - Information on international adoptions from Russia can be found at:
    - U.S. Dept. of State web site: [http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=russia](http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=russia)
    - Information on the country of Russia can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3183.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3183.htm)
• TAIWAN
  o Information on international adoptions from Taiwan can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site:
    o http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=taiwan
    Information on the country of Taiwan can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35855.htm

• UGANDA
  o Information on international adoptions from Uganda can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site: http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=uganda
    Information on the country of Uganda can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1051.html

• UKRAINE
  o Information on international adoptions from Ukraine can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site: http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=ukraine
    Information on the country of Ukraine can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1053.html

• UNITED KINGDOM
  o Information on international adoptions from United Kingdom can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site:
    http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=unitedkingdom
    Information on the country of United Kingdom can be found on the U.S. Dept. of State web site at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1052.html?select=united_kingdom
Please complete and return the following Parent Education Checklist to Nightlight:

**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM CHECKLIST**

*Please return this form signed by your Home Study Social Worker prior to or at the completion of your home study. You are required to check off at least one option under each Content Area, as well as complete 10 hours of education, and read and review five books and four websites. Copies of any Certificates of Completion for classes completed elsewhere and summaries of the required reading and web sites reviewed should also be included.*

**Content Areas 1, 6 & 8: Country Specific Information, Laws Effecting the Adoption process & Post-Adoption Reports**
- [ ] Attended an information seminar presented by Nightlight, home study agency or another local agency
- [ ] Completed NCFA Online Training Courses
- [ ] Read initial Nightlight information packet
- [ ] Reviewed country specific web sites

**Content Area 2: Medical Issues in International Adoption**
- [ ] Attended “Medical Issues in International Adoption” presented by Dr. Gary Feldman at the Nightlight office or at Vista Del Mar
- [ ] Attended a class presented by a local agency
- [ ] Completed ALP course “Medical Issues in International Adoption”

**Content Area 3: Child’s Adjustment to Adoption**
- [ ] Attended “Attachment and Other Issues of International Adoption” at Nightlight office
- [ ] Attended a class presented by a local agency
- [ ] Completed ALP course “Adopting the Older Child” or “With Eyes Wide Open”
- [ ] Completed NCFA Online Training Courses

**Content Area 4: Impact of Institutionalization**
- [ ] Attended “Attachment and Other Issues of International Adoption” at Nightlight office
- [ ] Attended a class presented by a local agency
- [ ] Completed ALP course “Medical Issues in International Adoption” or “With Eyes Wide Open”
- [ ] Completed NCFA Online Training Courses

**Content Area 5: Attachment**
- [ ] Attended “Attachment and Other Issues of International Adoption” at Nightlight office
- [ ] Attended a class presented by a local agency
- [ ] Completed ALP course “The Journey of Attachment”
- [ ] Completed NCFA Online Training Courses

**Content Area 7: Long-Term Implications of Multi-cultural Adoption**
- [ ] Attended “Attachment and Other Issues of International Adoption” and “Life Long Issues in Adoption” at Nightlight office
- [ ] Attended a class presented by a local agency
- [ ] Completed ALP courses “Conspicuous Families” and “Let’s Talk Adoption”
- [ ] Completed NCFA Online Training Courses
CLASS HOURS ATTENDED  

Your total class time must equal a minimum of 10 hours.

- Name of Course: ____________________________________________
  Date: ______ # of Hours: ______ Location: __________________________

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REQUIRED READINGS

As you complete each book, please write a brief paragraph that includes what you liked about the book, what you did not like, identify a particular idea or intervention that you believe will help you with your adopted child and describe what you gained from reading the book.

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COUNTRY SPECIFIC INTERNET WEB SITES

A minimum of 4 sites must be reviewed related to your adoption plans and a summary of at least 4 sentences must be written of what you learned from reviewing the web site.

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I certify that I have completed a minimum of 10 hours of the required adoptive parent education as required by Nightlight Christian Adoptions and the Hague Treaty.

Adoptive Mother: ____________________________________________ Date: _______________

Adoptive Father: ____________________________________________ Date: _______________
I certify that adoptive parent(s) ______________________________________________ have/has completed a minimum of 10 hours of the required adoptive parent education as required by Nightlight Christian Adoptions and the Hague Treaty.
Social Worker: ______________________________________________ Date: _________________

ADDITIONAL INTERNET RESOURCES

Adoptive Families of America, www.adoptivefam.org
Eastern European Adoption Coalition, www.eadopt.org
Joint Council on International Children’s Services, www.jcics.org, affiliation of non-profit international adoption organizations
National Adoption Information Clearinghouse, http://naic.acf.hhs.gov, is a great resource for families in any stage of the adoption process as it provides publications and links on many adoption topics.

Post Adoption Information, www.postadoptinfo.org, specialized in providing information for families who have adopted institutionalized children from Eastern Europe.


RECOMMENDED READING

The following books are not required however you may find them useful as you prepare to complete your adoption or once you are parenting your adopted child(ren). There are copies of many of these books in the Nightlight Library.

Child Development:

American Academy of Pediatrics Guide to Your Child's Symptoms
Baby Signs: How to Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk
Talking With Young Children About Adoption: Mary Watkins & Susan Fisher
The Myth of the First Three Years: A New Understanding of Early Brain Development
Your Baby and Child: From Birth to Age Five

Adoption:

Adopting After Infertility: Pat Johnston
The Complete Guide to Foreign Adoption: Barbara Bascom
Can This Child Be Saved? Solutions for Adoptive and Foster Families: Foster Cline
**Our Own! Adopting and Parenting the Older Child**: Trish Maskew

**Real Parents, Real Children**: Parenting the Adopted Child: Holly Van Gulden

**The Primal Wound**: Understanding the Adopted Child: Nancy Verrier

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**Culture, Language and Ethnic Differences:**

- **Chinese at a Glance** by Scott D. Seligman (New York, Barron's Educational Series Inc.)
- **Cross Cultural Adoption**: How to Answer Questions From Family, Friends and Community: Amy Coughlin, Caryn Abramowitz**
- **Easy Russian Phrase Book**: Over 690 Basic Phrases for Everyday Use (Dover Books)
- **First Thousand Words in Russian** (Ukrainian; Chinese etc)(Picture Word Books)
- **Kinki Kreations**: A parent’s guide to natural black hair care for Kids: Jena Renee Williams

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**Developmental or Behavioral Issues:**

- **The A.D.D. Book**: New Understandings, New Approaches to Parenting Your Child
- **The Bipolar Child**: The Definitive and Reassuring Guide to Childhood’s Most Misunderstood Disorder: Demitri Papulos, M.D. and Janice Papulos
- **Building the Bonds of Attachment**: Awakening Love in Deeply Troubled Children: Daniel Hughes
- **The Challenging Child**: by Stanley Greenspan
- **Childhood Speech, Language, and Listening Problems**: What Every Parent Should Know: Patricia McAleer Hamaguchi

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- **I’m Chocolate, You’re Vanilla**: Raising Healthy Black and Bi-Racial Children In A Race Conscious World. Marguerite Wright
- **Inside Transracial Adoption**: Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall
- **Russia** (Eyewitness Books (Trade)):
- **Russian Song Book**: Dover Books
- **Please to the Table**: The Russian Cookbook:
- **Teach Me Russian** (Teach Me More Series): book/tape combo
- **The New Oxford Picture Dictionary English – Russian** (Chinese; Spanish etc)
- **Ukrainian**: A complete course for beginners Olena Bekh, James Dingley

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- **The Complete IEP Guide**: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed. Child: Pete Wright
- **Facilitating Developmental Attachment**: The Road to Emotional Recovery and Behavioral Change: Daniel Hughes.
- **Help for the Hopeless Child**: A Guide For Families by Ronald Federici
- **I Hate You – don’t leave me**: Understanding The Borderline Personality: Jerold J. Kreisman, M.D. and Hal Straus
Love is a Start... The Real Challenges of Raising Children with Emotional Disorders: The true story of a mother raising children, adopted domestically, with neurological differences

The New Language of Toys: Teaching Communication Skills to Children With Special Needs

The Out of Sync Child Coping With Sensory Integration Dysfunction: by Carol Stock Kranowitz

Raising Great Kids: Dr. John Townsend (Christian based parenting book)

Relationship of Learning Problems and Classroom Performance to Sensory Integration: Sensory Integration and the Child. Jean Ayres

Stop Walking on Eggshells: Taking your life back when someone you care about has Borderline Personality Disorder: Paul T. Mason, M.S. and Randi Kreger

Therapeutic Parenting: Deborah Hage

Troubled Transplants: by Richard Delaney and Frank Kunstal

When Love is not Enough: by Nancy Thomas

Children’s Books

A Mother for Choco: Keiko Kasra

Chinese Eyes: Marjorie Waybill

Families Are Forever: Deborah Capone

Favorite Russian Fairy Tales (Dover Children's Thrift Classics):

Horace (Reading Rainbow Book): Holly Keller

I Love You Like Crazy Cakes: Rose Lewis

Is That Your Sister: Catherine and Sherry Bunin (for families with children who are adopting transracially)

The Keeping Quilt: Patricia Polacco

The Survival Series for Kids Joyce Berry

Little Miss Spider: David Kirk.

The Little Snowgirl: An Old Russian Tale:

A Little Story About A Big Turnip: Tatiana Zunshine

Over The Moon: Karen Katz

Seeds of Love: Mary Ebejer Peteryl

Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born: Jamie Lee Curtis.

Three Cheers for Catherine the Great! (Children's book)

Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies: Kristine Wise

What to do when... Dawn Huebner