

## Adoption Resources to Get You Started

### Common Vocabulary

1. **APs:** this is the short hand for Adoptive Parents
2. **Late Discovery Adoptees (LDAs):** Adoptees who were never told of their adoption status until adolescence, adulthood, and even late adulthood. Some LDAs find out from third party's or after the AP has died.
3. **Disruption:** An adoption that is unsuccessful before an adoption is legally finalized.
4. **Dissolution:** An adoption that is terminated after an adoption is legally finalized.
5. **Transracial Adoptee:** Adopted into a home where the primary race is different from one's own
6. **The Triad:** Adoptees, Birth Parents, and Adoptive Parents
7. **Fictive Kin:** A person with personal and emotional ties to a child who is not biologically related
8. **Open/Closed Adoption:** An open adoption means you keep some form of contact with the biological family; whereas in a closed adoption, there's no ongoing contact established between the adoptive parents and the biological family. Open adoptions are not legally enforceable.
9. **Adoption F.O.G: Fear** surrounding adoptive family retaliation/judgment regarding biological family, adoptee **Obligation** to adoptive parents, and **Guilt** around feelings of loss and heartache post-separation.

### Adoptee TikTok Accounts

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| 10. @DancingDinoDiva - TikTok     | 18. @raisingtheroots- TikTok  |
| 11. @Wardofthestate- TikTok       | 19. @lily_cait- TikTok  |
| 12. @mamathaicha- TikTok          | 20. @rebekahjaee- Tiktok  |
| 13. @thearsonistsdaughter- TikTok | 21. The Adoptee Alliance NonProfit-   |
| 14. @theoutspokenadoptee - TikTok | <a href="https://theadopteealliance.com/">https://theadopteealliance.com/</a> |
| 15. @karasallafale- TikTok        | a. @theadopteealliance- TikTok  |
| 16. @tillynyi- TikTok             | b. GoFundMe:  |
| 17. @saskia_pierre- TikTok        | <a href="https://gofund.me/1df3dee5">https://gofund.me/1df3dee5</a>           |

### Calls to Action & Legislation

1. Ask FB not to allow rehoming on the platform. <https://www.change.org/p/demand-facebook-stop-letting-users-rehome-adopted-children-on-it-s-platform>
  - a. Letter template to ban rehoming on FB. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W6UHaW3ltPxgmSgHWOV2u9iIEZ7\\_m\\_ubfah2U7Pk8II/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W6UHaW3ltPxgmSgHWOV2u9iIEZ7_m_ubfah2U7Pk8II/edit)
  - b. Bill Template to Ban Rehoming (Adopted in Utah in 2022). [https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title78B/Chapter24/C78B-24\\_2022050420220504.pdf](https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title78B/Chapter24/C78B-24_2022050420220504.pdf)

- c. Unregulated Custody Transfers based on current state laws.  
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/resources/unregulated-custody-transfers-adopted-children/>.
- 2. Birth Certificates
  - a. General Info- <https://adopteerightslaw.com/truth/>
  - b. Summary of state laws- <https://adopteerightslaw.com/united-states-obc/>
- 3. Ongoing access to Medical Records - Laws change via state adoption was finalized
  - a. Advice for physicians - <https://adoptioncouncil.org/publications/family-history-unknown-understanding-adopted-individuals-needs-in-the-healthcare-environment/>
  - b. International Advocacy- <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leicestershire-64866006>
  - c. General Info - [https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2122&context=student\\_scholarship](https://scholarship.shu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2122&context=student_scholarship)
- 4. Annulment of Adoptions by Adoptees
  - a. The Adoptee Citizenship Act Petition - [https://www.change.org/p/close-the-loop-hole-pass-the-adoptee-citizenship-act?original\\_footer\\_petition\\_id=16691908&algorithm=promoted&source\\_location=petition\\_footer&grid\\_position=18&pt=AVBldG10aW9uAM%2Ft6QEAAAAAZcWwi0CPTTr41ZjlmNGM4Ng%3D%3D](https://www.change.org/p/close-the-loop-hole-pass-the-adoptee-citizenship-act?original_footer_petition_id=16691908&algorithm=promoted&source_location=petition_footer&grid_position=18&pt=AVBldG10aW9uAM%2Ft6QEAAAAAZcWwi0CPTTr41ZjlmNGM4Ng%3D%3D)
  - b. Harvard Law Opinion - <https://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2022/05/13/adoptee-rights-adoption-annulment/#:~:text=That%20is%2C%20an%20annulment%20restores,identity%20long%20lost%20to%20them.>
  - c. More info - <https://adopteerightslaw.com/annulment/>
- 5. International Adoptees-Legislation to Support Automatic Citizenship
  - a. FAQ - <https://adopteerightslaw.com/faq-adoptee-citizenship/>
  - b. Dead Bill - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/967>
  - c. Latest Info - <https://adopteerightslaw.com/adoptee-citizenship-act-status/>
- 6. DNA Angels-Ancestry
  - a. DNA Kits for Adoptees - <https://gofund.me/6a116d46>
- 7. Support the Adoptee Alliance NonProfit!
  - a. Merch - <https://theadopteealliance.com/>
  - b. GoFundMe - <https://gofund.me/1df3dee5>

### **Professional Associations on Adoption, Mental Health & Child Welfare**

*APA (American Psychological Association), AMA (American Medical Association), AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics), ABA (American Bar Association)*

### **American Academy of Pediatrics**

1. [“Children In Homes With Adults Not Related To Them Are 8x More Likely To Die Of Maltreatment.”](#)
2. [“Adoptees Are 4x More Likely To Commit Suicide.”](#)

3. Pediatrician Guidance  
<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/146/6/e2020034629/33590/Pediatrician-Guidance-in-Supporting-Families-of?autologincheck=redirected>
4. Adoption/Fostercare Trauma Webinar PDF  
<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/Foster%20Care/WebinarOnTrauma.pdf>

### **American Psychological Association**

1. Transracial Adoption: Psychology, Law, and Policy  
<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2020-44950-006>
2. Discrimination and Mental Health in Adult Transracial Adoptees  
<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2019-04330-001>
3. Transracial Adoption and Socialization  
<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2020-81924-003>

### **American Bar Association**

1. ABA 2022 House of Delegates Resolution 606  
“Anti-Black systemic racism within the child welfare system.”  
<https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/news/2022/08/hod-resolutions/606.pdf>
2. Fictive Kin  
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_interest/child\\_law/resources/child\\_law\\_practiceonline/january-december2022/fictivekin/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/resources/child_law_practiceonline/january-december2022/fictivekin/)
3. Racial Discrimination in Child Welfare Is a Human Rights Violation  
<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/resources/newsletters/childrens-rights/racial-discrimination-child-welfare-human-rights-violation-lets-talk-about-it-way/>

### **American Adoption and Human Rights**

1. [Universal Declaration of Human and Child Rights, un.org](http://www.un.org)
2. [Joint Statement, United Nations, ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)
3. [United Nations Convention On The Rights Of The Child, crs.reports.congress.gov](http://www.crs.org)

### **Adoption Laws/Regulations and Opinions**

1. The Baby Brokers: Inside America’s Murky Private-Adoption Industry.  
<https://time.com/6051811/private-adoption-america/>.
2. Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997:  
<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2022/11/racial-justice-bad-clinton-adoption-law.html>
3. National Coalition for Child Protection Reform (NCCPR) Blog  
<https://www.nccprblog.org/2022/08/the-american-bar-association-just-came.html>

4. Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: The Multiethnic Placement Act 25 Years Later <https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/private/pdf/264526/MEPA-Research-summary.pdf>
5. A case against the American Safe Families Act (ASFA) <https://www.nccprblog.org/2022/11/harmofASFA.html>
6. International Adoption: The Hague Process <https://www.uscis.gov/adoption/immigration-through-adoption/hague-process>

## **Race and Adoption**

1. Transracial Adoption -
  - a. <https://www.today.com/parents/family/black-adoptees-transracial-adoption-tips-white-parents-rcna68821>
  - b. <https://time.com/the-realities-of-raising-a-kid-of-a-different-race/>
  - c. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2366972/>
  - d. [https://cwig-prod-prod-drupal-s3fs-us-east-1.s3.amazonaws.com/public/documents/parenting\\_diverse\\_families.pdf](https://cwig-prod-prod-drupal-s3fs-us-east-1.s3.amazonaws.com/public/documents/parenting_diverse_families.pdf)
  - e. <https://medium.com/latagia-copeland-tyronces-tagi-s-world/the-african-american-child-welfare-act-and-why-we-need-it-now-9cd7940ea27e>.
2. Race-Based Adoption Pricing -
  - a. <https://csw.fsu.edu/article/dr-jessica-pryce-highlights-implicit-bias-through-child-welfare-tedtalk>
  - b. <https://www.npr.org/2013/06/27/195967886/six-words-black-babies-cost-less-to-adopt>
  - c. <https://onyourfeetfoundation.org/education-outreach/newsroom.html/article/2023/02/28/ethics-in-adoption-race-based-adoption-pricing>
3. International Adoption -
  - a. <https://sites.uab.edu/humanrights/2018/03/13/orphan-fever-the-dark-side-of-international-adoption/>
  - b. <https://www.courthousenews.com/adoption-agency-accused-ofignoring-child-abusers-red-flags/>
  - c. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09075682211064430?icid=int.sj-full-text.similar-articles.5>
  - d. <https://fam.state.gov/fam/07fam/07fam1790.html#:~:text=Shared%20Responsibilities%20for,ports%20of%20entry>.

## **Adoption Practices: Rehoming & Adoption Auctions & Separation**

1. <https://medium.com/@sunnyjreed/rehoming-101-the-legal-and-devastating-practice-of-sending-adopted-kids-back-573ae05f81d>.
2. 'Re-homing': America's Shocking Trade in Unwanted Children [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zzf72YcftdU&ab\\_channel=60MinutesAustralia](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zzf72YcftdU&ab_channel=60MinutesAustralia).

3. CNN Exclusive Investigation: Kids For Sale  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeuSgtFepwE>
4. VICE Children for Sale: The Trafficking Ring Selling Babies from the Slums to Rich Couples <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMnOrRf0Wug>
5. Newborn twins auctioned off online by their mother twice.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEP2wuNdxqo&ab\\_channel=60MinutesAustralia](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEP2wuNdxqo&ab_channel=60MinutesAustralia)
6. Twin Sisters are separated at Birth.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHeNKMxsqYE&ab\\_channel=GoodMorningAmerica](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHeNKMxsqYE&ab_channel=GoodMorningAmerica)
7. Long-Lost Twins Met After 36 Years Apart.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj8\\_a7wCd0c&ab\\_channel=TheEllenShow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj8_a7wCd0c&ab_channel=TheEllenShow)
8. The Lie We Love: [https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/06/the-lie-we-love/#cookie\\_message\\_anchor](https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/06/the-lie-we-love/#cookie_message_anchor)
9. Karpoozy's TikTok on Second Chance Adoptions  
<https://www.tiktok.com/@karpoozy/video/7336769555051711774>

### **Books**

1. Seven Core Issues in Adoption and Permanency: A Comprehensive Guide to Promoting Understanding and Healing In Adoption, Foster Care, Kinship Families and Third Party Reproduction By Sharon Roszia and Allison Davis Maxon
2. What White Parents Should Know about Transracial Adoption: An Adoptee's Perspective on Its History, Nuances, and Practices By Melissa Guida-Richards
3. The Primal Wound By Nancy Verrier
4. Adoption: What You Should Know: (The textbook version is titled: Adoption History: An Orphan's Research) By Janine Myung Ja
5. Chosen Children 2021: Children As Commodities in America's Failed Foster Care and Adoption Industries By Lori Carangelo
6. The Baby Thief By Barbara Bisantz Raymond
7. The Child Catchers: Rescue, Trafficking, and the New Gospel of Adoption By Kathryn Joyce

### **Adoption Language: What to and what not to say to adoptees**

1. <https://lakeandsumterstyle.com/adoption-is-third-and-final-option-for-many-foster-kids/>
2. <https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/faculty-of-arts-and-social-sciences/research/research-centres-institutes-groups/rccf-words-matter-trauma-sensitive-language.pdf>
3. <https://adoptionnetwork.com/what-your-adopted-child-wont-tell-you/>
4. [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_interest/child\\_law/resources/child\\_law\\_practiceonline/child\\_law\\_practice/vol\\_31/december\\_2012/adoption\\_disruptionanddissolution/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/resources/child_law_practiceonline/child_law_practice/vol_31/december_2012/adoption_disruptionanddissolution/)

### **Highly Problematic Companies**

1. Wasatch International Adoptions - <https://wiaa.org/>
2. Americans Use the Internet to Abandon Children Adopted from Overseas  
<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/adoption/#article/part1>
3. Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange - <https://www.mare.org/For-Families/View-Waiting-Children>
4. International adoption catwalk “show” - <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7060811/Orphans-forced-parade-potential-foster-parents-adoption-catwalk-show.html>
5. Catwalk Kids - <https://researchingreform.net/2016/08/25/fashion-shows-where-kids-in-care-are-paraded-for-adoption-welcome-to-middle-america/>
6. Texas woman human trafficking via international adoption agency -  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/texas-woman-pleads-guilty-schemes-procure-adoptions-uganda-and-poland-through-bribery-and>