

Adoptive Family Resources

In order to better prepare for the life-long journey of adoption, please seek out the following resources in your community. This is to ensure that all AOHL families are knowledgeable about what resources they have at their disposal locally, and how to contact them before any issues arise. It is our sincere hope that most adoption issues can be easily dealt within the family unit with time and patience. However, there may be times when additional help is necessary. This requirement is to help you be more prepared should the need for outside help arise. Even if you feel you will not require any of these resources, it is a good idea to be at least familiar with what is available.

Please keep a copy for yourself for future reference and send one copy with your dossier.

Please list two state-licensed family counselors (name, name of practice, address, phone number, email, if available) in your area to whom you could turn if adoption-related issues arise.

Please list two of your state's school/social service agencies/programs that you could turn to for assistance with educational/developmental issues if needed. Include the agency name, contact person, address, phone number, and email if available.

Please list the name and contact information of one support group in your area that you can join that will give you encouragement as an adoptive and/or multi-racial family.

List at least two books you have read/are reading regarding these issues: transracial adoption, international adoption, adopting older children, adopting the special needs child, medical needs of adopted children, attachment and bonding of adopted children.

Please list the name, address, and phone number of two local adoption attorneys.

List the contact information of at least two resources which will help you understand, relate to, and nurture your child's Liberian heritage.

List the contact information of at least two resources which will help you understand, relate to, and nurture your child's identity as an African-American.

If you are adopting a special needs child, please list three local resources that you will use to help meet your child's needs. These can be therapists, tutors, physicians, clinics, social programs, school programs, etc.