



Nurturing Adoption by Deborah D. Gray

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Like so many things, adoption has been affected by the rapidly changing world. In fact, adoption has a completely different face than it did just 10 years ago. Because of dramatic changes in where the majority of children come from, at what age, and after what experiences, social work and child therapy professionals must adjust their tools and skills just as dramatically.

Adoption both domestic and international, create families with children at all different levels of development and needs. Just because the child is two years old doesn't mean he is at a two-year-old's expected level of development. Factors such as attachment issues, grief, trauma, and prenatal exposure to harmful substances all play important roles.

This book provides best practices for professionals working with families adopting in a 21st-century world. Hear the success stories of breakthroughs and secure families who have overcome the challenges today's adoptive families face.

Find practical, yet flexible ways to move children - from infants to early teens - into their new families. Learn the effects of neglect and trauma on brain and emotional development, and more importantly, how to recognise them. Discover home and school approaches that encourage children to flourish, even after trauma and neglect.

More than ever, adoptive families need professionals who will thoroughly prepare and support them - not just through the adoption process but as the family grows. This book by the author of the acclaimed *Attaching in Adoption* gives support to placement and therapy professionals in helping to create successful families.