

# Creating an Adoption Sensitive School

*Schools experience unique challenges when working with children who have joined their families through adoption or guardianship. The traumatic events that many of these children experienced create changes in their ability to access learning and to feel safe.*

*The Vermont Consortium for Adoption and Guardianship has developed a 2-hour **FREE VIRTUAL** training to support school staff throughout Vermont become more adoption sensitive.*



## **School staff who participated in this training say:**

- *Thank you for helping us better understand the needs of our students who were adopted.*
  - *Great presentation with information I can put into practice.*
- *I will review the positive adoption language as part of my focus on advancing equity.*
  - *This was a very valuable workshop. I learned many things that will be helpful.*

*If you are interested in learning more or are ready to schedule a training please contact the Consortium by email at [vtadoption@vermont.gov](mailto:vtadoption@vermont.gov) or call the Consortium Coordinator Naiomi Malay at 802-241-0901*



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## **National Resources Supporting Schools Increasing their Adoption Competence**

- ***The Great Back to School Kit***

<https://www.adoptivefamilies.com/parenting/adoption-awareness-school-teachers/>

- ***Adoption Basics for Educators***

[http://www.ifapa.org/pdf\\_docs/AdoptionBasicsforEducators.pdf](http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/AdoptionBasicsforEducators.pdf)

- ***Back to School: A Guide to Making Schools and School Assignments More Adoption Friendly***

[http://www.adoptioncouncil.org/images/stories/NCFA\\_ADOPTION\\_ADVOCATE\\_NO27.pdf](http://www.adoptioncouncil.org/images/stories/NCFA_ADOPTION_ADVOCATE_NO27.pdf)

- ***Including Adoption in Everyday Teaching***

<https://adoption.com/including-adoption-in-everyday-teaching>

- ***Adoption at School***

<https://adoptionsupport.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/09-Adoption-at-School.pdf>

- ***Adoption and School Issues***

[https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/f\\_school.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/f_school.pdf)

## **Vermont Resources Supporting Schools Increasing their Adoption Competence**

- ***Vermont Consortium for Adoption and Guardianship***

<https://vtadoption.org/>

- ***What Teachers Should Know About Adoption***

<http://qic-ag.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/QICAG-Education-Brochure-v041-final.pdf>

- ***Vermont Consortium for Adoption and Guardianship Lending Library***

<https://www.vtadoption.org/lending-library.html>

- ***Adoption Informational Guide***

<https://www.vtadoption.org/Final%20Continuing%20Journey%204.27.18.pdf>