

With school back in full swing the Consortium wanted to provide you with some resources to help support you in ensuring your child's educational needs are met—not always an easy task when children join their family through adoption or guardianship. Please keep in mind that the Consortium's library has lots of books that might be of interest—for you, for your child, and for the school staff. You can access the library online at <https://vac.myturn.com/library/> - take a look at some of the following: "Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control" "S.A.F.E. at School: Support for Adoptive Families by Educators" "The Body Keeps the Score" - and there are many more that could be helpful.

Don't forget to visit the Consortium website for more information about upcoming events— <https://www.vtadoption.org/>

Outside of the family network, teachers and other school personnel play the largest role in children's development. Because children spend a great deal of their daily lives in school settings, it is important for teachers to be aware of adoption and the behaviors that some children — both pre- and post-adoption — might exhibit in the classroom.

The Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship has put out a brief guide for teachers that you may want to share with the staff at your child's school—[click here](#) to read and/or download the guide.



Starting school with a new teacher and new configuration of peers can be challenging for any child, and especially for a child who has been adopted. A simple step that parents can take is to communicate openly with their child's teacher about their child and what might work well in the classroom, as well as what might be hard. And remember it's never too late to set up a time for this conversation!



For an example of how to do this click on the picture.....

The Consortium has developed trainings for school staff throughout Vermont—if you feel this would be helpful in your school please encourage them to contact the Consortium

by email at vtadoption@vermont.gov or

call the Consortium Coordinator Catherine Harris at 802-241-0901 to schedule or for more information!

Increasing Adoption Fluency for School Staff

School staff will develop an understanding of:

**The 7 Core Issues of Adoption
Developmental Trauma**

And learn how these might present in the classroom and what strategies can help these children and youth succeed in school!

