

TRANSRACIAL ADOPTIONS

Tips and Ideas

HONOR YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CULTURE



Participate in cultural events that represent their birth culture. Learn about famous citizens or leaders and other significant parts of the culture. Have magazines, books and toys that represent your child's birth culture.

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FAMILY CULTURE & INCLUDE YOUR CHILD

By acknowledging your culture you teach about healthy cultural identity formation. It's helpful to talk about your culture's contributions and the not so flattering parts. Tell the stories of your families challenges and how they overcame.



CONNECT YOUR CHILD TO SAME-RACE PEERS AND ROLE MODELS...



Same-race people understand what it is like to be a minority and can help your child form a healthy cultural and racial identity. They can help develop solutions to challenges your child might face.

...BY CONNECTING YOUR FAMILY

Put yourself in situations where you can connect authentically with a diverse group of people. Community groups promoting diversity are a great place to start.



TALK ABOUT RACE



By age 4 children begin to show signs of racial bias. Encourage your child to be curious about and talk about race. In age-appropriate ways, be honest about prejudice, and oppression, historical and current.