

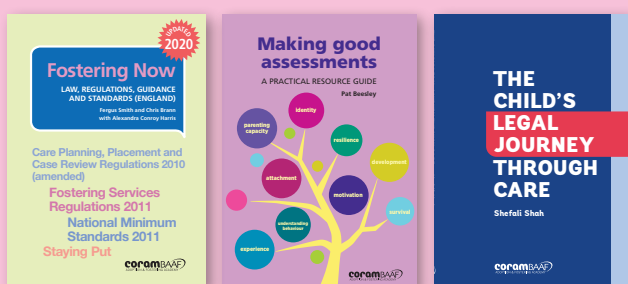
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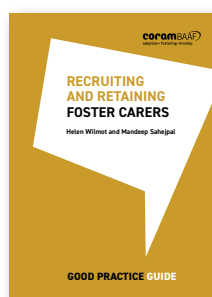


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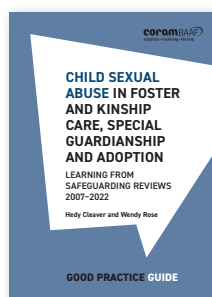
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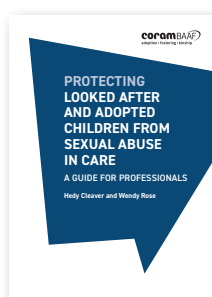
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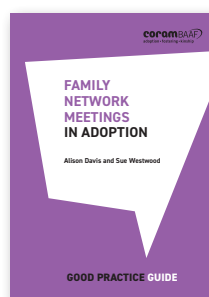
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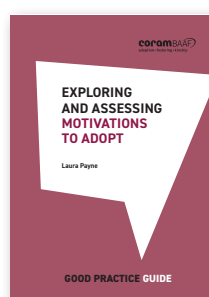
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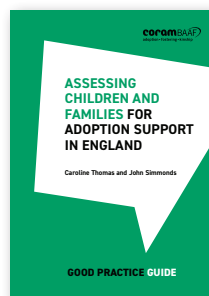
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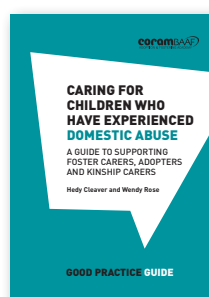
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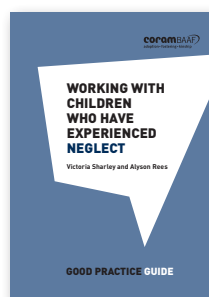
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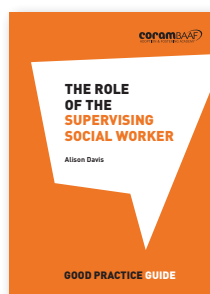
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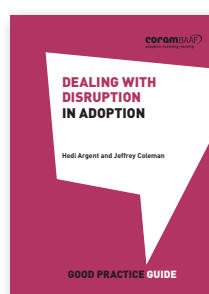
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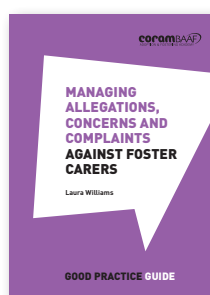
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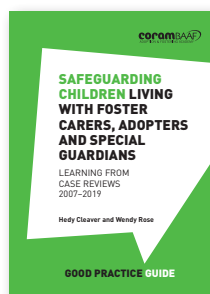
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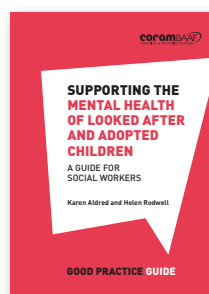
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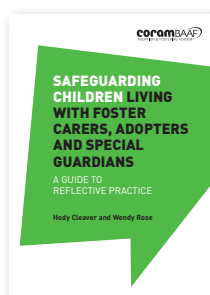
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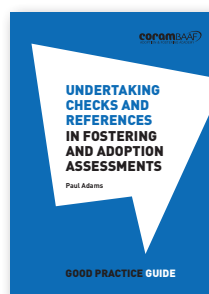
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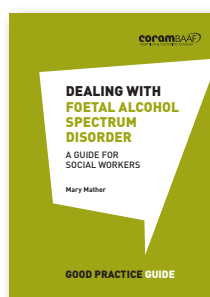
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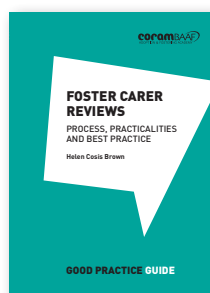
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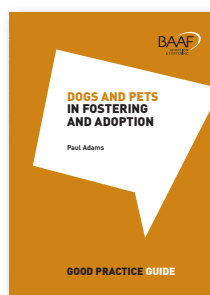
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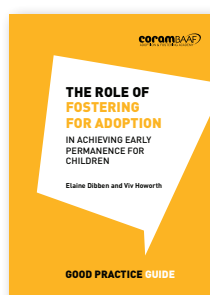
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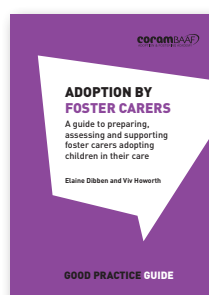
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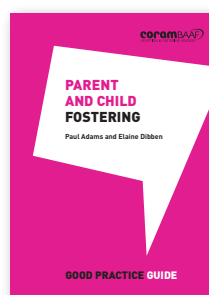
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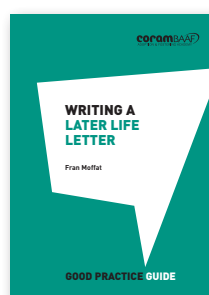
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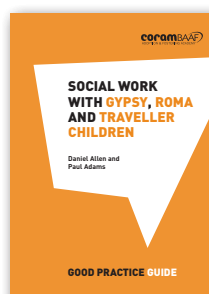
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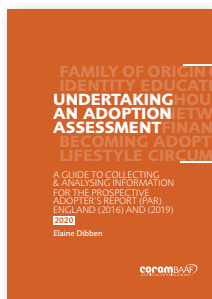
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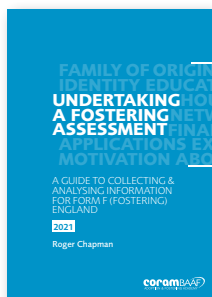
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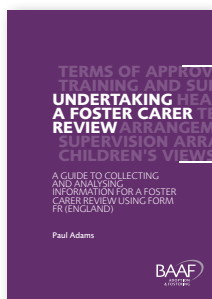
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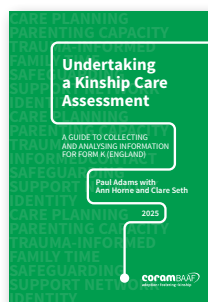
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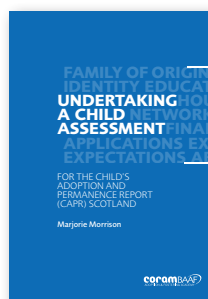
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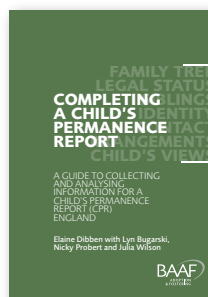
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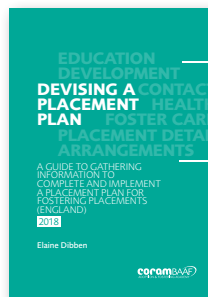
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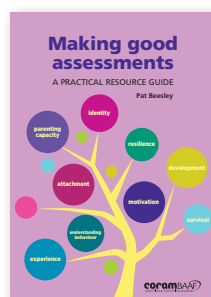


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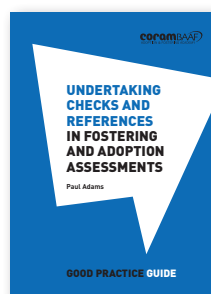
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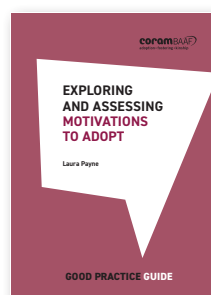
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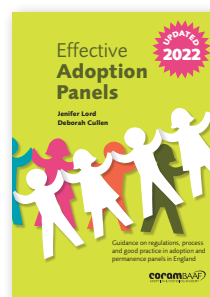
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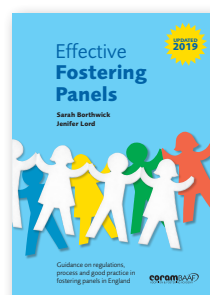
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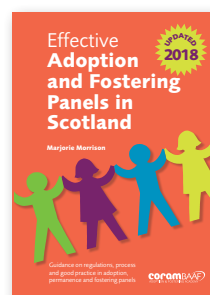
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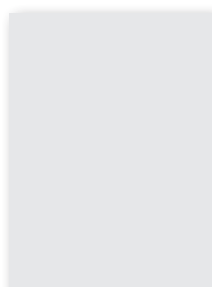
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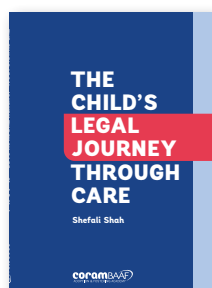
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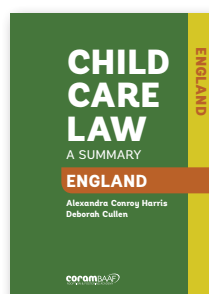
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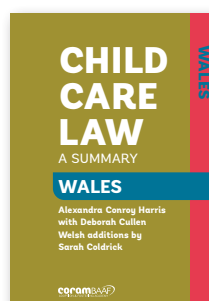
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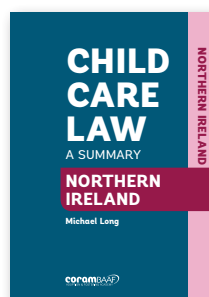
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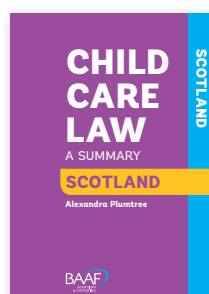
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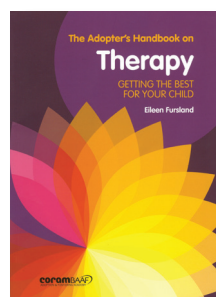
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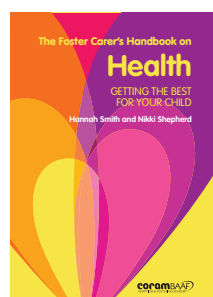
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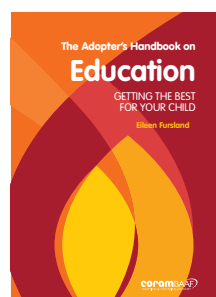
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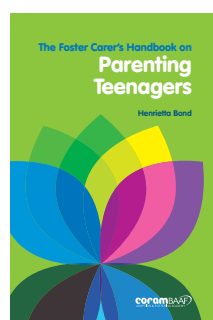
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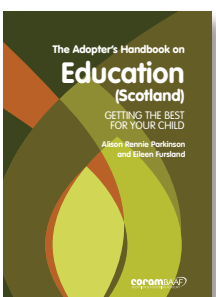
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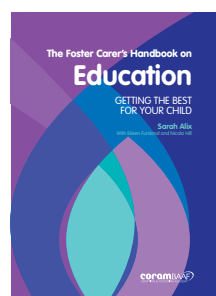
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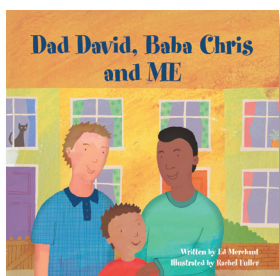
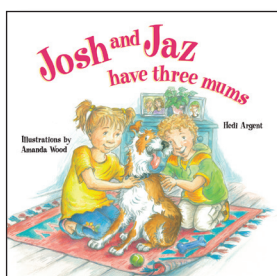
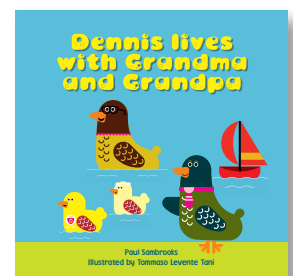
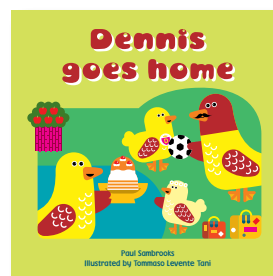
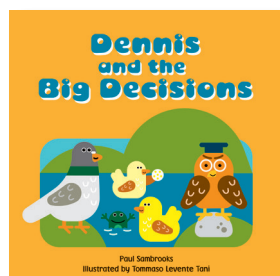
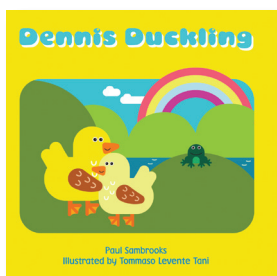
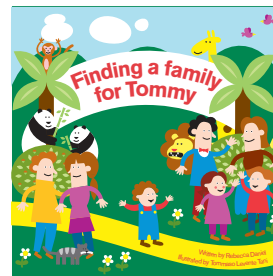
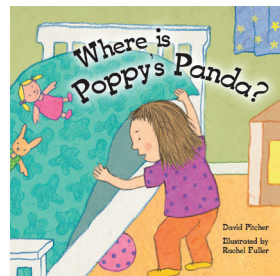
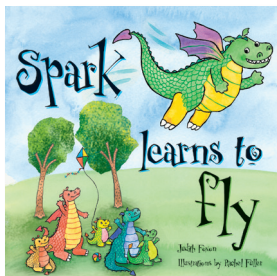
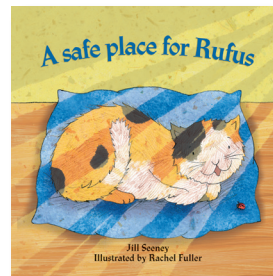
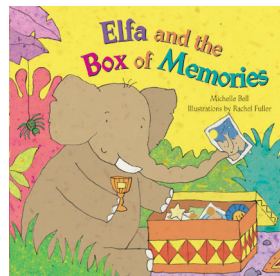
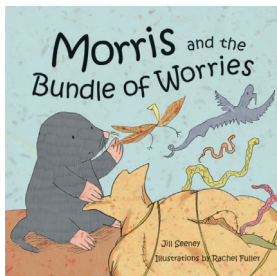
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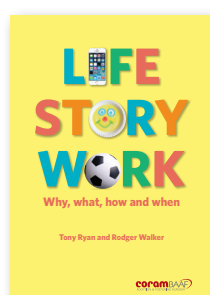
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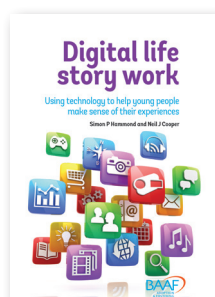
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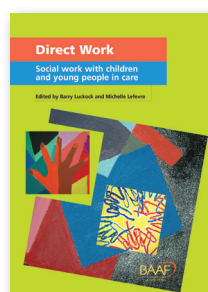
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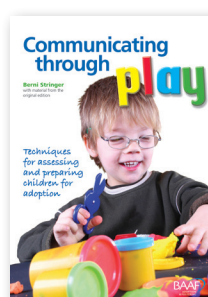
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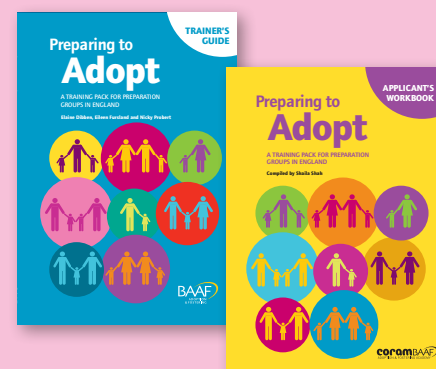
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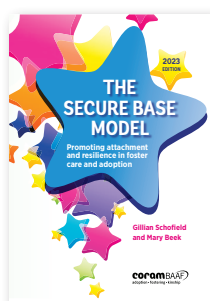
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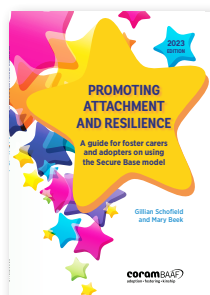
An assortment of publications that draw upon attachment theory as well as personal and professional experience and provide pointers on attachment formation and helping children to feel more secure.



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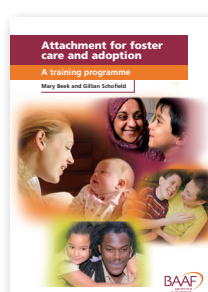
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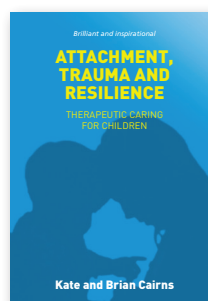
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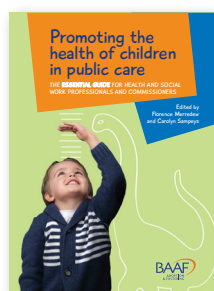


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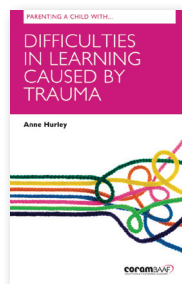
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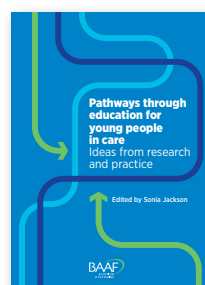


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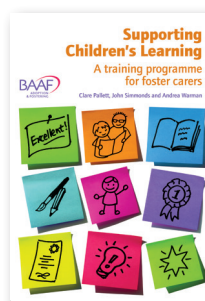


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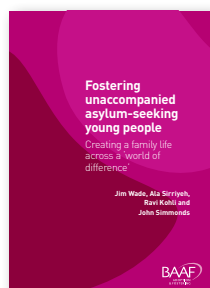
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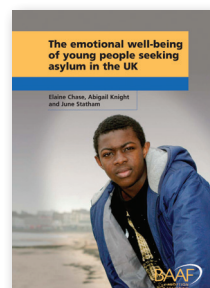
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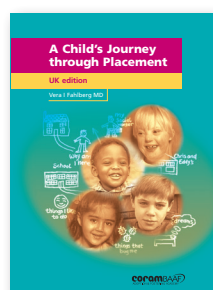
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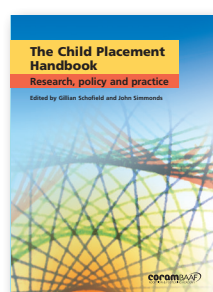
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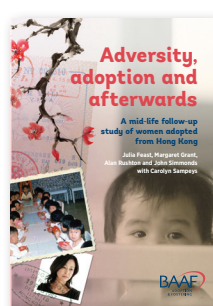
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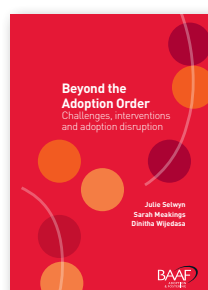
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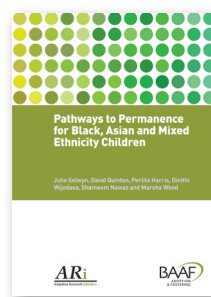
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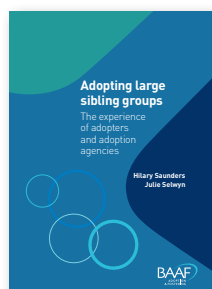
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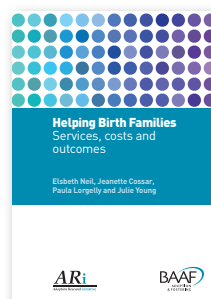
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## Adopting large sibling groups

This study examines adopters' experiences of parenting a large sibling group, as well as the views of staff in adoption agencies who need to recruit and support adopters willing to take siblings. Adopters describe their experiences of the adoption process from recruitment, assessment and preparation to matching, introductions, placement and support. Social work staff explain their approaches and policies and reveal wide variations in practice.

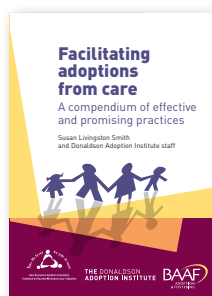
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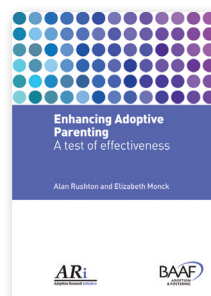
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This fascinating collection examines child welfare research, permanency and practice across England, the US and Canada. It identifies 22 innovative practices that have shown promise as a means of providing children with the greatest likelihood of achieving permanence, including organisational practices, court practices, recruitment and retention of families, pre-adoptive casework processes, and supporting and preserving adoptive families.

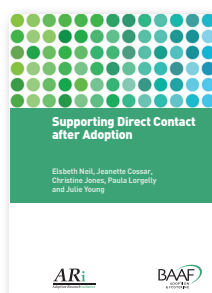
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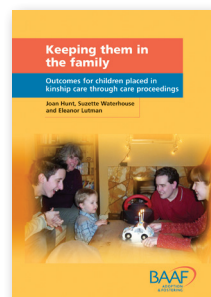
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## Supporting direct contact after adoption

Draws on the experiences of adoptive parents, long-term foster carers and birth relatives, all of whom were involved in agency-supported direct post-adoption contact arrangements. Four different models of contact support are identified and discussed in terms of both their relative costs and how they can be matched to the differing needs of adoptive and birth families.

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## Keeping them in the family

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