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Finally, a comprehensive parenting book for foster families!
What do you need to meet the needs of the children in your care? Each child will be unique and require a different set of tools in your toolbox. *The Foster Parenting Toolbox* is 464 pages of incredibly helpful information. Over 100 foster parents in the trenches, case workers, social workers, CASAs, GALs and judges contributed to this book to help all those on the child's team understand and work better with the children who are entrusted to their care.

Covering topics from newborns to teens and everything in between, this book will help not only foster parents, but be beneficial to those who work with foster parents: case workers, social workers, judges, CASA's, GAL s and others.

There are many ways agencies and those who work with foster children are using this book including:

- Showcasing it at a Heart Gallery as a resource for foster/adopt families

- Using it in support groups for post adoption education

- Having CASA workers read it to understand the perspectives of all the people on the child's team

- Sharing it family to family as there are no other parenting books like this just for foster parents

- Reminding themselves why they chose to work in this field

Over 100 professionals contributed to this project
Edited by Kim Phagan-Hansel, the editor of *Fostering Families Today Magazine*, more than 100 contributors have helped weave a stunning tapestry of advice specifically for foster parents and the professionals and case workers who are on their foster child's team. This 464-page book is an extension of the trainings offered by individual states. It s a top of the nightstand resource that offers today s foster parents access to a wealth of useful information from professionals in the field and successful foster parents in the trenches. One of the most important features is the voice of foster youth, woven throughout the book. That presence is a constant reminder of why each of us is committed to doing what is called the toughest job you will ever love. This is a book you won t read all at once, but come back to again and again.

Chapters include
- Why Foster
- Perspectives
- Transitions
- Teamwork
- Birth Family Connections
- Loss, Grief, and Anger
- Attachment and Trust
- Trauma and Abuse
- Family Impact
- Discipline
- School Tools

- Parenting Teens
- Nurturing Identity
- Allegations
- Respite and Support
- Reunification, Adoption, and Beyond
- Resources, Recommended Readings and Index

It's an indispensable resource that no foster family, case worker, judge, CASA or GAL should be without.

CEU quizzes are available for each chapter and are included in the back of the book. Check with your agency for compliance.

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