

Lesson Plan

Types of Adoptions

Time period: 1 day

Target Grades: 7th – 12th

Key Learning:

Student Expectation (SE)

- To learn about the different types of adoption and the benefits adoption has on individuals, families and society.
- To analyze the impact adoption can have on individuals and families, while evaluating the need.
- Analyze the meaning of family and the need for individuals to belong to a family unit.
- To demonstrate empathy for others.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Used:

Health 7-8th grades 6a, 7ab, 9b; **Health 9th** 9ab, 15ab, 16a; **Principles of Human services** 1a, 3ace, 5bc; **Interpersonal Studies** 1ac, 2a; **Child Development** 4ace, 7a, 11abc, 12abd; **Home Economics (Middle School)** 1ad, 2ad, 3be, 6ef; **Home Economics (High School)** 1abe, 2d, 3abc, 5abce; **Individual and Family Life** 1abc 2c, 4b, 10ab; **Preparation for Parenthood** 1abcde, 2a, 10abce

Concepts Taught:

- Analyze how physical, social, and environmental factors can influence individual and community health in the arena of adoption
- Discover the importance of belonging and need to be loved and accepted (emotional needs)

Unit Focus Question(s):

- Define Family Health
- How does adoption benefit society, families, and individuals?

Materials provided by Gladney:

- Power point
- Venn diagram
- Videos

Vocabulary and Terminology: Domestic Adoption, International Adoption, Foster Care, Termination of Parental Rights, Home Study, Age Out of the System, Post Adoption Services

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Hook – Video

Introduction:

- Can you imagine how hard life would be to have no family support?
- What obstacles might a child aging out of the foster care system face?
- Do orphanages exist today?
- Why do some families choose to adopt internationally?

Discuss three types of adoption 1.) Domestic 2.) International 3.) Foster care / CPS

Show three videos on the types of adoption discussed:

1. An international adoption journey
2. The journey to find a home
3. The journey to find help

Student Activity: Two options

1st option

Have students create videos that depict one type of adoption that they have learned about and how it benefits children and families. Have students share the videos with the class and discuss what they learned.

2nd option

Compare and Contrast

- Students will use the “Venn-diagram” (3 fold) to explain the differences and similarities for each type of adoption.
- Activity: Allow students to work in groups and discuss as a group. Each group should complete one Venn-diagram.
- Allow time for group discussion and then class discussion.
- Allow each group to share with the class.

How to close the activity: Say something like, “Adoption has many different faces and different scenarios but the heart of adoption is joining lives through love and commitment to form a forever family.”

Allow time for questions and answers:

Discuss why adoption can help individuals, families, and society.

Closing Questions:

Ask:

- **What did you learn?**
- **How is adoption beneficial for individuals? Families? Society?**

Relate these questions specifically to the content areas:

- Health – Look at physical, social, and emotional health
- Child Development/ Human Growth and Development – How can adoption positively affect one’s development?