



Principles of Telling



- Initiate conversation about adoption.
- Do not lie.
- Tell information in a developmentally appropriate way.
- Use positive adoption language.
- Remember the child knows more than you think.
- Allow the child to be angry without joining in.
- Share all information by the time the child is 12 (developmentally).
- If info is negative, use third party to help.
- Don't impose value judgments.
- The child should be in control of his story outside the family.