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Children's Literature and Early Childhood Intervention

This month we are featuring children's books and audiovisuals related to early childhood intervention, plus related websites.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books

A: You're Adorable. Martha Alexander. (805.1 A352 1998 ECI).

This alphabet book for young children, which is illustrated by Martha Alexander, is based on the 1948 song *A: You're Adorable*, with words and music by Buddy Kaye, Fred Wise, and Sidney Lippman.

Andy and His Yellow Frisbee. Mary Thompson. (805.1 T474a 1996 ECI).

This is a children's story about Andy, a boy with autism, who is fascinated with objects in motion. It is his obsession with spinning a frisbee and a new classmate's curiosity about his actions that sets the story in motion. Rosie, his protective sister, supplies background information on Andy and autism, as well as a sibling's perspective.

Ben, King of the River. David Gifaldi. (805.1 G456 2001 ECI).

In this story, Chad experiences a range of emotions when he goes camping with his parents and his five-year-old brother, Ben, who has many developmental concerns.

Benjamin Comes Back; Benjamin Regresa. Amy Brandt. (805.1 B821 2000 ECI).

In this book, which is written in English and Spanish, Benjamin misses his mother after she drops him at day care, but thinking about coming back tomorrow reassures him that she will come back as well.

New! The Best Worst Brother. Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen. (805.1 S937b 2005 ECI).

Older sister Emma tries to be patient while teaching three-year-old Isaac, who has Down syndrome, how to communicate using sign language. The book includes questions and answers about sign language.

Big Brother Dustin. Alden R. Carter. (805.1 C323 1997 ECI).

A boy with Down syndrome helps his parents and grandparents get ready for the birth of his baby sister and chooses the perfect name for her.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books (continued)

The Brand New Kid. Katie Couric. (805.1 C859 2000 ECI).

This book, which is about friendship and overcoming the first day in a new school, is the story of how a new student and a classmate taught the rest of their classmates about accepting people who are different.

Brave Bear. Kathy Mallat. (805.1 M253 1999 ECI).

Bear wants to help the baby bird get back to its nest, but he isn't sure he can do it because the tree is so tall and he is so small. But he'll try.

NEW! Brianna Breathes Easy: A Story About Asthma. Virginia L. Kroll. (805.1 K93b 2005 ECI).

Brianna is excited about playing the lead in the school play, but when a terrible coughing fit sends her to the emergency room a few days before the show, Brianna learns that she has asthma and how to control it.

Can't You Be Still? Sarah Yates. (805.1 Y34c 1992 RHB).

This is the story of a little girl with cerebral palsy and her experiences in preschool. Her disability is simply explained and she becomes a heroine through helping others in the water.

Dad and Me in the Morning. Patricia Lakin. (805.1 L192 1994 ECI).

A boy who is deaf and his father share a special time as they watch the sunrise at the beach together.

Dina the Deaf Dinosaur. Carole Addabbo. (805.1 A222d 1998 ECI).

This story is about a dinosaur who is deaf and runs away from home because her parents would not learn sign language. She befriends an owl, a mole, and a chipmunk.

Eddie Enough! Debbie Zimmet. (805.1 Z72 2001 ECI).

Third-grader Eddie Minetti is always getting in trouble at school until his ADHD is diagnosed and treated.

Gentle Willow: A Story for Children About Dying. Joyce C. Mills. (805.1 M657 1993 ECI).

Amanda is upset that she is going to lose her friend Gentle Willow, but the Tree Wizards help her understand that her memories are gifts from her friend and that there are special ways of saying goodbye.

Goodnight, Daddy. Angela Seward. (805.1 S514 2001 ECI).

Eight-year-old Phoebe looks forward to a visit from her absent father and must deal with her disappointment when "something comes up" and he must postpone his visit.

NEW! Hamster Camp. Teresa Bateman. (805.1 B328h 2005 ECI).

Concerned about Harry's weight gain and lack of exercise, his pet hamster arranges for Harry to spend a month at a unique camp, where Harry is transformed into someone who understands that eating right and staying in shape can be fun.

Here's What I Mean to Say... Sarah Yates. (805.1 Y34h 1997 ECI).

In this book about Ann, a girl growing up with cerebral palsy, Ann's father gives her a special computer which says the words she types, thereby letting her say what she means to say.

Hooray for Harold: Dealing with Hearing Loss. (805.1 H789 1997 ECI).

This is the story of Harold, the mouse, who gets to wear hearing aids after his hearing loss is detected by the doctor. Harold's friends tease him about the hearing aids, but when he uses them to discover his friend nearly drowning, and saves his life, Harold becomes a hero.

How Many Days Until Tomorrow? Caroline Janover. (805.1 H789 1997 ECI).

In this story Josh, who has dyslexia, spends the summer on Seal Island off the coast of Maine and finds that he has hidden talents that help him prove himself to his gruff grandfather and bookish older brother.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books (continued)

Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism. Laurie Lears. (805.1 L438 1998 ECI).

A young girl realizes how much she cares about her brother who has autism when he gets lost at the park.

NEW! I Can, Can You? Marjorie W. Pitzer. (805.1 P692i 2004 ECI).

Come along with these babies and toddlers with Down syndrome as they discover their world and enjoy new experiences. This board book is filled with colorful photographs.

NEW! I Can't Stop!: A Story About Tourette Syndrome. Holly L. Niner. (805.1 N714i 2005 ECI).

A boy is diagnosed with Tourette syndrome and learns about constructive ways he can manage his condition. The book includes one page of nonfiction information from a physician.

I Feel Different: A Book About Being Adopted. Kathy Stinson. (805.1 S859 1998 ECI).

A little boy thinks about his birth mother from time to time wondering where she is, what she's like and why she gave him away. He thinks he might look for her when he's older, but his real family is the one he's always known and loved.

I Love You, Little One. Nancy Tafuri. (805.1 T124 1999 ECI).

In this young child's board book, six animals and one child are reassured by their mother of the many ways they are loved.

If You Listen. Charlotte Zolotow. (805.1 Z86 2002 ECI).

In this story, which embraces life and love, the mother explains to the little girl how to listen to hear with her heart that her father, who has been away a long time, still loves her.

NEW! Keisha's Doors / Las Puertas de Keisha. Marvie Ellis and Jenny Loehr. (805.1 E47k 2005 ECI).

An older sister can't understand why her little sister, Keisha, won't play with her. The family finds out that Keisha has autism and goes to see a therapist to understand what autism means to them. The story is told in English on one side of the page and Spanish on the other.

The Kissing Hand. Audrey Penn. (805.1 P412 1993 ECI).

When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him. Also available in Spanish as *Un Beso en Mi Mano*.

Lee, the Rabbit with Epilepsy. Deborah M. Moss. (805.1 M913L 1989 ECI).

This story follows Lee from her first seizure, to the doctor's office, and then home with new medication to control her seizures. It's a reassuring tale for young children with epilepsy.

The Legendary Blobshocker. Ryan Wilson. (805.1 W752L 1999 ECI).

This colorful storybook is written and illustrated by a nine-year-old, high-functioning boy with autism who has a delightful personality and great imagination. The author, a fourth grader, participated in the "Image-Making Within The Writing Process" which is an innovative approach to teaching essential literacy skills through a dynamic integration of collage art into the Language Arts curriculum.

The Lion Who Had Asthma. Jonathan London. (805.1 L847 1992 ECI).

This story, about Sean's nebulizer mask and his imagination aid in his recovery following an asthma attack, also includes information on childhood asthma and how to control its symptoms.

NEW! The Little Elephant with the Big Earache. Charlotte Cowan. (805.1 C874e 2004 ECI).

This book uses charming illustrations to describe what happens when a small elephant has an earache and goes to the doctor. Also included is a laminated parent's guide containing a concise, easy to read summary on earaches.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books (continued)

Little Rainman: Autism: Through the Eyes of a Child. Karen L. Simmons. (805.1 S592L 1996 ECI).

This picture book, written by a mother as if the child is speaking, describes how a child with autism feels about his environment and its sensory challenges. The author wrote this book to help children with autism along with their parents, teachers, and siblings understand as early as possible the real 'world of autism' and to encourage them to get help as early as possible for a better prognosis. It is also available in Spanish as *El Pequeno Rainman*.

NEW! The Making of My Special Hand: Madison's Story. Jamee Riggio Heelan and Nicola Simmonds. (805.1 H458m 1998 ECI).

A child who was born with one hand tells the story of how people at the hospital made a helper hand for her, how the new hand operates, how it feels, and how she can use it.

Mama Zooms. Jane Cowen-Fletcher. (805.1 C874 1993 RHB).

This is a story of the experiences a little boy and his mother, who is wheelchair bound, have when the boy sits in his mother's lap and rides with her on her wheelchair.

Moses Goes to a Concert. Isaac Millman. (805.1 M655 1998 ECI).

In this story Moses and his schoolmates, who are all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. There are illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet.

NEW! My Friend Isabelle. Eliza Woolson. (805.1 W866m 2003 ECI).

A young boy named Charlie describes the activities he shares with his friend Isabelle, a girl with Down syndrome.

NEW! My Grampy Can't Walk. Vanita Oelschlager. (805.1 O29m 2006 ECI).

Grampy cannot walk anymore because he has multiple sclerosis. This book uses colorful illustrations to show that using a wheelchair does not slow him down, nor his grandchildren. Together, they go places, do things and learn about life.

NEW! My Pal, Victor/Mi Amigo, Victor. Diane Gonzales Bertrand. (805.1 B548m 2004 ECI).

Two boys experience carefree camaraderie despite one boy's disability. Fun and friendship overpower physical limitations. The story is presented in English and Spanish.

Nathan's Wish: A Story About Cerebral Palsy. Laurie Lears and Stacey Schuett. (805.1 L438n 2005 ECI).

A boy with cerebral palsy helps out at a raptor rehabilitation center and is inspired himself when an owl that cannot fly finds another purpose in life.

No Fair to Tigers: No es Justo para los Tigres. Eric Hoffman. (805.1 H699 1999 ECI).

After she fixes up her ragged stuffed toy, Old Tiger, with the help of all her family members, Mandy takes him to the pet store for tiger food but finds that she cannot get her wheelchair inside because of the steps out front. This story is presented in English and Spanish on the same page.

Nobody Knows! Sarah Yates. (805.1 Y34n 1994 RHB).

This is the second book in the series about Ann, a little girl of six with cerebral palsy. Ann and her friend, Jay who is disguised as a clown, go to the park to see animals and eat their picnic lunch without asking her Mom's permission to leave her backyard. They are later found by the frantic mom and return home.

NEW! Oh, Brother!: Growing Up with A Special Needs Sibling. Natalie Hale. (805.1 H163 2004 ECI).

An eleven-year-old girl finds ways to handle the unique challenges presented by her thirteen-year-old brother who has special needs by looking for his good qualities and taking the rest in stride.

Robert Lives With His Grandparents. Martha W. Hickman. (805.1 H628 1995 ECI).

In this story Robert is embarrassed to admit to his classmates that he has lived with his grandparents ever since his parents' divorce.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books (continued)

NEW! Rolling Along: The Story of Taylor and His Wheelchair. Jamee Riggio Heelan and Nicola Simmonds. (804 H458r 2000 ECI).

This children's book explains how having cerebral palsy affects Taylor and how getting a wheelchair makes a big difference in helping him get around, do things by himself, and even play basketball with his twin Tyler.

Rolling Along with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Cindy Meyers. (805.1 M613 1999 ECI).

In this updated version of a familiar folktale, Baby Bear gets around in a wheelchair and has a motorized bed which fascinates Goldilocks when she becomes friends with him after her surprise visit to the Three Bears' house.

Russ and the Almost Perfect Day. Janet E. Rickert. (805.1 R539 2000 ECI).

Russ, a student with Down syndrome, is having a perfect day until he realizes that the five-dollar bill he has found probably belongs to a classmate.

Russ and the Apple Tree Surprise. Janet E. Rickert. (805.1 R539 1999 ECI).

After Russ, a five-year-old with Down syndrome, picks a basket of apples and helps his mother and grandmother bake a pie, his grandfather invites him into the backyard for a surprise.

Russ and the Firehouse. Janet E. Rickert. (805.1 R539 2000 ECI).

Russ, a five-year-old with Down syndrome, visits his uncle's firehouse and gets to help with the daily chores.

NEW! Shelley the Hyperactive Turtle. Deborah M. Moss and Carol Schwartz. (805.1 M913 2006 ECI).

This story is about the challenges that face Shelley and his family because of his hyperactivity. From Shelley's initial visit to the doctor, through his diagnosis and treatment, the book explains hyperactivity directly to children with a positive yet realistic look.

Smiling. Gwenyth Swain. (804 S971 1999 ECI).

This children's picture book explores the importance of smiling to people all over the world. It includes photographs of smiling children and rhyming text.

NEW! Tacos Anyone?: An Autism Story / Alguien Quiere Tacos? : Una Historia de Autismo. Marvie Ellis. (805.1 E47t 2005 ECI).

Michael is a four year old boy with autism. His older brother, Thomas, doesn't understand why Michael behaves the way he does. The therapist teaches Thomas how to play with Michael, making sibling time fun again. The story is presented in English and Spanish on the same page.

Tanya and the Tobo Man: A Story for Children Entering Therapy. Lesley Koplow. (805.1 K83 1991 ECI).

Tanya's continuing fear of the Tobo Man leads her mother to start her in therapy at a children's mental health center, where she discovers how to express her feelings and eventually loses her fear. This story is presented in English and Spanish on the same page.

Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go to Sleep. Joyce Dunbar. (805.1 D898 1998 ECI).

Willa has trouble falling asleep until her brother reminds her of all the happy things that await her in the morning.

The Upside Down Boy: El Nino de Cabeza. Juan F. Herrera. (800.5 H565 2000 ECI).

The author of this book for children tells about the year his farm worker parents settle down in the city so he can go to school for the first time. The story is presented in English on one side of the page and Spanish on the other.

We'll Paint the Octopus Red. Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen. (805.1 S937w 1998).

This is a children's story about a six-year-old girl, Emma, who is anxiously waiting for the birth of her new sibling. She anticipates all of the things they will do together. When her little brother Isaac is born with Down syndrome, Emma senses her father's concern and she wonders if her brother will be able to do all of the things she has planned. Emma and her father realize Isaac is the baby they have been dreaming of, and with her help and patience there probably isn't anything Isaac can't do.

Children's Fiction - Picture Books (continued)

What's Wrong with Timmy? Maria Shriver. (805.1 S561 2001 ECI).

Making friends with a boy who has cognitive disabilities helps Kate learn that the two of them have a lot in common.

When Eric's Mom Fought Cancer. Judith Vigna. (805.1 V678 1993 ECI).

In this story, a ski trip with his father helps a young boy who feels angry and afraid when his mother gets sick with breast cancer.

When Someone Dies. Sharon Greenlee. (805.1 G814 1992 ECI).

In this book the author, who is also a counselor, presents suggestions for dealing with the feelings of confusion and hurt felt by children and adults when someone dies.

Where's Chimpy? Berneice Rabe. (805.1 R114 1988 ECI).

Text and photographs show Misty, a little girl with Down syndrome, and her father reviewing her day's activities in their search for her stuffed monkey.

Books for Older Children

David's Secret Soccer Goals. Caroline Levine. (805.1 L665 2004 ECI).

David is much like any other boy who loves playing soccer, but when the chance comes up to go and stay at camp, David has to face up to his biggest embarrassment, wetting the bed. The story delicately highlights the fears and worries that a child in this position has, while offering practical advice on how to deal positively with the situation.

My Sister Annie. Bill Dodds. (805.2 D661 1993 ECI).

Growing up, trying to be accepted, and having a sister with Down syndrome make life a challenge for Charlie.

Of Mice and Aliens: An Asperger Adventure. Kathy Hoopmann. (805 H798 2001 ECI).

In this book Ben, who is learning to cope with his newly diagnosed Asperger syndrome, and Andy, his best friend, discover an alien that has crash landed in Ben's backyard. They are faced with a problem of how to help the alien they name Zeke. Can Zeke be trusted?

Children's Videos

If I Ran the Zoo: Stories for Your Deaf Child. 32 min. (VT2497).

This well-known book written by Dr. Seuss is shown, narrated in English, and at the same time is signed by Thomas K. Holcomb using American Sign Language for children who are deaf.

The Land Before Time: A New Adventure is Born. 69 min. (VT1115).

This animated dinosaur movie is a prehistoric adventure with American Sign Language subtitles done by Linda Bove.

Once Upon A Time...Video 1: The Little Mermaid. 35 min. (VT0600).

In this video the fairy tale is told through narration, cartoon drawings, and sign language with facial and body gestures by Ben Bahan.

Once Upon A Time...Video 4: The Musicians of Bremen, Rapunzel, and Sleeping Beauty. 45 min. (VT0601).

In this video, three fairy tales are told through narration, cartoon drawings, and sign language with facial and body gestures by Ben Bahan and Nathie Marbury.

Children's Videos (continued)

Sharing the Joy of Storytelling with Your Deaf Toddler. 23 min. (VT2498).

In this video, fluent signers tell stories that will help you learn and provide stimulating entertainment for your children. Using a variety of popular children's books, this video demonstrates how to use your face and body to animate the story, how to simplify the language and sign concepts in a clear, visual manner, and how to position the book and sign to your child.

Show 'N' Tell Stories: A Bilingual Storytelling Series for Deaf Children and Their Families. 30 min. (VT1119).

In this video, two children's stories: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and *This is Me* are told in American Sign Language and Signing Exact English with the books' illustrations visible in the upper right corner of the screen. This is not for beginning sign language students.

Sign-Me-A-Story: Little Red Riding Hood, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. 30 min. (VT2496).

In this video the author, a deaf actress from Sesame Street, introduces children to two fairy tales by first teaching the signs to be used in the story and then acting out the story using sign language. The live actors perform in an artwork setting, using narration, acting, and original music to give the video a charming storybook look.

Where the Wild Things Are and More Bunny Trouble: Stories for Your Deaf Preschooler. 32 min. (VT2499).

These two very popular stories are narrated in English and are signed in ASL by Thomas K. Holcomb and Franky Ramont to entertain deaf preschoolers and to help improve the viewer's storytelling skills.

Children's CD

Let's Sing Together / Vamos A Cantar Juntos. compact disc (535 H221 2000). This CD contains ten simple songs for children sung in English and Spanish by Sally Hamilton.

Children's Kit

Sesame Street Beginnings: Language to Literacy. 26 min. video & 17 min. audio cassette (535 S493 2000).

The materials in this kit present the importance of parental involvement in their child's language acquisition and show many ways to help build a child's language skills.

Bibliography

Developmental Disability in Children's Literature : Issues and Annotated Bibliography. Tina Taylor Dyches and Mary Anne Prater. (805 D994 2000 ECI)

This book discusses the use of characters with disabilities in children's literature. It presents a comprehensive list of books with detailed descriptions. The bibliography is divided into fictional picture books and fictional chapter books.

Children's Literature - Selected Websites

Publishers or reading lists of children's literature (especially related to children with disabilities):

Jessica Kingsley Publishers: <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/index.php/cat/fiction>

Woodbine House Publishers: <http://www.woodbinehouse.com/>

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COVER STORY

Develop diverse team, training to embrace systemwide positive behavior supports

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Most schools nationwide are employing some form of positive behavior support to promote children's social-emotional skills, according to a recent report by **Abt Associates**. So it's no surprise that PBS proponents are eager to apply proven intervention methods to early childhood. But before you attempt to apply an inclusive PBS model to your child care centers or preschools, consider how challenges inherent in early childhood programs might affect systemwide success. This is just one of the many practical messages provided at the **Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children's** 22nd annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, held here Oct. 19-22. **For full conference coverage, see pages 4-7.**

Conference report

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See why one educator wants an integrated P-3 system

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Learn the signs of ADHD in preschoolers

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COVER STORY

Seek all stakeholders' input for transition from preschool to kindergarten

Without much guidance from the IDEA, many districts overlook the importance of orchestrating a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten for young children with severe disabilities. From familiarizing kindergarten staff with assistive technology to assuring parents their children will receive needed services, there is much to consider.

The year before a young child makes the move, you should encourage teachers and administrators from both grade levels to collaborate with parents to prepare for the logistical and philosophical shift. **See full story page 4.**

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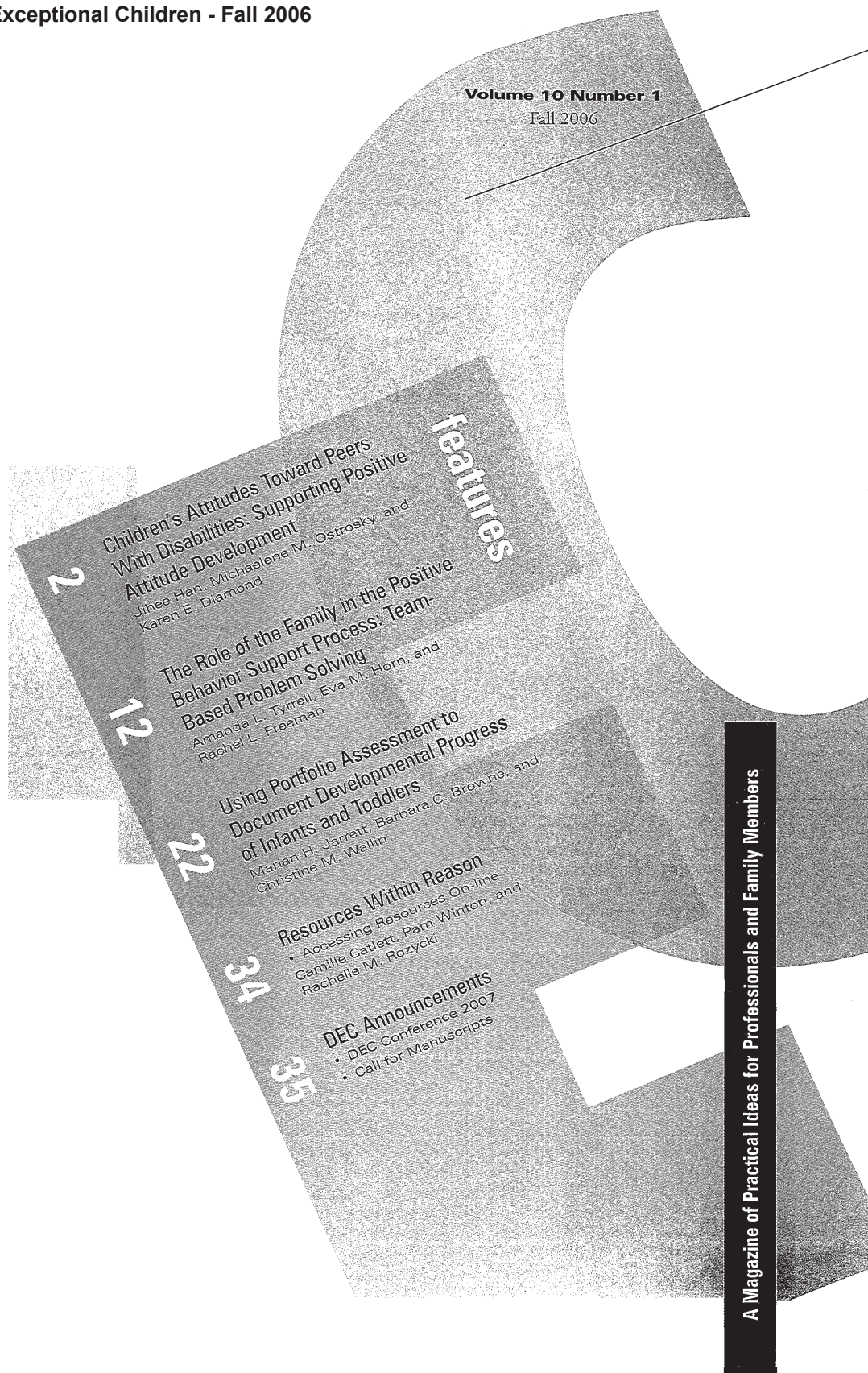
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