

TAC

Training for
Adoption
Competency™

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certificate program on
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Training for Adoption Competency (TAC™)

is a postgraduate curriculum created by the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.™) with the assistance of a national Advisory Board of experts in child welfare, adoption and mental health as well as individuals with lived experience.

TAC is accredited by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. It is a comprehensive, evidence-based training designed exclusively for licensed mental health professionals, providing clinical knowledge and skills needed to effectively serve the adoption kinship network.

Through classroom and remote instruction as well as clinical case consultation, the TAC program students master 18 areas of knowledge, values and skills that are critical to adoption competent mental health services.

The TAC program is designed to increase access to adoption competent mental health for all members of the adoption kinship network and to improve the well-being of adopted children and their foster, adoptive, or guardianship families.

“This training was an incredible experience and I feel like I have grown personally, professionally, and intellectually. I feel more confident that I can make a difference in the work that I do.”

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BENEFITS



for EMPLOYERS

- Adoption competent clinicians on staff enhance an agency's capacity while attracting new referrals, resulting in increased revenue.
- Research shows that TAC-trained clinicians engage in practices that produce better child and family outcomes and higher client satisfaction.*
- Highly trained clinicians experience greater job satisfaction, higher levels of motivation and are more likely to remain in their positions longer.
- TAC is the only accredited, assessment-based certificate program on adoption competency in the country. TAC trained clinicians support their agencies in risk management by bringing quality, evidence-based clinical practices to their work.

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for CLINICIANS

- Gain an in-depth understanding of core adoption issues, current clinical tools, and evidence-based approaches.
- Develop advanced skills through clinical case consultation from adoption competent experts.
- Earn CEs to fulfill professional development requirements.
- Receive national recognition in C.A.S.E.'s Directory of TAC Trained Mental Health Providers.

“My perspective has been so enhanced by the material presented in this process! I am the better therapist for it.”

for FAMILIES

TAC training produces more effective clinical practice and better outcomes with adoptive families.* Families treated by TAC trained clinicians:

- were significantly more satisfied overall, with clinician performance, and with child and family outcomes.
- reported significantly more positive outcomes for their families on measures of communication openness, adoption knowledge, relationships, and parenting skills and for their child on measures of daily functioning and relationships.

*“Study of the Effects of Training for Adoption Competency on the Quality and Effectiveness of Clinical Services with Adoptive Families”, .Anne J Atkinson, Ph.D., PolicyWorks, Ltd., October 2020



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