



Our Vision

A world where every child and family connected to adoption, foster, and kinship care thrives.

Our Mission

To improve the well-being and permanence of children and their families by **providing** adoption competent mental health **services**, **advancing learning** to build a responsive national network of professionals, and **transforming policy and practice** through research and advocacy.



Compassion



Integrity



Excellence



Innovation

What We Do

Established in 1998, the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) is a national leader focused on the mental health of adoptive, foster, and kinship families. With a staff of more than 50 dedicated professionals nationwide and a committed Board who guides our strategic direction, **we support this community in three ways:**

Provide Services...

We provide specialized adoption-competent in-person counseling and teletherapy, case management, support groups, and other resources in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia, in addition to maintaining a national directory of adoption-competent mental health professionals.

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Advance Learning...

We empower professionals and parents nationwide to build capacity and competency through our three flagship programs:

- **NTI** | National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative* to advance practice for permanency and well-being.
- **TAC** | Training for Adoption Competency to build an adoption-competent mental health workforce.
- **SBMHP** | School-Based Mental Health Professionals Training to improve outcomes for children and youth.

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For mental health professionals looking to deepen their practice, the **C.A.S.E. Academy to Elevate Clinical Practice in Permanency** provides advanced training and specialized skill building to drive increased job satisfaction and retention, improved client and family outcomes, and a strengthened workforce.

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Transform Policy and Practice...

Launched in 2024, the National Center for Adoption Competent Mental Health Services** supports states, tribes, and territories to build bridges between child welfare and mental health systems. We provide technical assistance and evidence-informed training to strengthen coordination and collaboration to drive systemic change that will improve children's mental health outcomes.

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How Are We Different?

We are **experts**.

Our decades of experience have created measurable, positive impact as the only organization of our kind focused exclusively on mental health outcomes for the adoptive, foster, and kinship care communities.

We are **catalysts**.

At C.A.S.E., we leverage our expertise to drive greater impact. We forge national initiatives to improve workforce competency and harness technology to reduce barriers to our services. We continuously build and grow our team of experts with clinical expertise, advancing our mission to evolve and expand support for the adoption, foster, and kinship community. Our efforts have led to the creation of evidence-based products and coursework, as well as the clinical specialization of adoption competency. By providing direct services, training professionals and families, and engaging in research and advocacy at the systems level, we improve outcomes for children and families at every level of the ecosystem.

Our Impact



34K+

professionals trained in mental health + child welfare

four-time

recipient of "One of the Best" Featured Charity by Catalogue for Philanthropy

two-time

winner of the Adoption Excellence Award, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

25+

years in service

C.A.S.E.'s TAC Training is the **only accredited, evidence-based, assessment-based** adoption competency training in the country.



7K+

 clients served in DC, Maryland, and Virginia

40+

 states engaged with C.A.S.E.-supported training

Proud to work with...



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