



National Adoption Competency
Mental Health **Training Initiative**

NTI Launches Child Welfare Training in Colorado

Tuition-free, web-based, state-of-the-art training!



State of Colorado Department of Child Welfare is pleased to announce the statewide launch of the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI). This training offers two web-based state of the art, evidence-based and trauma-informed trainings for child welfare & mental health professionals to enhance competency and improve outcomes for children and families.

The NTI Training for child welfare professionals will be available March 12, 2026 and offers NASW and NBCC approved CE's:

- **20 CE's for Child Welfare Professionals**
- **25 CE's for Child Welfare Supervisors**

NTI Training Access and Support:

The training will be available through the State of Colorado Department of Child Welfare; contact Shawn Carpenter at shawn.carpenter@state.co.us to learn how to access.

NTI training helps you help children & families with:

- Increased knowledge of the complexities of adoption, kinship and guardianship.
- Enhanced professional skills needed to promote stability and permanency for children and their families.
- Improved capacity to apply trauma-informed, attachment-based casework.
- Enhanced ability of Supervisors to support staff in applying newly acquired skills.

The bottom line results are designed for:

- ✓ **Improved permanency outcomes for children and families!**



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The expertise gained through NTI supports family stability and permanency.

Training content modules include the following:

- The Case for Adoption Competency
- Understanding and Addressing Mental Health Needs of Children Moving Towards or Having Achieved Permanence through Adoption or Guardianship
- Enhancing Attachment
- Loss and Grief
- Impact of Trauma on Brain Development
- Positive Identity Formation
- Maintaining Children's Stability and Well-being



Learn more about NTI Training: www.adoptionsupport.org/nti

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“ NTI is the most concise training I have seen for Child Welfare staff ever! It gets to the heart of the work, and really gives hands-on tools for staff to use in supporting children and families. I keep sharing information with our entire system to get this information as soon as possible. ”

Deputy Director, Foster Care and Adoption Child Welfare Services

“ This interactive online training provides vital information for therapists, counselors, and clinical social workers who encounter families that have adopted or are guardians of children. Until now, mental health providers had scarce resources for training of this kind, and adoption competence was rare among providers. ”

Terry Cross, Founder and Senior Advisor, National Indian Child Welfare Association