TAC
Training for Adoption Competency

The Center for Adoption Support and Education’s Clinical Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) is an evidenced-informed training program which provides mental health professionals with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to provide adoption competent mental health services.

TAC is a 12-session (70 hours) competency based training program followed by 6 months of case consultation program for licensed Mental Health Clinicians who provide pre/post adoption services to families affected by adoption.

Eleven modules (Module 1 is completed before the first class as pre-work) are classroom based to incorporate case studies, role plays, experiential learning, and introspective work.

TAC is trained by professionals who work in the field of adoption and who have completed the TAC training course by C.A.S.E.

Why TAC?
The need for adoption competent mental health services continues to rise here in the U.S.

Census data shows there are over 2.1 million adopted children in the U.S. with more than 250,000 adopted from the Child Welfare System, 50,000 adopted internationally, and an estimated 70,000 adopted privately.

Adoption comes with excitement and love and also a lot of grief and loss issues from adoptive and birth parents as well as the adoptee.

Providing pre and post placement services to families in an adoption competent manner provides families with support and skills to be able to work through difficult adoption related issues as they arise.

Benefits for Clients:
- Engaging with a clinician who understands how adoption affects the life cycle
- Working through loyalty and belonging issues in a competent manner
- Gaining confidence and skills to improve and build upon current relationships.

Benefits for Clinicians:
- Gain additional skills in working with adoptive families.
- Understanding how to support and treat adoptees, as well as adoptive and birth parents through the adoption process
- Earn up to 70 CEU’s for professional development
- Listed on the CASE and local Iowa child welfare sites as a TAC Clinician

Benefits for Employers:
- Enhanced agency image and reputation as being an agency with TAC clinicians on staff
- Increased referrals for adoption focused issues, thusly increasing caseloads and expanding services
- TAC clinicians help to support risk management by providing quality, evidence based clinical practices.

Please Note: This training is held in a face to face setting for one day a month for 11 months. To complete the training course, participants must complete the 6 months of case consultation following the classroom setting.

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