

Training for Adoption Competency

January 9 - May 22, 2023

Live Webinar

Program Overview

Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) is a post-Master's curriculum created by the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) with the assistance of a National Advisory Board of adoption experts. 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 and kinship network.

TAC is designed to increase families' and individuals' access to adoption competent mental health professionals and to improve the well-being of adopted children and youth and their families.

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

Target Audience

TAC training is designed for Mental Health Clinicians and has an in-depth clinical focus designed to build and strengthen clinical skills. Master level professionals in the adoption field are also encouraged to apply and can participate in all areas of the training.

As part of its commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Northwest AHEC and Wake Forest Baptist Health provides compassionate education and respectful care for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Develop clinical skills in working with adopted children and youth and adoptive families on issues of loss, grief, separation, identity formation and attachment.
- Develop clinical skills in working with adopted children and youth and adoptive families on issues related to the impact of genetics and past experiences on adjustment and the psychological well-being of adopted children.



Objectives (continued)

- Explain how trauma impacts adopted children and tools and techniques to support recovery from adverse beginnings.
- Discuss the issues that impact identity formation for adopted youth and young adults.
- Describe how to support adoptive parents in developing therapeutic strategies in response to their children's challenging behaviors.
- Develop assessment and intervention skills with different types of adoptive families and with birth families.
- Identify the developmental stages of adoptive families and the process of adoptive family formation and integration.
- Develop skills in working with adopted children, youth and adults, adoptive families and birth families on issues of adoption openness and ongoing connections.
- Discuss the racial, ethnic and cultural issues in adoption and how to work with transracial and transcultural families.
- Identify and utilize evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and interventions with individuals affected by adoption.
- Describe how to work effectively with service systems and the community on behalf of adoptive families.

Additional Information

For questions and special needs: We want to assure that all participants can benefit from our program. If you need auxiliary aids or special services to attend this program, please call Lisa Thomas at least five working days prior to the program at 336-713-7729.

Jointly provided by Catawba County Social Services and Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest University School of Medicine and part of the NC AHEC System.

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Credit

- 72.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
- This program will provide 72.0 contact hours of (Category A) continuing education for North Carolina psychologists. No partial credit will be given.

Mental Health Counselors- We have applied to offer CE credit for counselors and will update this page accordingly.

Credit will be awarded based on participant selection at time of registration. Before selecting credits, please review our general [Credit Glossary](#). But note not all programs offer all credits.

Criteria for successful completion requires attendance for at least 90% of the activity and submission of the evaluation.

Registration

The cost of the training is \$900.00 per participant. If you provide clinical services to adoptive children or families in the following counties, you are eligible for a full scholarship for the training: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union, Watauga, Wilkes. If you are a scholarship recipient, the cost is a \$50.00 registration fee.

To apply, please complete the application form and return to Lindsay Mitchell at lmitchell@catawbacountync.gov or Catawba County Social Services PO Box 669 Newton, NC 28658 Attn: Lindsey Mitchell by December 2, 2022.

When planning for an educational activity, registration fees are not based on credit hours or agenda. Registration fees are based on expenses such as equipment, technology services, staff, etc., and are not adjusted by issues such as cancellation of speakers or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be given to ensure the activity is a success.

Schedule

The TAC training is a 72-hour training program that will be held virtually over 11 classroom sessions, and 1 at home module. The training begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. The training requires assignments be completed the Tuesday before every scheduled session. This training requires you to complete a brief online survey after every session to provide valuable feedback to the program developers.

Faculty

Chrissy Triplett, LCSW, Program Manager, Child Welfare, Catawba County Social Services

James Wachsmuth, PhD, LCMHC, Outpatient Therapist, Family NET

2023 Training Dates

Online	Module 1: Adoption History, Law, and Process
Jan 9	Module 2: Theoretical/Philosophical Framework of Adoption Competent Mental Health Practice
Jan 23	Module 3: Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Adopted Individuals and Their Families
Feb 4	Module 4: The Impact of Separation, Loss and Grief: Clinical Strategies for Healing
Feb 20	Module 5: Trauma and Neurobiology
Mar 6	Module 6: Enhancing Parent-Child Attachment
Mar 20	Module 7: Supporting Identity Formation for Adolescents and Young Adults
Apr 3	Module 8: Supporting Children, Youth, and Families as They Prepare for Adoption
Apr 17	Module 9: Clinical Issues in Working with Birth and Kinship Families
May 1	Module 10: Openness in Adoption
May 8	Module 11: Race and Ethnicity in Adoption
May 22	Module 12: Therapeutic Parenting: Parents as Primary Vehicle for Healing



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- Include your résumé with this application.
- Selected participants will be notified by December 9, 2022.
- Payment is due by January 2, 2023.
 - The cost of the training is \$900.00 per participant. If you are a scholarship recipient, the cost is a \$50.00 registration fee.

Checks should be made payable to Catawba County Social Services; please specify “TAC Training Fee” in the memo line.

Scholarship Information

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Check the box that applies:

- I provide clinical services to adoptive children, parents or families in the above counties.
- I do not currently provide clinical services to adoptive children, or parents in the above counties, though I will provide services once I am trained.
- I do not provide and will not provide services to adoptive children or parents of the above counties

Personal Information

Name	
Office number	
Cell number	
E-mail address	
Supervisor’s Name & Contact number <i>(if applicable)</i>	



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Employment Information

Do you currently work:

- With an agency. Name of agency:
- In private practice. Name of practice:
- Other:
- Currently not employed.
- With adoptive families in one of the following counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union, Watauga, Wilkes

Licensure Type & # _____ Date Expired _____

Do you need CEU's for attending course? Yes No

Education Information

	Type of Degree	University Awarding Degree	Year Degree was Awarded	Major Field of Study
Baccalaureate Degree				
Graduate Degree(s)				

Personal Statement and Resume

Please provide a personal statement that addresses the following:

1. Why you are interested in enrolling in TAC
2. Your clinical background, including your areas of specialization, and how your clinical background prepares you to develop more advanced adoption competent knowledge and skills
3. Your interest(s) in working with members of the adoption kinship network (adopted persons, prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and birth family members, adoptive families and kinship families) in clinical settings.
4. How you plan to incorporate the learning from TAC in your clinical practice or agency setting
5. Any personal connection you have with adoption.



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****Please attach a copy of your résumé.**

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The 2023 training dates are:

Module	Date
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Module 1	Online (complete before 1st class)
Module 2	1/9/2023
Module 3	1/23/23
Module 4	2/6/23
Module 5	2/20/23
Module 6	3/6/23
Module 7	3/20/23
Module 8	4/3/23
Module 9	4/17/23
Module 10	5/1/23
Module 11	5/8/23
Module 12	5/22/23

I agree to attend all sessions and complete all assignments timely. If an emergency arises, I will contact instructors as soon as possible.

Signature