What Do Clinicians Say about the TAC?

"I think it has been an eye opening experience. I'm an adoptive mother and worked with adoptive parents professionally and you start to think you know everything, and then you take this class and realize how little you know because new theories and therapists are being developed all the time."

"Surprisingly to myself, probably the biggest take away I've had overall from the course thus far is related to self-awareness and my own personal views on adoption and each of the members of the adoption constellation (I've also learned this new wonderful phrase of "constellation" and make it a point to use it whenever possible). I think I have a brand new, fresh level of empathy and perspective as I work with many of the adoptive parents I have on my caseload now."

"It has humbled me to even be in this course – even though I have done this work for many years and have personal experience in adoption! It has already challenged my entrenched views….but also validated much of what I either knew/suspected to be true. I am also reminded that my personal journey and the journey of any one client may not be the same for others."

NEXT Training:

<u>Where:</u> Family Service Center
3050 11th Ave Dr SE Hickory, NC 28602

<u>When:</u> Friday's - 9:00-4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

9/2/16	11/4/16
9/16/16	11/18/16
9/30/16	12/2/16
10/14/16	1/6/17
10/28/16	1/13/17
	1/20/17

Scholarships are available if you serve adoptive families in the following North Carolina counties: Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga or Wilkes County.

Cost: $900.00 (includes registration fee, CEU's & 6 monthly case consultations)
*$50.00 registration fee for scholarship recipients

CEU's are available for LCSW, LMFT, & LPAs

Applications are due by July 1, 2016

For more information or to obtain an application contact Chrissy Triplett at 828-695-4428 or ctriplett@catawbacountync.gov

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Training for Adoption Competency

Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) . . . A National Movement To Create an Adoption Competent Mental Health Workforce

The Center for Adoption Support & Education's Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) is an evidence-informed training program that provides professionals with the knowledge, skills and values they need to provide adoption competent mental health services

Training for Adoption Competency

- TAC is a 12-session (72 hours) competency based training program followed by a six month case consultation program for licensed mental health clinicians who provide pre and post adoption services to prospective adoptive parents, birth parents, adopted persons, and adoptive and kinship families

- 11 modules are classroom based, 1 module is completed at home

- Final class provide participants opportunity to integrate learning

- Each module combines information sharing, written handouts, resources, and experiential learning; including case studies, role plays and introspective work

- Six sessions of case consultation (one held monthly) follow the classroom training for licensed clinicians

- Manualized to ensure fidelity of the training program

What does the research say about the TAC?

- Program completers have superior performance on pre-/post-tests compared with a contrast group of non-TAC-trained clinicians
- Trainees have substantially improved performance on all core adoption competencies
- TAC learning is transferred to practice across six domains of clinical practice
- There are high levels of training delivery fidelity, quality and relevance
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At the conclusion of the training, 88% of students report either having substantial understanding of the core competencies or having mastered the core competencies with the ability to explain to others.

Learn more about at TAC at:

http://adoptionsupport.org/index.php/the-tac-training-for-adoption-competency/

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The TAC Modules

Module #1. Adoption History, Law and Process

Module #2. Introduction to Adoption Competent Mental Health Practice

Module #3. Clinical Issues in Planning, Preparing for and Supporting Adoption

Module #4. Clinical Issues in Providing Therapeutic Services: Grief, Loss and Separation

Module #5. Trauma and Brain Neurobiology

Module #6. Attachment

Module #7. Adopted Adolescents and Identity Development

Module #8. Clinical Issues in Working with Birth and Adoptive Families

Module #9. Clinical Work with Adoptive Families: Managing Challenging Behaviors

Module #10. Openness in Adoption

Module #11. Race and Ethnicity in Adoption

Module #12. Integrating Adoption Competencies: Knowledge, Skills and Values

More about TAC:

TAC was developed by the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) and is being implemented with the generous support of major national child welfare foundations in the United States. It is currently being implemented in fourteen states. Rigorous research is documenting its effectiveness in providing clinicians with the critical competencies they need to provide quality mental health services to those whose lives have been touched by adoption.