## About TAC

Family Design Resources, Inc. administers the Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) in collaboration with the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.). This intensive, evidence-based training is specifically designed to provide mental health, social work and child welfare professionals with clinical knowledge and skills needed to serve adoptive and kinship families.

# CREATING AN ADOPTION-COMPETENT WORKFORCE

## TAC Keeps Families Intact

Research shows that children with traumatic experiences of abuse and neglect are at greater risk for adjustment problems within their adoptive families. These children can have complex emotional issues , which adoptive parents often identify as the primary contributors to family stressors post-adoption. **Access to adoption-competent mental health services is a critical factor in achieving positive outcomes for these families.** TAC ensures professionals working with this population are equipped with clinical skills and knowledge to meet the needs of these families.

## BENEFITS FOR CLINICIANS

- Gain an in-depth understanding of core adoption issues and current clinical tools and evidence-based approaches

- Develop advanced skills through clinical case consultation from experts

- Develop a clinical specialty in high demand by a growing number of families

- Earn CEUs to fulfill professional development requirements

## TAC DELIVERY

Participants receive expert level curriculum delivery by a certified TAC trainer in a cohort of no more than 20 students.

TAC is a 12-module, approximately six-month long, competency-based training program embedded with clinical case consultation. TAC students master 12 domains critical to adoption-competent mental health services. Modules combine information sharing, written handouts and resources, and experiential learning.

## WHO SHOULD BE TRAINED

Master's level licensed clinicians in social work, counseling, psychology, or related discipline

Master's level professionals (social work, counseling, psychology or related discipline) preparing for licensure

Those employed in a clinical practice setting with a strong clinical background

Those interested in working with adopted persons, prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and birth families, adoptive families, and kinship families

## Learn more about the program and upcoming training

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*"This training was an incredible experience and I feel I have grown personally, professionally, and intellectually. I feel more confident as a therapist that I can make a difference in the work that I do."*

-TAC Participant

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