

Training Opportunities for ...

Adoption Agency Staff

- Effective pre-adoption parent education to promote adoption success
- Challenges of later -placed and/or special needs adoptions
- Issues in transracial and transcultural adoption

Attorneys and Judges

- Talking with children about the meaning of adoption
- The impact of family placement decisions on the lives of children
- The value of post-adoption services to promote positive outcomes for children

Child Welfare Workers and Supervisors

- Implementing post-adoption models
- Clinical support for transitioning children to permanency
- Assessment of loss and grief issues for children and parents
- Strategies for moving teens to adoption

Educators (S.A.F.E. at SchoolSM)

- Children's understanding of adoption from a developmental perspective
- Impact of adoption on school adjustment and performance
- Five specific strategies to ensure a positive school environment for ALL children
- Specific techniques for counselors providing support to adoptees

Mental Health Professionals

- Conceptual framework for lifelong issues of adoption
- Therapeutic strategies for diagnosis and intervention with adopted children
- Clinical assessment and techniques to work with members of the adoption circle

Parents

- Talking with children about adoption
- Empowering children to respond to questions about adoption (W.I.S.E. U.P. SM)
- Adolescence and Adoption

About C.A.S.E.

C.A.S.E. is a comprehensive, non-profit adoption family support center. We are unaffiliated with any placement agency. Counseling, support and educational programs serve families from all adoptive experiences, as well as all members of the adoption circle.

C.A.S.E. staff have extensive experience providing training both locally and nationally. Some of the organizations that have requested our training include:

Adoption Rhode Island
Adoptive Parents Committee of New York
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
Attorneys and Judges of the State of Maryland
Catholic Charities Adoption Agency
Colorado Communities for Adoptive Families
Dave Thomas Foundation
Fairfax County Child Welfare Agency
Families with Children from China
Families for Private Adoption
The Greenmount School
Joint Council for International Children's Services
The Kinship Center, CA
Lab School
Lowell School
Maryland Independent School Association
Montgomery County Public Schools
National Education Association
North American Council on Adoptable Children
Prince George's County Child Welfare Agency
Sierra Adoptions in Northern California
Spence Chapin, NY
Therapeutic Foster Parent Association
University of Maryland School of Social Work

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Providing knowledge
to enhance the
competency of
professionals serving
the adoption
community.

Guide to Training Programs





Training Topics

We offer half-day and full-day training programs. Individual workshops require 2 hours, but can be customized to fit any time period. Descriptions of each of these titles are available on our website at www.adoptionsupport.org.

Adoption Through the Eyes of Children: A developmental perspective

Beneath the Mask: Adoption through the eyes of adolescents

Beyond Placement: Understanding the developmental and psychological tasks of adoptive families

Disruption and Dissolution: What next?

Facilitator Training for W.I.S.E. UP!SM: Empowering children to respond to questions about adoption

Healing Through Lifebooks

The Importance of Birth Parents in the Lives of Adopted and Foster Children

Lifelines for Kids: Strengthening children and teens moving through concurrent planning

The Overlooked Key To Adoption Success: Educators and adoption professionals in partnership

Returning To the Birth Country

S.A.F.E. At SchoolSM: Support for Adoptive Families by Educators

Same Family, Different Stories: Parenting siblings with different adoption experiences and by birth/adoption

Second Choice Is Not Second Best: Making the decision to adopt

Talking With Children About Adoption

Therapists as Adoption Specialists

Too Many Losses, Too Soon: Loss and grief issues among foster and adopted children

Understanding and Working With Prospective/Waiting Adoptive Parents

The Value of Post-Adoption Services

W.I.S.E. UP!SM for Parents: Empowering children to answer questions about adoption

Training Staff

Debbie B. Riley, M.S. Executive Director of C.A.S.E., a marriage and family therapist, has 28 years of experience with a specialty in adolescence. She is the author of *Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens*.

Madeleine Krebs, LCSW-C has 29 years of experience providing psychotherapy to children, adolescents and their families. Her area of expertise includes resolving trauma, grief and loss and supporting children/teens moving from foster care to adoption.

Ellen Singer, LCSW-C has 26 years of clinical experience working with prospective and adoptive parents and adopted adults. She specializes in infertility, adoption and other alternative family building methods.

Valerie Kunsman, MSW is a facilitator of C.A.S.E.'s children and adolescent groups. She has designed curriculum and developed creative activities to help children express and share their feelings about adoption.

* C.A.S.E. is proud to have built a team of adoption competent trainers above and beyond those who are listed. We will select these members as appropriate.

Purpose

C.A.S.E. believes that the success of foster and adopted children and the well-being of their families is greatly enhanced when professionals understand the complex challenges presented by adoption. Through the Training Programs, C.A.S.E. is committed to reach out to those who can make a substantial, positive impact on members of the adoption circle. C.A.S.E. training programs integrate theory and research, as well as strategies and innovative models.

Our goal is to promote an informed national network of service providers committed to best practice in the field.

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North American Council on Adoptable Children,
Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children,
Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption,
Latin American Parents Association,
Maryland Association of Non-Profit Organizations,
Voice for Adoption