Effects of Training for Adoption Competency on the Quality and Effectiveness of Treatment with Adoptive Families

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Summary: This report reviews the results from a study about the Training for Adoption Competency (TAC). The study examined the treatment experiences and outcomes for 89 families treated by 34 TAC-trained clinicians with experiences and outcomes for 70 comparable families treated by 36 comparably qualified clinicians that were not TAC-trained.

Application: This report makes the case for clinicians completing TAC and adoptive families seeking out TAC trained clinicians. Families treated by TAC trained clinicians report significantly better outcomes on measures of family cohesion and attunement, communicative openness, parenting strategies, understandings of child’s unique needs, normative challenges of adoptive families, and improved child coping skills and family relationships.

Source: Center for Adoption Support and Education

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