

• ADOPTION COMPETENCY



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The **National Center** will work collaboratively with States, Tribes, and territories to support and build their capacity in enhancing the adoption competence of mental health practitioners and to improve accessibility of mental health services that are responsive to the needs of all children, youth, and families who have experienced child welfare.

The **National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI)** is designed to build the capacity of child welfare and mental health professionals in all states, tribes, and territories to effectively support children, youth, and their foster, adoptive, and guardianship families.



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Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) is the nation's premiere assessment-based certificate program for training mental health practitioners and developing adoption competency skills.

There is no single path to achieving adoption competence, no single degree that will ensure it, and no single graduate or post-graduate training program that can be expected to fulfill this goal by itself, especially given that knowledge in this area is constantly evolving. Developing and sustaining adoption competence is an ongoing, multipath process.

The **C.A.S.E. Academy** is for mental health professionals of all levels to grow and deepen in adoption, foster, kinship specialty practice across the country.



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