



## **A Certificate Program for Mental Health Professionals**

### **Adoption-Competent Clinicians are In-Demand**

Adoptive parents often struggle to find therapists skilled in working with adoptive families. Family Hope House is committed to ensuring that families are supported to help their adoptive children thrive.

Research shows that children with traumatic experiences are at high risk for adjustment within their adoptive families. They often have complex emotional issues, which adoptive parents identify as a primary family stressor post-adoption. TAC equips professionals with clinical skills and knowledge to meet these families' needs and achieve positive outcomes.

### **Program Description**

TAC is a 12-session (72 hour), year-long, training program during which participants master 12 domains critical to adoption-competent mental health services. The program combines information sharing, handouts, resources and experiential learning.

Developed in collaboration with a national advisory board of adoption experts, TAC is nationally endorsed. It is recognized by the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare for promising research evidence and accredited by the Institute of Credentialing Excellence (ICE).

TAC is instructed by certified trainers in a cohort of no more than 22 participants.

In addition to receiving a certificate, TAC graduates may earn 6 CEUs per month and will be listed in the national registry of TAC-trained clinicians.

### **Program Candidates**

- Master's level licensed clinicians in social work, counseling, psychology or related discipline or Master's level professionals preparing for licensure
- Professionals employed in a clinical practice setting with a strong clinical background
- Professionals interested in working with prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and birth families, adopted persons, and adoptive kinship families

**Apply by December 10, 2021 at [FamilyHopeHouse.org/new-tac-cohort](https://FamilyHopeHouse.org/new-tac-cohort)**

**Have questions? Call (918)488-8002 or email [leslie@familyhopehouse.org](mailto:leslie@familyhopehouse.org)**



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**Identify** appropriate evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and interventions with individuals affected by adoption.

**Advance** clinical skills in working with children and youth and their adoptive and biological families.

**Learn**

- how to support adoptive parents in developing therapeutic parenting strategies
- how to work effectively with service systems on behalf of adoptive families.
- the developmental stages and the process of adoptive family formation and integration.

**Understand** the impacts of trauma, and the issues that impact identity formation for adopted children and youth.

**Develop**

- assessment and intervention skills with different types of adoptive and birth families.
- an understanding of the racial, ethnic, and cultural issues in adoption and how to work with families who adopt transracially/transculturally.

**Incorporate** learning into clinical practice more rapidly through the case consultation process.

<b>Oklahoma TAC 2022 Cohort Schedule</b>	
1. Adoption History, Law, and Process	Self-Led
2. Theoretical/Philosophical Framework of Adoption Competent Practice	1/14/22
3. Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Adopted Individuals and Their Families	2/11/22
4. The Impact of Separation, Loss, and Grief: Clinical Strategies for Healing	3/11/22
5. Trauma and Neurobiology	4/8/22
6. Enhancing Parent-Child Attachment	5/13/22
7. Supporting Identity Formation for Adolescents and Young Adults	6/10/22
8. Supporting Children, Youth and Families as They Prepare for Adoption	7/8/22
9. Clinical Issues in Working with Birth and Kinship Families	8/12/22
10. Openness in Adoption	9/9/22
11. Race and Ethnicity in Adoption	10/14/22
12. Therapeutic Parenting: Parents as Primary Vehicles for Healing	11/11/22

**Trainers**



Jimmy Clare,  
LMFT-S & Registered Play Therapist



Leslie Keenan,  
LMFT-S & RPT-S

**Fee**

One-time fee of \$1,800 or 12 monthly payments of \$165