



A learning program for **direct service staff, supervisors and managers working in Child Protection, Foster Care and Prevention. All staff who interact with parents, including supervisors, from the divisions of Child Protection, Family Permanency Services, and Prevention Services, along with Foster Care Provider and Prevention Services agencies (including Homemaking Services agencies) are required to attend.**

ABOUT

This eLearning program provides the knowledge necessary to identify and develop strategies for engaging and supporting parents with known or suspected cognitive and developmental disabilities. Through case scenarios, knowledge checks and interactive activities, this eLearning program dispels myths about the ability of parents with these disabilities to care for their children. Additionally, the training provides information about appropriate services and support for this population. Before attending this eLearning training, learners must complete an online pre-test.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Gain the knowledge and skills to identify parents with known or suspected cognitive and developmental disabilities.
- Reduce potential biases against parents with known or suspected cognitive and developmental disabilities and their ability to safely parent their children.
- Gain an understanding of appropriate support and engagement strategies for parents with known or suspected cognitive and developmental disabilities.
- Learn to modify motivational interviewing skills to communicate more effectively with a person who has cognitive disabilities.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A 60-minute eLearning course.



An online post-test.



Completion of all components is necessary to receive a Certificate of Completion.

PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for this course.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

The New York City Administration for Children's Services is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0402. This course is 1 contact hour/.1 CEU. CEU credit is contingent upon completion of all course components.

REGISTRATION

Division of Child Protection staff can reach out to their Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) to register. All others can register in [Cornerstone](#), by browsing for the course name and completing all information. For more information about the ACS Workforce Institute, please contact the Help Desk at WIhelpdesk@acs.nyc.gov or call (212) 748-1898.

ABOUT ACS WORKFORCE INSTITUTE

A state-of-the-art professional development institute that strengthens skills and provides support to child welfare and juvenile justice direct service staff as they strengthen and support New York City's families and children. Through partnership with the City University of New York (School of Professional Studies and the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work), the ACS Workforce Institute offers professional learning initiatives that move beyond the classroom to enhance skill development for new and seasoned ACS and provider agency staff.