



A learning program for **Foster Care and adoptive caseworkers, supervisors, Homefinders, directors of social services agencies, and agency administrators working in ACS provider agencies.**

## ABOUT

This learning program aims to provide learners with a deeper understanding of the feelings and needs of parents who have children in foster care. Learners may discover ideas and suggestions for building alliances between parents who have children in foster care and the foster parents caring for their children — that transform the experience for both parties. At the same time, a positive alliance may reduce trauma and promote the well-being of the children. Learners explore firsthand accounts of these parents' experiences and listen to their advice on what foster parents and agency staff can do to effectively share parenting. Additionally, learners discuss common barriers in shared parenting and strategies to overcome them. Satisfactory completion of this train-the-trainer workshop certifies learners to conduct the three-hour Building Bridges curriculum on a virtual platform.

## BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct the Building Bridges program for foster parents and staff.
- Observe and practice effective facilitation skills for adult learning.
- Access the curriculum, PowerPoint and videos to conduct Building Bridges programs.

## COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



A four-hour, virtual, instructor-led workshop training.



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

## PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for this course.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

There are no CEUs associated with this course.

## REGISTRATION

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## ABOUT ACS WORKFORCE INSTITUTE

The ACS Workforce Institute (WI) is a state-of-the-art professional development institute that supports child welfare and juvenile justice direct service staff and strengthens their skills as they support and strengthen 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.

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