

Understanding the Intersection of Immigration and Child Welfare



A learning program for **Direct service staff and supervisors working in Child Protection, Prevention or Foster Care services.**

ABOUT

This eLearning program familiarizes learners with the issues related to immigration laws and policies that arise within Child Welfare practice. This program aims to strengthen learners' understanding of the immigration system, common immigration terminologies and the rights of families seeking immigration assistance. Learners gain knowledge and skills in how to engage immigrant children and families with sensitivity. Learners are trained in strategies on how to ask about and document immigration status to ensure that the process is sensitive and not harmful to parents, children and youth. Learners are also trained in how to identify the need for immigration support and how to access appropriate resources for those families. The program culminates in interactive case studies that provide practice opportunities for learners to address meeting the needs and challenges that immigrant families face. Before attending this eLearning training, learners must complete an online pre-test.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Be trained to identify key points pertaining to U.S. immigration law and their importance to Child Welfare practice.
- Be able to recognize best practices including sensitive language, maintaining confidentiality, proper documentation and strengths-based engagement.
- Be able to address the immigration needs of youth with referrals to appropriate legal services.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test



A one-hour 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

There are no CEUs associated with this course.

REGISTRATION

Register for this course by logging in to [Cornerstone](#), browse for the course name and complete 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.

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