

The Enhanced Role Of Parent Advocates In An Initial Child Safety Conference



A learning program for **Parent Advocates, Child Protective Specialists, Child Family Specialists (conference facilitators), and supervisors and managers working in the Division of Child Protection (DCP)**

ABOUT

This learning program informs learners about changes in the Initial Child Safety Conference (ICSC). The enhanced ICSC model introduces caucusing/private family time, an extended contact time where families can meet with a Parent Advocate and receive support without ACS representatives present. The training also helps learners recognize the disproportionality in child welfare and how parents' voices in the ICSC can reduce bias and increase cultural responsiveness in family-oriented decision-making.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Learn about the additions to the ICSC that expand the Parent Advocate role in family conferences and identify their potential positive impact on family outcomes related to family separation.
- Discover collaborative partnership methods (Parent Advocates and DCP) to engage families in designing effective safety intervention plans.
- Practice cultural responsiveness to provide equitable support and resources relevant to families' unique needs.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



A 60-minute eLearning.



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 Wlhelpdesk@acs.nyc.gov or call (212) 748-1898.

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