



A learning program for **direct service staff, supervisors and managers working in Child Welfare and Foster Care services.**

ABOUT

This learning program certifies agency trainers to facilitate creating LGBTQAI+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Asexual, Intersex, and many more) Affirming Responses and Environments for foster parents. It provides information and resources that are in alignment with the ACS Affirming Home Pledge and supportive of youth's rights to sexual and reproductive health information and care.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Develop the ability to educate participants on fostering LGBTQAI+ affirming environment and responses for all youth in our care.
- Be able to support caregivers in identifying resources they can rely on to meet the responsibilities of creating LGBTQAI+ affirming environments and responses in their role.
- Be able to teach caregivers affirming communication strategies, including words and behaviors to avoid that are not affirming.
- Understand how to support caregivers in connecting youth to affirming resources and referrals.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



A two-day, virtual, instructor-led training.



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

PREREQUISITES

Prior to attending this course, learners are required to have completed all components of the course, LGBTQAI+ Foundational: Include, Empower and Affirm.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

There are no CEUs associated with this course.

REGISTRATION

To register and for more information about this course, email Marta Colon at Marta.Colon@acs.nyc.gov. 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

The ACS Workforce Institute (WI) is 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.

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