# **Applying the Mental Health Principles**





A learning program for **direct service staff and supervisors working in Child Welfare.** 

**ABOUT** This eLearning program provides an overview of the principles that inform Child Welfare decisionmaking regarding mental health issues, more commonly known as the Mental Health Principles, and information on how to apply them. Learners explore how the application of the Mental Health Principles can help address the stigma, discrimination and trauma often experienced by families affected by mental health concerns within the Child Welfare system. During this eLearning training, learners use interactive case studies to learn best practices when working with children and families impacted by mental health concerns. Before attending this eLearning training, learners must complete an online pre-test.

#### BENEFITS

#### Learners will:

- Recognize the Mental Health Principles and their importance to Child Welfare case practice.
- Be able to apply the Mental Health Principles to decision making regarding mental health issues.
- Be informed about the training and consultation resources available to support working effectively with families where mental health issues are present.

## 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**

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## **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 hours/.1 CEUs. CEU credit is contingent upon completion of all course components.

#### 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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