



A learning program for **Foster care and adoptive caseworkers, supervisors, homefinders, directors of Social Services, and agency administrators working in ACS Provider Agencies.**

## ABOUT

This learning program is an educational group support program for kinship caregivers. Through nine sessions, kinship caregivers are provided with information about services and resources, receive support from other caregivers, develop ongoing support networks, build skills to better parent the child(ren) in their homes, and learn to manage and enhance their relationships with birth parents and agencies. Before attending this instructor-led training, learners must complete all course prerequisites listed below and an online pre-test.

### Training content includes:

- Introduction to Caring for Our Own
- Assessing the Impact of the Children Living in my Home
- Looking at my Role in Achieving Permanency
- Assessing the Strengths and Needs of the Children in my Care
- Building on the Strengths and Meeting the Needs of the Children in my Care
- Preparing Children and Youth for the Future
- Understanding the Issues of Birth Parents
- Working with Birth Parents to Achieve Permanency for their Children
- Networking and Moving Ahead

## BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Develop skills in managing an educational group support program for relative kinship caregivers.
- Learn the content of the nine meetings and practice running the group activities.
- Learn to give and receive developmental feedback.

## COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A series of nine instructor-led workshops, over four days.



An online post-test.



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

## PREREQUISITES

Prior to attending this course, learners are required to have completed the GPSII/MAPP Leader Certification.

## 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](mailto:Marta.Colon@acs.nyc.gov). For more information about the ACS Workforce Institute, please contact the Help Desk at [Wihelpdesk@acs.nyc.gov](mailto: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 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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