



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 helps prospective foster and adoptive parents make informed, mutual decisions with the ACS about whether foster parenting or adopting is right for their family. Learners in the Leader Certification Workshop are prepared to co-lead meetings in the GPS II program as well as to use family consultations and other tools of the program. All certified GPS II leaders are also qualified to conduct Mini-MAPP. Before attending this instructor-led training, learners must complete an online pre-test.

Course content includes:

- Welcome to the Group Preparation and Selection Program
- Where the MAPP Leads: A Foster Care and Adoption Experience
- Losses and Gains: The Need to Be a Loss Expert
- Helping Children with Attachments
- Helping Children Learn to Manage Their Behaviors
- Helping Children with Birth Family Connections
- Gains and Losses: Helping Children Leave Foster Care
- Understanding the Impact of Fostering or Adopting
- Teamwork and Partnerships
- Endings & Beginnings: How to Use the Program

The ten meetings are designed to be offered sequentially once a week along with the other tools of the program, including family self-assessments, individual family consultations and written development plans.

BENEFITS

Learners will prepare to deliver the Group Preparation and Selection II of the Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (GPSII/MAPP) program for prospective foster/adoptive parents.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A series of ten one-day, instructor-led workshops.



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

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 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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