

Motivational Interviewing: A Strengths-Based Practice



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

ABOUT

This learning program is a collaborative, person-centered approach to strengthen motivation and commitment to change. Learners are trained how to use motivational interviewing and strengths-based engagement strategies to better communicate with children and families — and how to support their continued progress toward applying solutions to family challenges. These techniques can help learners express compassion, partnership and respect — even in challenging situations. Before attending this virtual, instructor-led training, learners must complete an online pre-test and an eLearning module.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Be trained how to focus on family strengths and resilience.
- Be trained how to create strengths-based partnerships with children and families through effective communication.
- Be able to work with families and children toward establishing and reaching their goals through these partnerships.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A 30-minute eLearning course.



A two-hour, virtual, instructor-led workshop.



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

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 2.0 contact hours/0.2 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 Wlhelpdesk@acs.nyc.gov or call (212) 748-1898.

ABOUT ACS WORKFORCE INSTITUTE

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