



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

ABOUT

This learning program focuses on the practical application of strengths-based engagement and motivational interviewing skills when working with fathers and the father figures of children involved in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. Learners are also trained how to explore the needs of fathers and father figures who have connections to the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. During this training, learners practice techniques to better engage and work more successfully with fathers and father figures around the challenges they experience and their potential impact on their children. Before attending this instructor-led training, learners must complete all course prerequisites listed below and an online pre-test.

BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Better understand the needs of fathers and father figures involved in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice system.
- Strengthen their use of motivational interviewing skills when working with fathers and father figures.
- Be better able to engage with fathers and father figures to ensure they receive the support they need.

COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A one-day, instructor-led workshop.



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 Motivational Interviewing learning program offered through the ACS Workforce Institute or equivalent.

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 6.5 contact hours/0.65 CEUs. CEU credit is contingent upon completion of all course components.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL COURSE

OCFS: Involving Fathers for Children in Child Welfare: Fundamentals is the New York State Office of Children and Family Services training available in Cornerstone. This course aims to improve the competency of Child Welfare professionals in increasing the involvement of fathers in the lives of children in the Child Welfare system. Together, these courses can support learners in more successfully engaging fathers and male caregivers as a best practice to further support the children and families of NYC.

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

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.

