



A learning program for **direct service staff, supervisors and managers working in Child Protection, Foster Care and Prevention.**

## ABOUT

This learning program provides learners with the knowledge and strategies to effectively engage parents with known or suspected cognitive and developmental disabilities. Through case scenarios, breakout groups and interactive activities, learners gain practical skills to identify, engage and support parents with these disabilities. This learning program also aims to dispel myths about the ability of parents with these disabilities to care for their children, and provides opportunities for in-depth discussion around the challenges and responsibilities of working with this population of parents. Before attending this virtual, instructor-led training, learners must complete an online pre-test.

## BENEFITS

Learners will:

- Better understand the rights of parents with cognitive disabilities.
- Learn how to identify common signs and characteristics of cognitive and developmental disabilities.
- Better understand how cognitive and developmental disabilities can impact parenting and service provision.
- Be able to identify appropriate services and support as they prepare recommendations and referrals.
- Learn to modify motivational interviewing skills to communicate more effectively with a person who has cognitive disabilities.

## COMPONENTS

Once enrolled in the course, learners will complete:



An online pre-test.



A three-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 3 contact hours/0.3 CEUs. CEU credit is contingent upon completion of all course components.

## REGISTRATION

Division of Child Protection staff can reach out to their Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) to register. All others can register in [Cornerstone](#), by browsing for the course name and completing all information. 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.