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The purpose of this communication is to provide information on the addition of vital training for all case managers and clinical staff in Private Child Caring (PCC) and Private Child Placing (PCP) agencies.

The following has been added to the PCC & PCP agreements effective July 1, 2025.

PCC/PCP will ensure that all case managers and clinicians working with youth and families attend the online National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative. Current staff will complete this training by June 30, 2026. New hires will complete the training within four months of hire date.

The goal of this training is to increase child welfare and mental health professionals understanding of the challenges adoptive families and youth face. The training will assist professionals in learning skills that will be used to support youth and their family's experiencing adoption and improve the well-being and permanency outcomes of these youth and families. The core competencies of this training include understanding and addressing the complex mental health and developmental needs of children experiencing adoption; grief and loss issues; trauma; attachment; identity challenges; and the need for connections and belonging.

This free web-based training can be accessed and taken on the C.A.S.E Institutes Learning Management System (LMS). Continuing Education credits can be earned for certain professions. Agencies may also upload the NTI trainings to their own LMS. (See attached CE Document)

Case managers will complete the NTI Training for Child Welfare Professionals. Case manager supervisors will complete the NTI Training for Child Welfare Supervisors. Therapists/clinical staff will complete the NTI Training for Mental Health Professionals. (See attached NTI Links, Demo and Enrollment form)

C.A.S.E Training Institute will be holding two virtual presentations on the following dates:

- May 21, 2025, 10AM-11AM EST
- > June 10, 2025, 2PM-3PM EST

Please ensure that all current case managers and clinical staff complete the NTI training by June 30, 2026. All new staff should complete the training within four (4) months of their hire date.

The following forms are attached: Training for Mental Health Professionals, NTI Links and Demos, C.A.S.E Training & CE Credit, Best Practices for NTI Implementation

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