

# The ADAMHS Board of Montgomery County and Montgomery County Department of Job & Family Services- Children Services Division present:



## The Center for Adoption Support and Education's Training For Adoption Competency (TAC)

<http://adoptionssupport.org/>

The **Training for Adoption Competency (TAC)** is a comprehensive training for professionals in the mental health and child welfare fields to provide them with the clinical knowledge and skills they need to effectively serve the adoption kinship network.

### About TAC

- A competency based training curriculum developed in collaboration with national experts in the field of child welfare, adoption and mental health and rigorously evaluated at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work.
- A 12-module instruction program that engages students in clinical knowledge and skill building, followed by monthly group clinical case consultation sessions over a 6-month period.
- A standardized training program that is being replicated across the United States to provide clinicians with the knowledge and skills they need to be adoption competent.

Developed by a panel of national experts, the standardized curriculum is based on adoption knowledge, values and skill competencies. Through information sharing, written resources, experiential learning, case studies, role playing, and introspective work, you'll develop the competencies you need to enhance your career and enrich the lives of clients.

TAC has been rigorously evaluated through an initial pilot program and subsequent replications in which instructional delivery, learning outcomes, and impact on clinical practice were assessed. Trainees have not only given the training consistently high ratings for quality and relevance, but all have reported positive changes in their practice consistent with increased adoption competency.

For more information on TAC, please contact Su-Ann Newport at 937-443-0416 x114 or [snewport@mcadamhs.org](mailto:snewport@mcadamhs.org)

### Participant Qualifications:

For Masters degree or higher in social work, a counseling field or other related discipline:

1. Current professional license or is under clinical supervision in preparation for professional licensing,
2. Demonstration in the personal statement and resume that the applicant:
  - Has a strong clinical background that will serve as the foundation for developing more advanced knowledge and skills,
  - Has genuine interest in working with adopted persons, prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and birth family members, adoptive families and kinship families in a clinical setting,
  - Will be able to incorporate the learning from the training program in their clinical practice or organization.

For Bachelors level in social work, a counseling field or other related discipline:

1. Demonstration in the personal statement and resume that the applicant:
  - Has a professional background with the sufficient knowledge and skills that he/she will be able to fully participate in a training program that offers more advanced knowledge and skills,
  - Has a genuine interest in working with adopted persons, prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and birth family members, adoptive families and kinship families in clinical settings,
  - Will be able to incorporate the learning from the training program in his/her clinical practice.

\* Bachelor's level participants will be able to receive a "certificate of attendance" in the training program. They will not be eligible to participate in the supervised consultation nor will they receive a "certificate of completion".

**Training Fee:** \$500.00 per participant. Please make checks payable to CHOICES, Inc.

**Application Deadline:** Please submit all applications with resume and training fees by **8/22/14**. Please mail to Tina Evers at Montgomery County Children Services, 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio 45405.

All modules will be presented by :

**John Ward, LCDC III, CTS**

Program Manager, CHOICES, Inc. and  
Trainer, Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

and

**Cheryl Griffin, ACSW , LISW-S**

Mental Health Clinician, Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley



60.5 CEU's will be provided for Counselors and Social Workers.  
Social Work Approved Provider #SX029701, Counselor Approved Provider #RCX051201

Date	Time	Modules	Location
Pre-training Module	At Home	1. Adoption History, Law and Process (completed prior to the start of the program)	At Home
10/6/2014	9am-4pm	2. Introduction to Adoption Competent Mental Health Practice	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
10/27/2014	9am-4pm	3. Clinical Issues in Planning, Preparing for and Supporting Adoption	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
11/19/2014	9am-4pm	4. Clinical Issues in Providing Therapeutic Services: Grief, Loss, and Separation	The ADAMHS Board of Montgomery County 409 E. Monument Ave., Suite 102 Dayton, Ohio 45402-1226
12/8/2014	9am-4pm	5. Trauma and Brain Neurobiology	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
1/5/2015	9am-4pm	6. Attachment	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
1/26/2015	9am-4pm	7. Adopted Adolescents and Identity Development	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
2/18/2015	9am-4pm	8. Clinical Issues in Working with Birth and Adoptive Families	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
3/10/2015	9am-4pm	9. Clinical Work with Adoptive Families: Managing Challenging Behaviors	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
4/7/2015	9am-4pm	10. Openness in Adoption	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
4/28/2015	9am-4pm	11. Race and Ethnicity in Adoption	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405
5/18/2015	9am-4pm	12. Integrating Adoption Competencies: Knowledge, Values and Skills	Montgomery County Children Services 3304 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45405