

are proud to present

ACT: An Adoption and Permanency Curriculum for Service Providers Working with Youth

44 CE Credits & 48 GHA CEUs

"This curriculum should be required for anyone who is entering the field of adoption and permanence."

~ACT Graduate

Your ACT Training Experience:

- * A multimedia intensive integration of strength-based mental health and permanency principles.
- * Immediate applicability to promote permanency and avoid disruption
- * Case studies, practice tools and activities focused on the adult learner



Training Dates & Times

Day One: 2/7/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Two: 2/8/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Three: 3/7/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Four: 3/8/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Five: 4/4/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Six: 4/5/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Seven: 5/2/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Day Eight: 5/3/2019

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

This training is brought to you by the Seneca Institute for Advanced Practice, in partnership with Monterey County and Hartnell College. Funding provided through Title IV-E.

ACT is a comprehensive curriculum that provides intensive practice and training to adoption and permanency professionals and community based service providers. The curriculum expands the application of techniques and knowledge from related fields, such as education and neurobiology, to the practice of adoption, permanency, and relative guardianship.

ACT is designed to advance and inform adoption practice, expand the pool of qualified permanency professionals available to families, integrate permanency practice across an array of programs, and engage and retain qualified staff in adoption and post-permanency services. **ACT** transmits permanency competency to individuals and to agency staff groups seeking to improve and standardize their programs with shared, quality knowledge and a commitment to integrated practice principles. The core curriculum for Kinship Center's **ACT** was developed in 1992 and has been refined and field-tested to more than 7,000 professionals over 20 years.

Trainers:

Debbie Schugg is a Family Coach and Trainer for Kinship Center, with a background in adoption and permanency-focused Wraparound. She is an adoptive parent, and trains professionals and families on topics relating to adoption, permanency, Wraparound, and parenting high needs children.

Ron Huxley, LMFT has worked in the children's mental health field since 1990 as a clinician, program director of a children's mental health clinic, educator, writer, and advocate. He is an experienced trainer of both professionals and parents, and has presented nationally on parenting, attachment, trauma, and anger management topics.

Lori Hunstad, LCSW is a clinical social worker with over 30 years of work in child welfare services, primarily dedicated to adoption. She is also an Adoption Service Provider for independent adoptions. Lori is an experienced trainer of both professionals and families.

Lynne White Dixon, LCSW has over 35 years of clinical practice with children, adolescents, and families with a focus on foster care, adoption, child abuse, and trauma. In addition to her private practice, she is on the counseling staff of CSU Monterey Bay, and is an adjunct faculty and a field instructor for CSUMB's MSW Program.

Training Location — Salinas

**Kinship Center
124 River Road
Salinas, CA 93908**

<http://www.senecacenter.org/registerforclasses>

Please note:

- * This is an **eight day** training series; when you register online, you will automatically be registered for all eight days.
- * Classes are **two days** per month from February 2019 to May 2019.
- * You must **attend all eight days** in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Session 1:
Permanence in Context
Session 2:
The Core Issues
Session 3:
The Art and Science of Attachment
Session 4:
A Developmental Perspective
Session 5:
Family Constellation Challenges
Session 6:
Supporting the Permanent Family
Session 7:
Tools for Skilled Practice
Session 8:
Diversity, Healing and the Family

Cancellation Policy:

If we cancel a training course as a result of low registration, participants will be notified by email one week prior to the course start date. Where courses are cancelled for reasons beyond our control, they may be cancelled at shorter notice. Participants will receive a full refund for the training fees paid. Please note that we will not be liable for any loss, including travel and accommodation costs, suffered by or on behalf of any person who wished to attend an event, should we cancel it for any reason.

Refund Policy:

In order to receive a full refund, all registered participants must cancel at least 48 hours/ two full working days in advance if unable to attend. No refunds for non-attendance.

All registered participants must cancel 48 hours in advance if unable to attend. Please cancel yourself from these classes by clicking on the "[click here if you want to cancel from this class](#)" link in your confirmation email.

For assistance, please contact the Training Institute:

Telephone: 831-455-4729 or 510-654-4004, ext. 2244 or email:

training@senecacenter.org

As a reminder, we can deliver trainings to your site!

Training Objectives:

As a result of completing ACT, participants in their pre- and post permanency work will:

1. Incorporate the model of the Seven Core Issues into the evaluation, education and service provided to families touched by adoption and other forms of permanency
2. Embrace the interrelated core principles of attachment and neurobiology; which include the impact of trauma in assessment
3. Understand the additional developmental challenges that adoption and permanence place on the child
4. Be able to assist parents to learn healthy attachment-based parenting skills
5. Acquire the skills and tools for working with the whole family system to maintain the child in a family setting
6. Recognize the complex issues that arise for today's diverse family structures, including single parent families, relative adopters, domestic and internationally built families, trans-racial/trans-cultural families, and families with different types of openness and permanency arrangements
7. Respect the long term roles and needs of the birth family and the importance of their information and connections to the child.
8. Competently address issues of search and reunion
9. Understand the significant influence of the child's genetic history, race and culture
10. Value sibling relationships and their life-long importance
11. Accept the profound impact of placing a child into an established family structure
12. Be able to link community resources and mediations to the family
13. Learn to enhance family strengths and empower the family as an agent of change
14. Appreciate the additional tasks that kinship caregivers must address as family roles are changed in children's lives

Registration Link:

<http://www.senecacfoa.org/registerforclasses>

Register under the month of FEBRUARY 2019

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION. PLEASE READ:

Title IV-E Eligible Participants:

The \$1200.00 training fee is **WAIVED** for those who work directly with dependent youth (or youth at risk of becoming dependents) in Alameda, Solano, San Francisco or Monterey County). For more specific guidelines, please refer to the link on the 'Register for Classes' page.

All Other Participants:

The registration fee is \$1200.00. This includes 44 CE Credits and/or 48 GHA CEUs; a 600-page training and resource manual on USB; continental breakfasts and refreshments on all training days.

Methods of Payment:

- * Check: Make check payable and mail to Seneca Family of Agencies, 2275 Arlington Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578. Please ensure you note the participant's name on the check.
- * PayPal: Pay by PayPal account on the main registration webpage at www.senecafoa.org
- * Credit Card: Contact Margaret Henderson at 831-455-4729 or margaret_henderson@senecacenter.org

All fees are due two weeks prior to the training: January 24, 2019

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION: (see more details on the class registration page)

This course meets the qualifications for **44 hours** of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Seneca Family of Agencies is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs. Seneca Family of Agencies maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content. Provided by Seneca Family of Agencies, Provider #135057.

This course has also been approved for **48 GHA CEU** hours for Seneca Family of Agencies (Vendor Approval Number 1000516-730-2) by CDSS, Administrator Certification Section.