

Education Institute of Kinship Center ACT Survey Data

Supervisor Question - Please rate the extent to which the following areas have changed as a result of taking Adoption Clinical Training (ACT)	Percent Agree
The performance and retention of my employees have improved as a result of my taking ACT	60%
General Questions - Please rate the extent to which your practice behaviors have changed in the following areas as a result of taking Adoption Clinical Training (ACT)	
1. The quality of my interactions with birth families has improved	72%
2. I have stronger rapport with children in the child welfare system	70%
3. I have facilitated improved outcomes in child permanency	70%
4. My network of colleague support has increased	71%
5. I dedicate a greater percentage of time towards building attachment in adoptive families	82%
6. I have utilized more community resources with families	69%
7. I am better able to anticipate and address risk factors in potential disruptions	86%
8. I better prepare families to expect and handle crisis points in their adoptive life cycle	93%
9. My job satisfaction has increased	78%

N = 127

Testimonials

... The trainings have helped me normalize the behaviors I see in the children and adults I work with.
Because there is no formal training in adoption offered in any existing Master's level program, at least in California, and probably nationwide, this curriculum should be required for anyone who is entering the field of adoption. Likewise, all therapists need this training, because their training does not prepare them to recognize or address adoption issues in their general client population, even if they do not specialize in working with adoption related issues.
As a mental health agency, we have decided to dedicate several of our ACT trainee staff to serve as specialists for foster and adoptive families when they come in for our services. This has proved to be a helpful way to address the unique needs of these families/children.
In this field we are always juggling so many strong emotions and life struggles with every member of the constellation. The ACT training has really helped me to balance all of these factors in working with all members and to bring this into my practice both with families and with other staff members.
It has truly challenged my thinking about adoptions! I did not realize the extent of how unaware I was of the clinical issues. I am much more equipped now to do work with adoptive families, helping them come to the same realizations I have, e.g., the importance of maintaining prior emotional connections, etc.
... I thought ACT was the best information I've received in the adoption field. I often use my manual when needing more adoption information.