

## What People Have to Say about

### Kinship Center's ACT

"...by far the most effective, useful, mind-provoking training I have participated in over the last 15 years."

*Agency Social Worker*

"The clinicians I have referred to your class tell me that they use the interventions you presented daily..."

*Clinical Director*

"Should be required for all DSS workers."

*State Adoptions Social Worker*

"The training, trainers, and materials were excellent. I use the information regularly in therapy sessions."

*Agency Therapist*

"It has truly challenged my thinking about adoptions! I am much more equipped now to work with my families..."

*Agency Clinical Supervisor*

"I thought ACT was the best information I've received in the field."

*Agency Social Worker*

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# ACT

An Adoption and  
Permanency Curriculum  
for Child Welfare and Mental  
Health Professionals



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# Kinship Center's ACT

Kinship Center's Education Institute is a leader in adoption-related educational products and training. The Institute's **ACT** is recognized as a model for the industry. In a recent **ACT** survey, 91% of former participants responding say they are better able to prepare families to expect and handle crisis points in the adoptive life cycle.

The core curriculum for Kinship Center's **ACT** was developed in 1992 and has been refined and field-tested to more than 6,000 professionals over 15 years. Today's 48-hour curriculum addresses the experiences of all members of the adoption and permanency constellation and is presented interactively through lecture, video, and large/small group activities. Kinship Center's **ACT** training team comprises highly skilled adoption professionals experienced in public and private agencies, private practice and mental health clinics.

The target audience for **ACT** is social workers, therapists, advocates, adoption professionals, attorneys, judges, CASA's and educators.

### Upcoming Class Schedule

The 2011 ACT class will be held at 124 River Road, Salinas from 9:00-4:00 on the following dates. Days are Thursdays and Fridays. Registration ends 9/9/11.

9/15-9/16 · 10/20-10/21 · 11/17-11/18 · 12/15-12/16

No single sessions are available.  
No participant substitutions allowed.

Upon completion of the eight-session course, participants may receive 48 CEU'S, recognized by BBS Provider #PCE 818, and/or a Certificate of Completion.

## Permanency Competence - Essential Outcomes for Professionals

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

- Incorporate the model of the Seven Core Issues into the assessment, education and treatment of families
- Appreciate the tasks that relative caregivers must address as family roles are changed
- Learn to enhance family strengths and empower the family as agents of change
- Embrace the interrelated core principles of attachment and neurobiology; include the impact of trauma in assessment and in the development of clinical interventions
- Understand the additional developmental challenges that adoption and permanence place on the child
- Be able to assist parents to learn healthy attachment-based parenting skills
- Acquire the skills and tools for working with the whole family system to maintain the child in a family setting
- 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, and families with different types of openness and permanency arrangements
- Respect the long term roles and needs of the birth family
- Competently address issues of search and reunion
- Understand the significant influence of the child's genetic history, race and culture
- Value sibling relationships and their life-long importance
- Be able to link interventions and community resources to the family

### Registration Form, Salinas ACT 2011

The class fee is \$1200 and includes 600-page training and resource manual on CD, continental breakfasts and snacks. Full payment is required at the time of registration. Registrations will be confirmed by email; directions and local information will be provided. Registration ends 9/9/11 or earlier if the class is full.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ or Private Practice \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**CEUs available for LCSW & MFTs only  
for an additional \$35 fee**

*Please fill out and mail back to*

Kinship Center, 124 River Road, Salinas, CA 93908

Attn: Margaret Ross

Or call 831-455-4729

Please mail your check or call with credit card information. Refunds (less a \$100 cancellation fee) will be given for cancellations made up to seven days before class.