



WAITING CHILD SERVICES TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Adoption and parenting come with many challenges (and joys!) and we want to ensure that Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) are well prepared to meet the needs of the child(ren) they welcome into their home. We encourage PAPs to continue their education throughout the adoption process and in the years to come. **PRIDE training must be completed before a Home Study Worker can be assigned to your case. The remaining training must be completed before the final, in-home visit.** At any time while working with our agency, more training may be required to better prepare you.

COURSE/ TRAINING NAME:	HOURS:	PROVIDER:
Instructor-led PRIDE (zoom) & LGBTQ course independently	34 hours	DCFS (ACI will email you with registration information)
10 additional hours on the following: a) 2 hours on discipline b) 2 hours on trauma c) 2 hours on transracial adoption d) 4 additional hours on topics related to adopting an older child (suggestions below)	10 hours	Creating a Family ** , ACI , or elsewhere (See below for details)
CPR certification	Varies	American Red Cross, local hospital, etc.
Read The Connected Child or The Connected Parent	N/A	Amazon, local library, etc.

****ACI applicants have access to the following training resources, free of charge:

- [ACI hosted classes](#)
- [Creating a Family's](#) online training database. (Use coupon code aci18 to access these courses for free)

Suggested CAF Courses:

- [Practical Tips for Disciplining Children Who Have Experienced Trauma](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Parenting: Practical Applications of TBRI®](#)
- [Helping Adopted Children Heal From Past Trauma and Loss](#)
- [Parenting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma](#)
- [7 Core Issues in Adoption & Foster Care](#)
- [Adopting Older Kids: Things to Consider](#)
- [Adoption Disruptions/Dissolutions -How to Prevent and When to Accept](#)
- [Talking About the Difficult Parts of Your Child's History](#)

- [Panel of Young Adult Transracial Adoptees](#)
- [Should You Consider Adopting a Child of a Different Race or Ethnicity?](#)
- [How a Parent's History with Attachment and Trauma Impacts Adoption and Fostering](#)