



DOMESTIC ADOPTION 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 their child. We encourage PAPs to continue their education throughout the adoption process and in the years to come. **Ten hours of training and Child & Infant CPR Certification is required for each PAP, and must be completed before your in-person home visit.**

ACI families have access to the following, free of charge:

- **ACI hosted classed:** View schedule and register [here](#)
- **Creating a Family:** Online [training database](#)
A coupon code will be given to access these courses for free

COURSE/ TRAINING NAME:	HOURS:	PROVIDER:
10 hours on the following*** a) 2 hours on prenatal substance exposure b) 2 hours on transracial adoption c) 2 hours on relationships with birth parents d) 2 hours on talking to children about adoption Remaining hours on any adoption-related topic	10 hours	ACI, Creating a Family , or elsewhere
Child and Infant CPR certification	N/A	American Red Cross, local hospital, etc. Many families utilize this course

**** Please note, the Social Worker who conducted your Initial Application Interview may have required additional courses. Please reference your notes from that meeting prior to registering for trainings. Additional trainings may be required of you at any time during the adoption process by ACI staff.

Training certificates must be uploaded to the Family Portal.

Additional Resources: **Please note, the following do not count towards the required training hours, but are excellent resources to explore during the wait process**

Websites and Blog Recommendations:

[Kindred and Co Blog](#) (they also have an excellent Instagram account)

[Creating a Family Facebook Group](#): Connect with other waiting families, adoptive families, etc.

[National Council for Adoption Publications](#)

[The Adopted Life by Angela Tucker](#): Transracial Adoptee and Adoption Professional. Blog, documentary, book, podcast, and more.

Books:

[In on It](#)

[Parenting from the Inside Out](#)

[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#)

[How to be an Antiracist](#)

[Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew](#)

[The Connected Child: Bring Hope and Healing to Your Adoptive Family](#)

[The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind](#)

You can find many additional recommendations on ACI's [Supportive Resources](#) page, as well.