



INTERNATIONAL 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 Hague* training, Child & Infant CPR Certification, and The Connected Child reading is required for each PAP, and must be completed before your in-person home visit.** At any time while working with our agency, more training may be required to better prepare you.

As an ACI applicant, you have access to the following, free of charge:

- ACI hosted classed: View schedule and register here: <https://www.adoptioncenterofillinois.org/events/>
- Creating a Family’s online training database: <https://www.creatingafamilyed.org/pages/adoption-of-illinois> A coupon code will be given to access these courses for free

COURSE/ TRAINING NAME:	HOURS:	PROVIDER:
10 hours of Hague-required training	10 hours	Creating a Family Hague Package or other provider as approved by your placing agency
Child and Infant CPR certification	N/A	American Red Cross, local hospital, etc. Many families utilize this course
Read “The Connected Child”	N/A	Amazon or other provider

**** 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.

Training certificates must be uploaded to the Family Portal.

*The Hague Convention on the Protection of Child and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption is an international agreement between countries to support the safety of children in the international adoption process. ACI follows the guidelines from the Hague Convention for our training requirements. Visit [this travel.state.gov site](http://this.travel.state.gov) for more information.