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Center for Adoption Support and Education’s Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) Program Listed on California Evidenced-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare

BURTONSVILLE, Md.— The Center for Adoption Support and Education is pleased to announce the listing of Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) on the California Evidenced-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC), a nationally recognized body that applies rigorous standards of review to identify effective programs.

TAC was rated in the Topic Area of Child Welfare Workforce Development and Support Programs with a scientific rating of (3) Promising Research Evidence and with a Child Welfare Relevance rating of High. Of 17 programs in the Child Welfare Workforce Development and Support topic area, TAC is one of only two programs rated (3) Promising Research Evidence and no programs in the Topic Area are rated higher. The direct link to detailed information on the Clearinghouse website is: https://www.cebc4cw.org/program/training-for-adoption-competency-tac/.

C.A.S.E. collaborates with training partner organizations to offer TAC in 17 states in which 1700 professionals have completed or are currently enrolled in the training. The body of research evidence of TAC’s effectiveness was established through a still ongoing rigorous evaluation designed and conducted by PolicyWorks, Ltd.

David Brodzinsky, Ph.D. TAC National Advisor said of this accomplishment, “The breadth and depth of the TAC training, as well as the inclusion of group clinical supervision, provides mental health and child welfare professionals with the up-to-date knowledge and skills needed to enhance their professional work with adopted individuals, adoptive parents, and birth parents. The recent inclusion and rating of TAC as a "promising practice" in the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) is further testament to its national reputation and acceptance as the leading adoption related training program for mental health and social casework professionals.”

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Debbie Riley, C.A.S.E. Chief Executive Officer stated, “I am proud for this contribution to the field and the leadership C.A.S.E has taken to ensure that foster and adoptive families have access to competent mental health providers who have the knowledge, values and skills to meet their complex needs. I wish to thank all of our TAC training partners, trainers, staff, content experts and writers, and our National Advisory Board who have lent their expertise over the years. They have ensured that TAC builds critical core competencies and contains the most current best practices to guide clinical practice.”

This acknowledgement of the effectiveness of TAC will encourage even greater numbers of mental health professionals to complete this specialized training, creating a larger community of adoption competent clinicians to more effectively serve adoptive families across the country. Visit C.A.S.E. online to learn more about TAC at https://adoptionsupport.org/adoption-competency-initiatives/training-for-adoption-competency-tac/.

C.A.S.E. is a nationally-recognized leader in mental health services for the adoption and foster care community. The nonprofit organization’s mission is to improve the lives of children who have been adopted or in foster care and their families through counseling, lifelong education, and a growing national network of trained professionals. With seven offices in the Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland and Albany, New York areas, C.A.S.E. has provided clinical services for more than 6,100 clients and their families since its founding in 1998. Visit www.adoptionsupport.org to learn more.

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