

## **TIER I ADOPTION ASSESSOR TRAINING AGENDAS**

### **FAMILY AND CHILD ASSESSMENT**

SECTION I. Introductions and Icebreaker	.5 hr
SECTION II. What's In It for Me?	.5 hr
SECTION III. Values and the Family Assessment Process	.75 hr
SECTION IV. Cultural Issues in Adoption	1 hr
SECTION V. Purposes and Goals of the Family Assessment	.5 hr
SECTION VI. The Family Assessment--Assessment Categories	1.5 hr
SECTION VII. The Family Assessment--Areas to Be Explored	1.25 hr

### *DAY II*

SECTION VIII. Interviewing Applicants	1.5 hr
SECTION IX. Finalizing Approval	.5 hr
SECTION X. The Written Assessment	.5 hr
SECTION XI. Assessing the Strengths and Needs of the Child	2 hr
SECTION XII. Matching and Selection of Families for Children	2 hr

### **BIRTH PARENT SERVICES**

SECTION I. DEBATE: RIGHT TO CHOOSE?	.5 hr
SECTION II. PRINCIPLES OF BIRTH PARENT COUNSELING	.75 hr
SECTION III. ISSUES OF BIRTH PARENTS	1.75 hr
SECTION IV. PRE-PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES	1.75 hr
SECTION V. PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES	.5 hr
SECTION VI. POST PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES	.75 hr

## **POST FINALIZATION ADOPTION SERVICES**

SECTION I.	RATIONALE FOR POST LEGALIZATION ADOPTION SERVICES	60 min
SECTION II.	POST LEGALIZATION ADOPTION ISSUES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	60 min
SECTION III.	WHAT CONSTITUTES POST LEGALIZATION ADOPTION SERVICES?	60 min
SECTION IV.	THE LIFELONG JOURNEY: DEALING WITH ISSUES OF SEARCH AND REUNION	180 min

## **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

SECTION I.	NOBODY PAYS ME TO RAISE MY KIDS! Walk Around Exercise	
SECTION II.	DEFINITION OF A CHILD WITH “SPECIAL NEEDS”	
SECTION III.	OVERVIEW OF ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	
	A. Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Subsidy (AA)	
	B. Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses	
	C. State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy (SAMS)	
	D. State Special Services Subsidy	
	E. Post Adoption Special Service Subsidies (PASSS)	
SECTION IV.	PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE??	

## **PLACEMENT STRATEGIES**

SECTION I	RATIONALE FOR TRANSITION PLANNING
SECTION II	GOALS OF EFFECTIVE PLACEMENT: PREVENTING SEPARATION AND PLACEMENT TRAUMA
SECTION III	STRUCTURING PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

## **PRE-FINALIZATION ADOPTION SERVICES**

Section I.	Introductions, WIIFM	30 minutes
Section II.	Why Are Pre-Finalization Services Critical?	20 minutes
Section III.	Normal Stages of the Pre-Finalization Phase	80 minutes
Section IV.	Barriers to Adjustment	90 minutes
Section V.	When the Family Cannot Continue-- Working with Adoption Disruption	60 minutes
Section VI.	The Caseworker's Strategic Place in Pre-Finalization Services: Practical Applications	60 minutes
Section VII.	Conclusion and Evaluation	20 minutes