National Training and Development Curriculum
FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS

INFUSION OF NTDC INTO YOUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND/OR AGENCY

The National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC) is a new curriculum based on research, input from experts, families experienced with fostering or adopting children, and people who either have lived experience of foster care or adoption. This curriculum is a state-of-the-art, interactive classroom and online training intended for people who want to foster or adopt a child. The NTDC prepares people to be success-ful at fostering or adopting by providing them with the information and tools needed to parent a child who has experienced trauma, separation, or loss. Additionally, once parents have a child in their home, the NTDC helps parents continue to build skills by giving them access to training information and resources as their child ages and enters new developmental stages.

The NTDC will undergo a rigorous evaluation while it is piloted in seven child welfare systems (state or county) and one tribal nation. At the end of this evaluation (2022), the free, comprehensive, and thoroughly evaluated curriculum will be available to all states, counties, tribal nations, territories, and private child welfare agencies.

Although the curriculum won't be available until the evaluation is completed with the pilot sites, we want to start working with sites now who want to determine if the curriculum is a good fit, and to get their organization and systems ready for implementing the curriculum. Reach out to the NTDC (mlis@spaulding.org) to obtain in-depth information about this exciting curriculum and the ways in which the NTDC team can help your site with implementation.

LEARN MORE & PREPARE

Listed below are some steps that sites can take to learn more about the curriculum and prepare for the potential implementation of the NTDC.

Go to the NTDC website (https://ntdcportal.org/resources/) and watch the Orientation Power Point; review available samples of different components of the curriculum including a Facilitator Classroom Guide, podcast, and video: https://ntdcportal.org/curriculum/sample-components/

View Samples

View Orientation

Review the NTDC themes and aligning competencies (https://ntdcportal.org/curriculum/themes/), and compare these to your agency's requirements regarding content. NTDC is designed as a flexible curriculum that enables each site to arrange the order of the themes to meet the needs of their site.

View Themes

Review the NTDC best practice document in the Tools section (https://ntdcportal.org/resources/) and consider the ways in which the recommended delivery model could fit within your site.

View Resources

Hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss NTDC, inviting individuals and entities that would be impacted by the implementation of a new training and development program for parents who are interested in fostering or adopting. During the stakeholder meeting, each site can focus on their need, fit, resource availability, readiness for implementation and capacity to implement. NTDC team members are available to participate in these meetings.

Engage the site's information technology (IT) department to discuss how the curriculum can be incorporated into your learning management system. The curriculum utilizes REDCap survey software and Moodle, which is an open-source learning management system. The NTDC team can work with the site's IT team to ensure the curriculum is implemented correctly and is ready for use by prospective parents.

Once a site decides to implement the curriculum, the NTDC team will work with the site to complete the *Initial Design and Implementation Plan* (IDIP) tool (https://ntdcportal.org/resources/). This tool walks sites through a variety of questions to help with developing a comprehensive plan for implementing NTDC successfully within your system of care.

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