

# Adoption Learning Path

The adoption learning path refers to the preparation path we suggest for families interested in adopting through the State of Alaska. It consists of three classes Core Training, Building Families Through Adoption and Adopting Through OCS. These classes can be taken on-site in Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks. We have them available through web-based classes or by self-study workbook. We recommend that you start with the Core Training. Questions call our office at 1-866-478-7307.

## **Core Training for Resource Families WEB BASED VERSION**

**Core Training for Resource Families— Web version** is a thorough nine session web based class that will allow foster parents in Alaska to complete the Core Training Requirement. Courses start every two weeks and you have up to 10 weeks to complete the course (though most people complete it in less time).

Core Training is the initial training for all licensed foster parents in Alaska and recommended for adopted parents as well. The class provides information about the child protective system, effects of abuse and neglect, separation and loss, positive parenting and discipline and working with birth families, cultural considerations and transitions.

## **Building Families Through Adoption**

### **WEB VERSION 12 Hours**

#### **Building Families through Adoption .**

This course covers *Adoption Expectations, Birth Parents, Talking to Children about Adoption, Understanding Grief and Loss, Attachment and Trauma Informed Parenting, and Identity*. All pre-adoptive families are welcomed— this class is particularly helpful for families adopting from foster care.



## **Adopting through OCS**

### **WEB VERSION 3 Hours**

#### **Adopting through OCS**

Learn about the nuts and bolts of adopting from the State of Alaska. The course covers legally free vs. legal risk, guardianship, preparing youth for adoption, subsidies, OCS staff working in adoption, post-adoption supports and a whole lot more.

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To sign up for any of the classes email the following information to **CORE@nwresource.org**

First and Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address: (please give separate email for each person enrolling)

Phone Number:

Licensing Worker (if Applicable):

*Please Describe Your Interest in this class:*

In the process of adopting

Interested in adopting in the future

Completing Adoption Learning Path

Professional working in adoption

Working with Heart Gallery

Other? Tell us more here:

***Once you sign up you will get an e-mail with directions and log on information***

***(Please note that you can only be enrolled in one class at a time)***