

LOCATION:

School of Social Work
Rhode Island College
600 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908

Directions to Rhode Island College

From Route 95 Northbound

Take Exit 21 (Broadway exit); turn left at second traffic light (Atwells Avenue). Follow Atwells Avenue for 1.5 miles to the intersection with Mount Pleasant Avenue. Turn right onto Mount Pleasant Avenue. The College entrance is 1.1 miles ahead on the left.

From Route 95 Southbound

Take Exit 21 (Atwells Avenue exit). Turn right onto Atwells Avenue. Continue on Atwells Avenue for 1.5 miles to the intersection with Mount Pleasant Avenue. Turn right onto Mount Pleasant Avenue. The College entrance is 1.1 miles ahead on the left.

From Route 295 Northbound

Take Exit 6A to US Route 6 East. Follow US Route 6 East to the Killingly Street (RI Rte 128) exit. Turn left off exit and follow Killingly Street to end. Turn right onto Greenville Avenue and follow to first traffic light. Turn left at the traffic light, then bear right at the fork. Campus entrance is approximately 0.2 mile ahead on the right.

From Route 295 Southbound

Take Exit 7A to US Route 44 East. Follow US Route 44 East for 2.8 miles to the intersection with Fruit Hill Avenue. Bear right onto Fruit Hill Avenue. The College entrance is 1.0 mile ahead on the left.

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This Certificate Program offers comprehensive training and professional development in adoption and foster care. Core workshops will include the impact of trauma and neglect on child development, the management of behavioral challenges, and a strength-based approach to working with families. Elective workshops will offer guidelines for helping with school issues, race and identity, sibling relationships, and more. This Certificate Program has been created to meet the needs of professionals who work with children and families in the adoption and foster care community.

Certificates of completion will be offered after participation in each workshop. CEU's are also available. To receive a final Adoption and Foster Care Certificate, one must attend all six core and three of the elective workshops. Individual workshops may be taken by participants not enrolled in the Certificate Program. Participants interested in receiving the Final Certificate must complete an application form, which includes a \$25 processing fee.

Workshop sessions run from 8:45AM-4:00PM, with a one hour break for lunch. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch and network with others.

Professionals who have completed the Certificate Program will be identified on the following websites:
www.adoptionri.org
www.dcyf.state.ri.us



THE ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE

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**Advanced Training for
clinicians, other service
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MISSION

The mission of the Adoption and Foster Care Certification Program is to build the skills and knowledge of community-based clinicians, social service providers, educators and others working with people whose lives are touched by adoption or foster care. The Program promotes a resilience and strengths perspective that enhances and sustains functional family connections.

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CORE WORKSHOPS

Strength-Based Approaches Working with Children and Families Impacted by Adoption and Foster Care

- Overview of strength-based, family centered and culturally competent approaches to working with children and families
- Focus on promoting and assisting therapists in developing sensitive and competent treatment for foster and adopted children and their families
- Strategies to foster resiliency
- Use of film, role plays and discussion

Core Clinical Issues in Adoption and Foster Care

- Managing complex dynamics in the extended family.
- Predictable developmental crises in adoptive and foster families.
- Impact of grief and loss, multiple placements and impermanence on foster and adoptive children and their parents
- Assessment and intervention approaches for clinicians working with adoptive and foster families.

Trauma and Attachment

- Review of trauma and attachment theory
- Identify factors that promote and impede attachment
- The symptoms of impaired attachment
- Impact of impaired attachment on the adoptive and foster care family
- Building healthy family attachment
- Assessment, treatment and clinical strategies to working with adoptive and foster care families

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CORE WORKSHOPS

Managing Behavioral Challenges: Guidelines for Clinical Intervention

- Discipline as protection, supervision, and care
- Testing, limit-setting, rewards, consequences, and incentives
- Skill sets for adoptive and foster care parents
- Implications for therapeutic treatment and crisis intervention

Impact of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development: Clinical Strategies for Working with Children and Families

- Review of child and adolescent developmental issues
- Normative child development vs. interrupted child development due to childhood abuse neglect and trauma
- Brain research as it relates to trauma and child development
- Strategies to assist children in healing and foster healthy, safe relationships with adoptive and foster care families

Birth Families: Their Presence in Adoption and Foster Care

- How contact between birth, foster and adoptive parents affects all involved
- Predictable challenges in open adoptions
- Impact of secrecy in adoption and foster care
- Guidelines for successful open adoptions

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ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS may include:

Adoption, Race, and Identity

Supporting Sibling Relationships (Birth, Adoptive, Foster Care)

Gay and Lesbian Parenting in Adoption and Foster Care

Therapeutic Group Services in Adoption and Foster Care

We Are Family: Clinical Issues in Kinship Foster Care, and Adoption

Sexual Abuse, Trauma, and the Foster and Adopted Child

Please Note:

Registration forms available at RIC Continuing Education Program, the School of Social Work. Please specify that you are registering for a workshop in the Adoption and Foster Care Certification Program.

Registrants must submit full payment in advance of each workshop.

Social Work Continuing Education Units available.

Marriage and Family and Mental Health Counselor Continuing Education Units pending

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