The Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) was created with the extraordinary mission of strengthening the well-being of foster and adoptive families, promoting adoption awareness, enhancing adoption sensitivity, and developing the skills for professionals and families to empower children to thrive.

Overview

C.A.S.E., a private, non-profit mental health services organization, opened its doors in 1998 to provide pre- and post-adoption counseling and educational services to children and families in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C. C.A.S.E.’s core vision: Everyone touched by foster care and adoption has access to the adoption-competent support necessary to navigate their lifelong journey.

Programs

C.A.S.E.’s programs were developed to help children from foster care and adoptive backgrounds to receive the understanding and support that will empower them to grow into successful, productive adults. Specializing in adult education and training and with exceptionally strong mental health expertise, C.A.S.E. accomplishes its mission through counseling, community building, youth development, training and education for parents and professionals, and publications.

C.A.S.E. continually develops and offers a wide range of programs to meet the diverse needs of foster and adopted children and their families and the professionals working with them. C.A.S.E. is proud to launch the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI). This state of the art web-based training is intended to build the adoption competent mental health capacity of child welfare professionals and mental health practitioners. Stay tuned for 2017 release dates!

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**Key Accomplishments**

More than 5,600 individuals and families have benefited from our adoption competent mental health services. Through philanthropic support, 300 free registrations are offered each month for our Strengthening Your Family webinar series.

Over 30,000 W.I.S.E. Up! Powerbooks have been sold across the U.S. and have reached families and professionals in 17 countries worldwide. More than 700 mental health practitioners in 16 states across the country have been trained through our Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) certificate program.

“I am more aware of developmental trauma and needs of younger children. I feel more competent in working with emotions and attachments to bio parents and able to explain to adoptive parents what is going on with their child.”

— TAC Graduate

To learn more about C.A.S.E.’s core values, strategic partnerships, community programs, live and web-based trainings and more, please visit www.adoptionsupport.org.