

Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program (IAATP)
Trainee Survey

Instrument A: Pre-test

INFANT ADOPTION AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Participant Information

We are pleased that you have chosen to participate in the *Understanding Infant Adoption* training. As part of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training project, we are required to submit information documenting our efforts and their effect.

We would appreciate your response to a brief survey that will help us understand what knowledge you may already have about infant adoption, your reasons for taking the course, and your current role, if any, in adoption activities.

Completion of the form will take approximately 10 minutes and is voluntary. During the workshop you will also have an opportunity to evaluate the training and its effectiveness. As the final stage in our evaluation, we will follow up with you by email, asking you to complete a brief follow-up survey. All information you provide will help us to evaluate and improve the training, support services, and materials.

Your responses will be confidential throughout this process. This means that your name will not appear in any written reports, and your name will not be associated with any comments you choose to make about the program. Data will be presented only in aggregate form.

You may decline to participate without penalty. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the evaluation at any time without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Completion of the survey indicates you have read the above information and agree to participate in data collection for evaluation of the Understanding Infant Adoption Training program.

To be completed by evaluation staff: Registrant ID _____ Eligibility Code _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone: () - extension _____

Organization Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1. Which of the following best describes your workplace? (Check one)

- Non-Profit Hospital
- For-Profit Hospital
- Community Health Center
- Private Doctor Office
- Health Department
- Family Planning Clinic
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Court/Probation/Corrections
- Child Welfare Agency (public or private)
- School
- Faith-Based Organization/Church
- Mental Health/Behavioral Health
- Public Economic Services
- Teen and/or Family Support/Resource Center
- Student
- Adoption Agency
- Other (specify) _____

2. What is your primary role at work? (Check one)

- Administrator (non-clinical)
- Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner
- Social Worker/Case Manager/Counselor/Therapist
- Certified Nurse Midwife/Midwife/Doula
- Health Educator/Instructor
- Office Manager/Administrative Support
- Physician/MD/DO/Psychiatrist
- Nurse (RN/PHN/LPN/NA)
- Other (specify) _____

3. Which best describes the services you normally provide to women with unintended pregnancies?
(Mark all that apply)

- I give clients brochures, pamphlets or handouts
- I discuss community resources with clients
- I make referrals to community resources
- I provide options counseling
- I make assessments of individuals' needs
- I have not provided any of these services

4. How long have you provided these services to pregnant women?

_____ Years _____ Months N/A

5. Which of the following options does your agency usually present to women with unintended pregnancies? (Mark all that apply)

- Continuing the pregnancy to term and parenting the child
- Making an adoption plan
- Terminating the pregnancy
- Other (specify) _____
- Don't know

6. Approximately how many clients with unintended pregnancies have you personally encountered in the last month? _____ clients

7. On average, how much time do you spend per client providing options information or referral services? (If you do not provide these services, enter "N/A") _____ minutes

8. When talking to clients with an unintended pregnancy about their options:

a. How often do you engage in the following activities? (If you do not provide options counseling, mark "N/A.")

i. I use open-ended questions	<input type="checkbox"/> Often	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
ii. I help clients find their own answers	<input type="checkbox"/> Often	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
iii. I try to make the discussion interactive	<input type="checkbox"/> Often	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
iv. I let my values guide the discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Often	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

b. How likely are you to talk about adoption as an option with clients who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not likely
- Not likely at all
- N/A

c. How often do you engage/involve birth fathers in the discussions?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- N/A

d. Do you provide the following types of referrals, if requested? (Mark all that apply)

- Prenatal care and delivery
- Pregnancy termination
- Infant care
- Foster care
- Adoption
- I don't make referrals

e. Do you communicate or collaborate with licensed adoption agencies for clients who are interested in adoption?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

f. On average, how often do you refer interested clients to adoption agencies/resources for additional information?

- Never
- Once a month or less
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- Two to four times a week
- Daily
- N/A

g. Have you coached or trained other professionals on presentation of the adoption option?

- Yes
- No

9. How often do you engage in the following activities?

a. Discuss the client's reaction to the pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the various pregnancy options with clients	<input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
c. Assess the client's need for other supportive services	<input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
d. Discuss the possibility of including other family members in future discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
e. Explain the rights of birth mothers, birth fathers, and families according to applicable federal and state laws	<input type="checkbox"/> Often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

10. Mark each item “True” or “False”

a. Adoptive families receive non-identifying medical and social history on the birth parents, regardless of the type of adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
b. Providing non-directive, non-coercive options counseling includes allowing the client to refuse receiving information.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
c. Pregnant teens often overestimate the challenges of parenting.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
d. In a fully disclosed (“open”) adoption the names and addresses of birth parents and adoptive parents are known to both parties.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
e. A client should only be referred for adoption services when the counselor knows that the client has reached a final decision to pursue adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
f. Culturally responsive helping professionals are prepared to include extended family members in an options discussion if the client wants them included.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
g. Regardless of the client’s interest, all pregnancy options should be discussed.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
h. Adoptive parents are legally bound to allow birth parents’ continued contact with the child when an adoption is “open.”	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
i. It is important for staff who provide options counseling to agree with the client’s decision.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
j. Birth parents usually experience some degree of grief and loss, regardless of the type of adoption they choose.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
k. Pregnant teens may need less time than adults to be ready to discuss their options.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
l. A counselor should consider whether or not the client is exposed to domestic violence when discussing pregnancy options.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
m. Birth fathers have the right to be notified of the birth and the adoption plan before their parental rights are terminated and the adoption is finalized.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
n. To increase rapport, counseling staff should share their own opinion about adoption with the client during options counseling.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
o. Under Federal adoption laws, tribes can intervene in court cases regarding the adoption of Native American children.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
p. A birth mother who chooses adoption can change her mind at any time before the judge has made the final decree.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
q. Staff who discuss the adoption option with clients should know enough about adoption law to dispel some of the client’s misunderstandings about adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
r. Counselors should consider allowing pregnant teens to rehearse with them what they will say to a birth father or parent.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
s. Being a culturally responsive counselor includes taking a lead role in the decision making for clients from cultures that view helping professionals as authority figures.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
t. Staff should know the types of services a resource can provide when making a referral for a client.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
u. Whether a client can afford to pay adoption fees should be part of the pregnancy options decision.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
v. When working with pregnant teens who are minors, it is important to know whether your state allows minors to make an adoption plan without the consent of their parents or legal guardians.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False

w. "Semi-open" adoptions allow contact between birth parents and adoptive parents through an agency or attorney without the identity of the birth parents being revealed.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
x. Federal adoption laws ensure the rights of birth parents to specify the race, color, or national origin of the adoptive parents.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
y. A birth mother cannot make her legal decision about adoption until after the baby is born.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
z. Non-directive, non-coercive options counseling requires staff to be aware of their own values and beliefs.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False

11. How would you describe your overall opinion about adoption?

- Very favorable
- Somewhat favorable
- Neither favorable or unfavorable
- Somewhat unfavorable
- Very unfavorable

12. How familiar are you with the adoption process?

- Very familiar Somewhat familiar Not at all familiar

13. Select the response that best reflects your opinion.

I believe that adoption:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Is an option that should be presented when a woman is unsure of her decision regarding her pregnancy.					
b. Is an option that I should help the birth parents select if they are unable (e.g., because of age, financial, emotional, or intellectual status) to effectively parent their child.					
c. Is an equally viable option to the other options for an unintended pregnancy.					
d. Is more likely to be successful if the birth parent(s) and adoptive parents share all identifying information and have an <i>open adoption</i> .					
e. Is something that should be presented to diverse cultures (e.g., African-American, Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, Native American).					

14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. It is a good idea for pregnant teenagers to consider placing the child for adoption.					
b. Adoption is a risky option because it has undesirable emotional and social effects on the pregnant client.					
c. Placing a child for adoption is a kind of abandonment.					
d. Adoption is a solution to an unplanned pregnancy that works well for children who are adopted.					
e. Adoption is always an appropriate solution for an unplanned pregnancy.					
f. If a close female relative or friend of mine were considering adoption for an unplanned pregnancy, I would support her in this decision.					

15. Do you think children adopted as infants are more likely, equally likely, or less likely than other children to:

a. Have problems at school	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
b. Have behavior problems	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
c. Be well adjusted	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
d. Have problems with drugs and alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
e. Be happy	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
f. Have medical problems	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely
g. Be self-confident	<input type="checkbox"/> More likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Equally likely	<input type="checkbox"/> Less likely

16. How did you learn about the Infant Adoption Awareness training?

- Brochure
- Conference
- Contacted by training providers
- Supervisor
- Co-worker
- Mailing
- Poster
- Professional organization
- Website
- Fax
- Other (please specify): _____

17. Is this your first time attending the Infant Adoption Awareness training?

- First time attending training
- Refresher session
- Other (specify) _____

18. Please tell us about yourself:

Gender: Male Female

Hispanic or Latino Origin: Yes No

Race:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White
- Biracial or Multiracial
- Other

Age Range:

- 18 – 21 46 – 55
- 22 – 25 56 – 65
- 26 – 35 66 or older
- 36 – 45

Education (highest completed):

- High school or GED
- Some college or Associate degree
- Bachelors degree
- Masters degree
- Doctoral degree
- Medical certification/licensure (e.g., PA/CPM/CNA/LPN/RN)
- Professional degree (e.g., MD/DO/NP/APN)
- Other (specify) _____

Thank you for your participation in this survey.