



**Dear Adoption Professional:**

Spaulding for Children, in partnership with Harmony Family Center is pleased to announce their receipt of a federal grant from the Children's Bureau. The primary goal is to develop local trainers to provide adoption training for local hospital professionals. We are reaching out to you to determine if you or your agency would be interested in having one or more of your staff attend free training to become an Understanding Infant Adoption Trainer.

The Understanding Infant Adoption (UIA) training is a free professional development opportunity that is designed for hospital based health care and helping professionals serving pregnant women, teens & men in order to discuss adoption as an option with patients & clients who are not sure that they are able to parent the child. The Understanding Infant Adoption training will provide hospital staff information on the adoption resources that exist within their community, and help them provide a balanced, accurate picture of adoption as an option.

Why is adoption awareness in hospitals important?

- Adoption is an important option for men, women and teen parents to understand fully.
- Patients/clients expect hospital professionals to have the knowledge and resources to guide them through all their options.
- Hospital staff often serve as the first and only opportunity for expectant mothers and fathers to receive family planning information
- Being aware of adoption information and adoption agencies within their area is critical.

**To be eligible to become an Understanding Infant Adoption Trainer, you must:**

1. Successfully complete the train-the-trainer ( TTT) sessions
2. Have at least two years of experience as an adoption professional
3. Send your resume to Michelle Rigling at [micheller@harmonyfamilycenter.org](mailto:micheller@harmonyfamilycenter.org)
4. Complete the Train the Trainer pre-test prior to the first webinar session
5. Register for all three sessions (please see below)
6. Send an email to Michelle Rigling at [micheller@harmonyfamilycenter.org](mailto:micheller@harmonyfamilycenter.org) with the local hospitals you have relationships with or are interested in reaching out too.

Once you have successfully completed the TTT sessions, and have scheduled your first hospital event, Spaulding for Children will issue a contract to you or your agency for three hospital training events. More events may be scheduled depending upon funding availability. Harmony Family Center will help you coordinate UIA training sessions in your local area. The agency or the trainer will be reimbursed for each 4.5 hour training delivered at a rate of \$750 per hospital training event. This training provides a valuable opportunity for you and your agency to increase hospital staff's awareness about adoption as an option, as well as awareness about the adoption work you do in your area.

**If you previously taught an earlier version of UIA THROUGH IAATP, SPAULDING, LSS, HARMONY OR NCFA, a yellow highlighted section is for you.** This is essentially a refresher course updating the changes to the curriculum and registration process.

Please see the training opportunities through February. **The sign up for links are located on the next pages.**

## December Series TTT Early for New Trainers

Monday December 3, 10 and 17 from 2-5PM EST

Here is the link for the TTT pre-test: <http://Pres.IATI-Train-the-Trainer-PRE-TEST.sgizmo.com/s3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-new-trainers-train-the-trainer-early-december-series-day-1-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-new-trainers-train-the-trainer-early-december-day-2-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-new-trainers-train-the-trainer-early-december-day-3-of-3/>

## December Series TTT Evening Training for New Trainers

Monday December 3, 10 and 17 from 5:30PM – 8:30PM EST

Here is the link for the TTT pre-test: <http://Pres.IATI-Train-the-Trainer-PRE-TEST.sgizmo.com/s3/>

December 3rd: <https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-december-series-day-1-of-3/>

December 10th: <https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-evening-december-series-day-2-of-3/>

December 17th: <https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-evening-december-series-day-3-of-3/>

## January Series TTT for New Trainers

Monday January 8, 15 and 22 from 2-5PM EST

Here is the link for the TTT pre-test: <http://Pres.IATI-Train-the-Trainer-PRE-TEST.sgizmo.com/s3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-mid-january-series-day-1-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-mid-january-series-day-2-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-mid-january-series-day-3-of-3/>

## January Date for EXPERIENCED UIA Trainers (only for those who taught previous versions)

Tuesday January 15 10-NOON EST

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-experienced-prior-trainer-january-15th/>

## February Series TTT for New Trainers

Monday February 5, 12 and 19 from 2-5PM EST

Here is the link for the TTT pre-test: <http://Pres.IATI-Train-the-Trainer-PRE-TEST.sgizmo.com/s3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-february-series-day-1-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-february-series-day-2-of-3/>

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-new-trainer-train-the-trainer-february-series-day-3-of-3/>

**February Date for EXPERIENCED UIA Trainers (only for those who taught previous versions)**

**Tuesday February 12 10-NOON EST**

<https://register4iatitraining.org/events/for-the-experienced-prior-trainer-february-12th/>

If you have any questions, and for more information, please email Jeff Roley at [jroley@spaulding.org](mailto:jroley@spaulding.org) for more information.