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Curriculum Launch

The ASCC Curriculum has officially launched! You can now access our 6.5-hour training through our [Training Portal](#), and earn FREE CMEs or Social Work CE's when you complete the course.

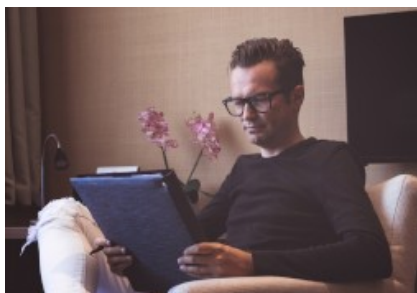
What to know about the curriculum:

- The ASCC Curriculum is called **Understanding Infant Adoption, or UIA**. While UIA has been around for many years, the newest version (UIA 7) has been freshly updated with current research, modern examples, and the newest resources.
- Until now, UIA has only been available for live, in-person training. The ASCC project team has worked diligently to create an interactive, engaging, asynchronous training that can be taken online in order to better meet the needs of busy hospital-based staff and social workers.

What You Can Do Now

1. **Take the training:** Create your free account at <https://training.hbasct.org/> and get started earning free CMEs or Social Work CE's.
 2. **Share the news:** Forward this newsletter to your network, or send it to a friend or colleague that you think would benefit from the ASCC training.
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Upcoming Events



[Additional Training Lengths: Coming Soon](#)

In addition to the 6.5-hour version currently available, ASCC will also offer shorter versions of the core curriculum for those who would prefer to take a 4.5-hour, 2.5-hour, or 1.5-hour version of the Adoption-Sensitive Clinical Care training. Learn more on our [Curriculum Overview page](#).



[Train-the-Trainer Opportunities](#)

The ASCC project team will be offering Train-the-Trainer opportunities for the UIA 7 curriculum over the coming months. If you or someone you know would like to become a UIA 7 trainer to help bring this important curriculum to your local hospital system, [visit our Train-the-Trainer page](#) to learn more.

Birth Parent Corner



[Birth Parent Experiences](#)

A 2023 report from NCFA, BraveLove, and the Opt Institute surveyed more than 1,000 birth parents to learn about their experiences. According to the report, two of the top predictors of satisfaction with their decision to place their child for adoption were **receiving accurate information** and **non-coercive decision-making**.

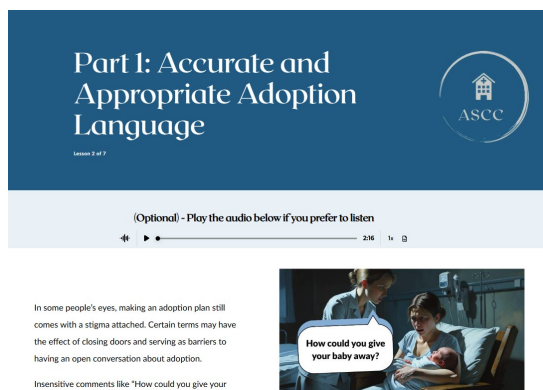
See what else respondents had to say about their experiences and what it means for hospital-based staff.

[Read More](#)

Curriculum Spotlight

[Accurate and Appropriate Adoption Language](#)

One of the top pieces of feedback we heard from medical professionals was that they were unsure how to talk about adoption. As part of the Module 3 focus on presenting adoption as an option and making referrals, participants will be asked to consider outdated, harmful, and inappropriate adoption language and learn terms and phrases to use instead.



Part 1: Accurate and Appropriate Adoption Language
Lesson 1 of 2

(Optional) - Play the audio below if you prefer to listen

In some people's eyes, making an adoption plan still comes with a stigma attached. Certain terms may have the effect of closing doors and serving as barriers to having an open conversation about adoption.

Insensitive comments like "How could you give your

How could you give your baby away?

"...my hope is that anybody working in the hospital setting understands that they are going to make an impact, whether they're in the accounting department, whether they are bringing the food into the [birth mom's] room or whether they're pushing her out in a wheelchair or maybe they're the one delivering the baby. Everybody plays a role in how [a birth mother] will perceive her time in the hospital."

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Janelle Basham, Executive Director, *BraveLove*

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