Community Advisory Council

Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) Project at UWM

What is the Community Advisory Council?

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) was created to serve as a strong link between the Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) project at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and organizations and practitioners serving birth and adoptive families in the greater Milwaukee area. The purpose of the Council is to guide the development of substantive adoption service needs, TAC training and recruitment strategies, and opportunities to leverage public and private dollars in order to sustain the TAC project past the initial funding period.

Who will be a part of this Council?

The CAC will be comprised of UWM TAC project personnel, agency administrators, supervisors, independent practitioners, and child welfare professionals involved in providing the full range of adoption services and ongoing mental health and social services to families. Council members are invited from agencies with specific adoption programs within a larger service array, agencies devoted primarily to adoption services, mental health agencies, and child welfare agencies placing children for adoption.

What are the time commitments and tasks?

Members of the CAC will: 1) meet three times a year 2) engage with colleagues in adoption, mental health and child welfare organizations around recruitment of potential TAC trainees, 3) assess trainee qualifications, 4) leverage connections in order to build a community of TAC trained professionals, and 5) assess unmet needs in the community of adoption services providers. In addition to scheduled meetings, CAC members will spend time recruiting and meeting with potential trainees and adoption community members within their own organizations and the greater community.

Why create a Council?

The goal of the CAC is to create a membership representative of organizations that are interested in improving and advocating for increased competency in providing services to birth families, adoptive parents, adopted children and adult adoptees.