National Quality Improvement Center

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Adoption & Guardianship Support and Preservation

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- Overview of the QIC-AG
- Introduction to Tuning in to Teens (TINT)
- Where TINT is Offered through QIC-AG
- Eligibility Criteria
- Review of Research Elements
- Questions and Answers
QIC-AG will develop evidence-based models of support and intervention that can be replicated or adapted by other child welfare systems across the country to achieve long-term, stable permanency in adoptive and guardianship homes for waiting children as well as for children and families after adoption or guardianship has been finalized.
QIC-AG LEADERSHIP TEAM

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NEW JERSEY

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CATAWBA COUNTY
  North Carolina

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TENNESSEE
INTRODUCTION TO TUNING IN TO TEENS (TINT)
INTRODUCTION TO TINT

- Tuning in to Teens (TINT)
- TINT is a 7 session emotional coaching program
- Teaches parents how to respond to their youth’s emotions in ways that increase communication and connection.
- Parents are taught strategies for understanding and managing their own emotions while being educated about adolescent emotional development.

TINTS PHILOSOPHY

Increased:
Communication
Connection
Emotional Awareness

Leads to:
Decreased behavior problems
Improved Relationships
Less Conflict
WHERE TINT IS OFFERED THROUGH THE QIC-AG
WHERE IS TINT BEING OFFERED?

- Statewide
- Mid-week
- Evenings
- In Community Locations

**October 2017**  
Paterson  
Englewood  
Oakland  
Parsippany  
Vineland

**March 2018**  
Elizabeth  
Plainfield  
New Brunswick  
Hazlet, Monmouth  
Egg Harbor Twp.

**May 2018**  
Ocean  
Camden  
Mercer  
Burlington

**July 2018**  
Essex  
Hudson
WHAT WILL TINT LOOK LIKE

• Small group sizes (no more than 12 parents)
• Comfortable, warm and accepting environment
• Other adoptive and kinship parents
• Experienced, trained group leaders
• Free, interactive and fun
• Learning, sharing and discussion over 7 sessions
• A Meal, Mileage, and Childcare Compensation
• The chance to be part of something ground breaking
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Adoptive parent with an adoptive child between the ages of 10-13
- Child must currently be living in the home
- NJ Public Child Welfare families are selected for eligibility and contacted directly
HOW TO ENROLL FAMILIES

- To be added to a listserv for updated invitations including site locations and dates, contact Site Implementation Manager, John Webb, 973-459-9140 or john.webb@dcf.state.nj.us

- Families can register to enroll directly with Arleen Jacoby, Project Coordinator, by calling 609-888-7463 or email arleen.jacoby2@dcf.state.nj.us
RECRUITMENT SO FAR

- Attended adoption conferences
- Developing electronic address lists (for invite distribution)
- Presentations with private agency staff
- Connecting with local adoption associations
RESEARCH ELEMENTS
WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE

Short Term Outcomes

• Decreased child behavioral issues
• Increased caregiver commitment
• Improved parent or guardian and child relationships
• Improved family interactions or belongingness

Long Term Outcomes

• Increased post-permanency stability
• Improved child and family well-being
• Improved behavioral health for children and youth

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RESEARCH ELEMENTS

- Families must consent to participate in the study
- Families will be asked to complete pre and post surveys.
- Families will also be asked to complete a satisfaction survey at the conclusion of TINT
- Families will be asked to do a 30 minute phone interview
Over 60 families have attended TINT workshops

Families have attended TINT from 9 different counties in New Jersey

Feedback from families has been extremely positive
QUESTIONS

Additional Information on the QIC-AG can be found at:

www.qic-ag.org