

AUGUST 9, 2011

IFAPA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING GREAT CLASSES!

★ CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH HIV ★

(3 hrs credit) - This training will enable foster/adoptive parents to respond sensitively, compassionately and competently to HIV-affected children and their families. Participants will learn how to engage in infection-control precautions; respond appropriately to concerns about HIV transmission; provide care and support during each stage of the "roller coaster" of HIV disease; manage the challenges of confidentiality surrounding HIV disease; and join as a part of a care giving team that responds to cultural differences, social burdens, daily problems, grief and loss issues, and the needs of caregivers. Participants will also receive a brief overview of the Iowa DHS HIV Protocols on confidentiality, testing & placement of HIV-infected children.

Trainer: Nancy Magnall

Fort Dodge - Sat., Sept. 10 (9am-12:15pm) - Iowa Central Community College
Dubuque - Sat., Oct. 8 (9am-12:15pm) - Keystone AEA

★ SPECIAL EDUCATION BASICS ★

(3 hrs credit) - If you have a child who is failing classes, having a hard time concentrating in school, having trouble with reading, writing, or math, they may be eligible for extra help in school. Special Education Basics will help you learn about the legal protections provided by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. You will learn the basics of identification, evaluation, and eligibility for special education services, IEP meetings and plans, provision of services, measurement of progress, and re-evaluation. Participants will receive resources to help them learn more about special education and advocating for their child. **Trainer: Nancy Magnall**

Fort Dodge - Sat., Sept. 10 (1:30pm-4:45pm) - Iowa Central Community College
Dubuque - Sat., Oct. 8 (1:30pm-4:45pm) - Keystone AEA

BEYOND CONSEQUENCES: A LOVE BASED APPROACH TO HELPING CHILDREN WITH SEVERE BEHAVIORS ★

(6 hrs credit) - This training gives the understanding to truly provide emotional safety for children with trauma histories. By revealing the connection between the body/mind system as it relates to trauma and stress, it challenges all of us to embrace a paradigm shift as reflected in the works of Drs. Bruce Perry and Bryan Post. It reveals our own fears, invites us to step into our child's internal world, and demonstrates how to respond to them with love. **Trainer: Kim Combes, LBSW, M. Ed.**

Spencer - Sat., Sept. 10 (9am-4:30pm) - Iowa Lakes Community College
Waterloo - Sat., Oct. 8 (9am-4:30pm) - Hawkeye Community College
Muscatine - Sat., Oct. 22 (9am-4:30pm) - Clarion Hotel

TO REGISTER: Call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or register through our website: www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp.

View All Fall Trainings: http://www.ifapa.org/training/ifapa_training_schedule.asp

♥ CPR & FIRST AID ♥

(4 hrs credit) - IFAPA's CPR and First Aid class is designed to give you the confidence to respond in an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. Our classes are presented by CPR/First Aid certified trainers and have been approved by DHS for foster parents. All foster parents must be certified in CPR & First Aid within their first year of licensure and every three years thereafter.

Dubuque - Sat., Sept. 10 (12pm-4:15pm)

Ankeny - Sat., Sept. 10
 (choose 8am-12:15pm or 1:15pm-5:30pm)

Cedar Rapids - Sat., Sept. 24 (12pm-4:15pm)

Mason City - Sat., Sept. 24 (12pm-4:15pm)

Atlantic - Sat., Oct. 1 (12pm-4:15pm)

Cedar Falls - Sat., Oct. 15
 (choose 8am-12:15pm or 1:15pm-5:30pm)

Ames - Sat., Nov. 5
 (choose 8am-12:15pm or 1:15pm-5:30pm)

Davenport - Sat., Nov. 5 (12pm-4:15pm)

Sioux City - Sat., Nov. 12
 (choose 8am-12:15pm or 1:15pm-5:30pm)

Registrations for CPR & First Aid will only be accepted via mail. Send payment and registration form to IFAPA:
www.ifapa.org/training/documents/CPRFirstAidRegForm.pdf

Training Requirement for Foster Parents

Foster parents must complete all of their training requirements prior to the date listed below. Some classes do fill up, so please register early.

If you were licensed in the following month:	All of your training classes must be completed by the following date:
November 2010	August 31, 2011
December 2010	September 30, 2011
January 2011	October 31, 2011
February 2011	November 30, 2011
March 2011	December 31, 2011

Waiting Child Spotlight



Mariah

Mariah is a friendly fifteen year old girl who wants to be part of a family. She enjoys cooking, crafts, track, and softball. She is fairly quiet, but is a bit of a jokester and makes friends easily. She needs a little help with emotional issues and making decisions, but is doing well at school with her IEP.

A future adoptive family should have time for Mariah and be able to do one-on-one activities with her. She would like to be the only child in her new family, but wants to stay in contact with several biological family members. Mariah would enjoy participating in family gatherings, making crafts, and cooking with her adoptive family. She also loves animals, so a family with pets would be a bonus.

Will you be the family for whom Mariah has been hoping? For more info, contact Iowa KidsNet at 800-243-0756 or visit www.iowakidsnet.com.

We Need Your Feedback!

Did you utilize any of IFAPA's services in April, May or June 2011? If yes, we want to hear from you. Every three months, IFAPA puts out a new quarterly satisfaction survey. In each survey, IFAPA is requesting your feedback on any trainings, support, publications, etc. that you received from IFAPA during the previous three month quarter (April, May & June 2011). We want to hear about services you have utilized and areas that you feel are in need of improvement. Survey closes Aug. 12th.

Please Note: This survey is anonymous, so if you are commenting about a specific staff person/worker, please be sure to include their name or when referring to your area of your state please include your town or county.

To complete this survey, click on the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Jun2011IFAPA>

Are You Parenting a Teenager? Have You Heard about AMP?

AMP is the new name for the Iowa Foster Care Youth Council, formerly known as Elevate. As of July 1, 2011, each "Elevate Chapter" name has been changed to "AMP Youth Council." Each AMP Youth Council has been designed to maintain the "look and feel" of Elevate by giving members a sense of belonging and ownership. Instead of one agency (Children & Families of Iowa) facilitating all ten chapters, the program's structure will be a partnership of agencies across Iowa. The Partnership is made up of Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) as lead agency, five child welfare agency subcontractors, the University of Iowa, and two youth development consulting agencies. Through this partnership of agencies, they hope to reach more foster, adoptive or kinship youth and better facilitate local pride and ownership within the ten existing AMP Councils. Because the partner agencies already work with youth in foster families, shelters, group homes, and PAL/Aftercare, this approach is seen as a great advantage to attracting more youth to AMP council meetings and activities. AMP believes more youth will be trained and empowered to become advocates for themselves and for others. They believe that this collaboration promises to become an enriching youth development partnership for all our agencies.

The Partnership of Iowa Foster Care Youth Councils includes: Children's Square USA (Cherokee, Council Bluffs, and Sioux City Councils), Family Resources (Davenport Council), Foundation 2 (Cedar Rapids Council), Four Oaks (Waterloo Council), Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa (Fort Dodge Council), as well as YSS itself (Ames Council) and its branch in Des Moines known as Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (Des Moines Council). The Dubuque Council will be provided by the Community Circle of Care, a program of the University of Iowa.

In addition, the Partnership will include two consulting agencies including both the Youth Policy Institute of Iowa and Community Youth Concepts. YSS intends to network and open up the Partnership to other stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, Iowa KidsNet, the Iowa Aftercare Services Network, and group homes/PMICS and shelters.

AMP is for youth ages 13 and up who are currently in foster care, adopted from foster care, alumni youth, kinship or teens in out-of-home placement. They meet twice a month and learn skills needed to transition into successful young adults! Your teen will learn about Aftercare services, education scholarships, career choices, cooking, seeking employment, cyber bullying, how to change a tire and much, much more! The Partnership is committed to seeking other local and statewide sources of support to not only enhance the local chapters but to also expand the number of councils. The Partnership already has interest from three potential child welfare subcontractors in Burlington, Ottumwa, and Iowa City. It is anticipated that many more youth will be connected electronically to AMP, especially in those areas of the state not covered by the current ten local chapters. Visit their temporary website at: www.ampiowa.org then check back at the same address this fall to see a new website!

Encourage your teen to be a part of Iowa's youth voice that is changing the future of child welfare. Whether their talent is public speaking, art, poetry or telling their story, AMP would love to meet them!