November 2015 November 2015 FROM YOUR PEER LIAISON



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I UNDERSTAND... I AM A FOSTER PARENT TOO

IFAPA recognizes that foster parents often need the perspective of peers during the foster parenting and adoption experience.

I can provide support and assist you with questions regarding:

- Licensing requirements
- Training needs
- Respite care
- Behavior challenges
- Working with birth families
- Confidentiality issues
- And much more!



November is National Adoption Awareness Month!

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. A coalition of national partners – Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption,

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, The Alliance for Children's Rights and Children's Action Network – sponsor National Adoption Day.

http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/

This year National Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 21 (or an alternate date in some locations). On this day, a number of courts and communities in the United States will come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children from foster care. More than 300 events are held each year in all 50 US states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care. In total, more than 40,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day.

Events in Iowa

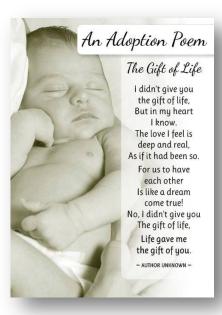
Join Iowa KidsNet, DHS, and IFAPA for a National Adoption Month proclamation signing on November 5 at 2:00 pm at the Iowa Capitol!

Governor Branstad will sign a formal proclamation declaring November as National Adoption Month in the state of Iowa.

The Des Moines Model Court will be celebrating its 16th Annual Adoption Saturday on November 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk County Courthouse in downtown Des Moines. Judges and court personnel, DHS, Iowa KidsNet, and other community partners will be donating their time to make over two dozen foster kids part of a forever family.

See page two for adoption month events in this area.





NEWS FROM YOUR IFAPA PEER LIAISON

Support Group Happenings

Mason City and Surrounding Areas

- *Sat. Nov. 7 (9 am-4:30 pm) What are You Trying to Tell Me (6 hrs) Mason City NIACC
- *Sat, Nov. 7 (9am-12:15 pm) Mand. Child Abuse Reporter Training (3hrs) Waterloo
- *Sat. Nov. 7(1:30-5:30 pm) CPR & First Aid (4 hrs) Waterloo Register at www.ifapa.org or call 800-277-8145

Fort Dodge and Webster City Areas

- *Sat. Nov. 14 (9 am-12:15 pm) Is Mental Health Puzzling You? (3 hrs) Ft. Dodge
- *Sat. Nov. 14 (1:30-4:45 pm) Doctors Speak a Foreign Language? (3hrs) Ft. Dodge

Register at www.ifapa.org or call 800-277-8145

Renew Support Group, Cornerstone Church-Ames

- * Thurs. Nov. 19 (6-8pm) "The Impact Of Fear" (2 hrs credit)
- *Register: https://cornerstonelife.ccbchurch.com/form_respons e.php?id=907

Allison Area Foster Parent Support Group

- *Waverly Vineyard Church, 319 W. Bremer
- *Tues. Nov. 3 (6-7pm) "Healthy Relationships in Families" Presenter: Monarch Therapy Staff (1 hr credit)
- *Support to follow (7-8 pm) RSVP by Nov. 1 if child care needed.
- *Contact Nancy Magnall for more information at 319-352-3600

Marshall County Support Group
Bi-monthly lunch support meeting
11:30-1:00 at Applebee's in Marshalltown
For dates and details:

* Contact Mindy Speake at 515-291-1292.

FALL TIDBITS

Adoption Day Celebrations

- *November 20, 2015, 8-12 am Mason City Courthouse
- *November 14, 2015, begins 8 am Webster City Courthouse
- *November 13, 2015, 1-4:30 pm Waterloo Courthouse

No December Trainings
Just a reminder to plan ahead for
your training hours. IFAPA will
not be holding trainings for the
month of December. Watch for
information about upcoming
January trainings.

Fall Craft



All you need is paint and a paint brush!

