## Meet Your IFAPA Peer Liaison

## Christie McGuire



I provide peer support to families living in the following counties:

Boone, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Floyd, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Mitchell, Story, Winnebago, Worth & Wright

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Hello! My name is Christie McGuire and I am your Peer Liaison with the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (IFAPA). My husband Mike and I live in Ventura in north central Iowa. We are blessed to have 8 children and 3 grandchildren so far, and have been foster/adoptive parents for about 25 years.

As a Peer Liaison with IFAPA, I have really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the families in my area. I am passionate about good teamwork with DHS, lowa KidsNet and private agencies as we work towards "best practices" for families and children.

As a foster/adoptive parent and Peer Liaison, I have been actively involved in promoting positive working relationships between foster/adoptive parents and birth families. It's long been my belief that the best way to help a child is to maintain positive connections between them and their birth family.

As your Peer Liaison, I am available to provide you with confidential support and a "listening ear", help locate resources and trainings, and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to supporting you as you continue your journey as a foster/adoptive or kinship parent. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,
Christie McGuire
IFAPA Peer Liaison

FACT: IFAPA's Peer Liaisons and Resource Information Specialists provide support to an average of 2,000 foster, adoptive and kinship parents each month.