



training dates below.

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## IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!

#### (TRAINING SERIES - 28 MODULES)

Parenting children with challenging behaviors requires practice and Patience. Learning new skills to parent children with challenging behaviors in a trauma informed way also requires practice and patience. Using a facilitated discussion format, courses in the *It's Not About You* series provide participants the opportunity to focus on a learning trauma informed parenting skills and strategies from an experienced facilitator as well as their peers. Each *It's Not About* You course addresses a different topic, consider attending them all! *Each training module course is approved for 2 hours of foster parent training credit* 

### **NEW LOCATIONS O NEW TIMES**

# HELD ON A WEEK NIGHT IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Essex
- Fort Dodge
- Grinnell
- Griswold
- Maguoketa
- Mt. Pleasant
- Osceola
- Ottumwa

Oelwein

- Sheldon
- Spencer

WATCH FOR MORE DATES AND ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS IN 2016!

### **NORTHERN SERVICE AREA TRAININGS**

VISIT THE IFAPA WEBSITE TO FIND TRAINING LOCATION DETAILS

| Date & Time                           | Name of Training & Credit Hours   | Location     |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)  | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Aug. 28) 4 hours                         | Mason City   |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*   | Alakazam! Does It Take Magic to Create a Healthy Attachment with Children? 3 hours  | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)* | Get the Real Hook Up: Teens and Technology 3 hours                                  | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*    | Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Its Impact on Children in Care 6 hours           | Fort Dodge   |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*   | Time Management: Finding Balance with Work, Home and You 3 hours                    | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)  | Friends 101: Teaching Your Kids How to Engage in Positive Relationships 3 hours     | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*   | Decoding the Mystery of ADHD 3 hours  | Marshalltown |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)* | Worrywarts and How You Can Help Them: Anxiety in Children and Teens 3 hours         | Marshalltown |
| Mon., Oct. 12, 2015 (6pm-8pm)         | It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase 2 hours                                      | Oelwein      |
| Tues., Oct. 13, 2015 (6pm-8pm)        | It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase 2 hours                                      | Fort Dodge   |
| Fri., Oct. 16, 2015 (9am-4:15pm)*     | IFAPA FALL CONFERENCE Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 2 6 hours               | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Oct. 17, 2015 (9am-4:15pm)*     | IFAPA FALL CONFERENCE Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 2 6 hours               | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*      | What Are You Trying to Tell Me? Responding to Troubling Behaviors 6 hours           | Mason City   |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)      | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours                                     | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)    | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Oct. 23) 4 hours                         | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)     | Is Mental Health Puzzling You? 3 hours  | Fort Dodge   |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)   | Doctors Speak a Foreign Language 3 hours  | Fort Dodge   |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)     | Everything You Wanted to Know About Foster Parenting But Were Afraid to Ask 3 hours | Waterloo     |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*  | When Old Parenting Strategies Don't Work! Help Us Please! 3 hours                   | Waterloo     |



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| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*   | Hope for Healing: Trust Based Relational Intervention 3 hours                                | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)      | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours  | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)    | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Aug. 28) 4 hours                                  | Sioux City     |
| <b>Thurs., Sept. 17, 2015</b> (6pm-8pm) | <u>It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase</u> 2 hours  | Sheldon        |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)    | When Old Parenting Strategies Don't Work! Help Us Please! 3 hours                            | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*      | Utilizing the NURTURED HEART APPROACH in Helping Children with Challenging Behaviors 6 hours | Sioux City     |
| Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)  | It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase 2 hours   | Essex          |
| Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015 (6pm-8pm)        | It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase 2 hours   | Spencer        |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)       | Working with Birth Families 6 hours  | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*     | How to Organize Time and Paperwork While Raising Kids with Special Needs 3 hours             | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*   | A Guide to Childhood Trauma in Kids with Special Needs 3 hours                               | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*        | Through the Looking Glass: Life through the Filter of Personality Disorders 6 hours          | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Oct. 10, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)       | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours  | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Oct. 10, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)     | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Sept. 25) 4 hours                                 | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Oct. 10, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*      | How to Talk So Everyone Will Listen 3 hours  | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Oct. 10, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*    | Working Through Anger 3 hours  | Sioux City     |
| Thurs., Oct. 15, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)   | It's Not About You: Re-Packing the Suitcase 2 hours  | Sheldon        |
| Thurs., Oct. 22, 2015 (6pm-8pm)         | It's Not About You: Lying 2 hours  | Spencer        |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*      | I Won't Do It & You Can't Make Me! ODD in Kids and Teens 3 hours                             | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*    | Psychotherapy 101: What Therapy Is & What to Know to Help Your Child 3 hours                 | Sioux City     |
| Thurs., Nov. 5, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)    | It's Not About You: Fear and the Cognitive Triangle 2 hours                                  | Griswold       |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*        | Helping Children Heal from the Double Trauma of Sexual Abuse & Placement 6 hours             | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*       | How to Talk So Everyone Will Listen 3 hours  | Denison        |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*     | Working through Anger 3 hours  | Denison        |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)        | Everything You Wanted to Know About Foster Parenting But Were Afraid to Ask 3 hours          | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*     | Hope for Healing: Trust Based Relational Intervention 3 hours                                | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)       | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours  | Sioux City     |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)     | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Oct. 30) 4 hours                                  | Sioux City     |
| Thurs., Nov. 19, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)   | It's Not About You: Re-Packing the Suitcase 2 hours  | Essex          |
| Thurs., Nov. 19, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)   | It's Not About You: Managing Anger 2 hours   | Sheldon        |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*      | Decoding the Mystery of ADHD 3 hours   | Council Bluffs |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*    | Worrywarts: Anxiety Disorders in Children & Teens 3 hours                                    | Council Bluffs |
| Tues., Nov. 24, 2015 (6pm-8pm)          | It's Not About You: Discipline Verses Consequence 2 hours                                    | Spencer        |

## **DES MOINES SERVICE AREA TRAININGS**

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| Date & Time                                 | Name of Training & Credit Hours  | Location |
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| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*         | GrrrI am Just So Mad: Helping Young Children Deal with Their Anger 3 hours           | Ames     |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)        | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Aug. 28) 4 hours                          | Ames     |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19, 2015</b> (9am-12:15pm)*  | Building Relationships Through Play 3 hours  | Ankeny   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm) | But What Does Therapy Do? Demystifying the Therapy Process 3 hours                   | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*          | Get Me Off This Roller Coaster: Coping Skills for Emotional Intensity Issues 6 hours | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)            | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours                                      | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)          | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Sept. 18) 4 hours                         | Ankeny   |



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| Thurs., Oct. 8, 2015 (6pm-8pm)      | It's Not About You - Invisible Suitcase 2 hours  | Osceola  |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*   | Utilizing the NURTURED HEART APPROACH in Helping Children with Challenging Behaviors 6 hours | Ames     |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*   | Facilitating Attachment in Foster and Adopted Children 3 hours                               | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)* | The Good Enough Parent: Promoting Mental Health in Young Children 3 hours                    | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*   | Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Its Impact on Children in Care 6 hours                    | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)   | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours  | Ankeny   |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm) | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Nov. 6) 4 hours                                   | Ankeny   |

## CEDAR RAPIDS SERVICE AREA TRAININGS VISIT THE IFAPA WEBSITE TO FIND TRAINING LOCATION DETAILS

| Date & Time                                 | Name of Training & Credit Hours  | Location     |
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| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*          | What Are You Trying to Tell Me? Responding to Troubling Behaviors 6 hours          | Cedar Rapids |
| Tues., Sept. 15, 2015 (6pm-8pm)             | It's Not About You: Back to School 2 hours   | Ottumwa      |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26, 2015</b> (9am-12:15pm)   | How to Talk So Everyone Will Listen 3 hours  | Cedar Rapids |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm) | Working Through Anger 3 hours  | Cedar Rapids |
| Tues., Sept. 29, 2015 (6pm-8pm)             | It's Not About You: Loss and Abandonment 2 hours                                   | Grinnell     |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*            | Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Its Impact on Children in Care 6 hours          | Cedar Rapids |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)           | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours                                    | Cedar Rapids |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (1:15pm-5:30pm)         | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Oct. 9) 4 hours                         | Cedar Rapids |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 7, 2015</b> (9am-12:15pm)*    | Attachment - What Does It Mean? 3 hours  | Cedar Rapids |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 7, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm)*  | Alakazam! Does It Take Magic to Create a Healthy Attachment with Children? 3 hours | Cedar Rapids |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 7, 2015</b> (9am-12:15pm)*    | I Won't Do It & You Can't Make Me! ODD in Kids and Teens 3 hours                   | Ottumwa      |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 7, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm)*  | Psychotherapy 101: What Therapy Is & What to Know to Help Your Child 3 hours       | Ottumwa      |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*          | Friends 101: Teaching Your Kids How to Engage in Positive Relationships 3 hours    | Cedar Rapids |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*        | Making Time for Yourself: It Is Not SelfishIt's Survival 3 hours                   | Cedar Rapids |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*          | Generations Next 2.0: Media and Technology 3 hours                                 | Cedar Rapids |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*        | Generations Next 2.0: Through the Looking Glass - Drugs and Alcohol 3 hours        | Cedar Rapids |

### **EASTERN SERVICE AREA TRAININGS**

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| Date & Time                                 | Name of Training & Credit Hours  | Location     |
| Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*          | Utilizing the NURTURED HEART APPROACH in Helping Children with Challenging Behaviors 6 hours | Davenport    |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm) | Bullying - What's a Parent to Do? 3 hours  | Mt. Pleasant |
| Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 (8am-12:15pm)          | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Sept. 4) 4 hours                                  | Davenport    |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19, 2015</b> (1:30pm-4:45pm) | Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training 3 hours  | Davenport    |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*           | Attachment: What Does It Mean? 3 hours   | Clinton      |
| Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*         | Alakazam! Does It Take Magic to Create a Healthy Attachment with Children? 3 hours           | Clinton      |
| Tues., Oct. 6, 2015 (6pm-8pm)               | It's Not About You: Invisible Suitcase 2 hours   | Maquoketa    |
| Tues., Oct. 20, 2015 (6pm-8pm)              | It's Not About You: Attitudes and Success in School 2 hours                                  | Mt. Pleasant |
| Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*           | <u>Dangerous Playgrounds: Drug Awareness and Trends</u> 6 hours                              | Davenport    |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)*           | How to Organize Time & Paperwork While Raising Kids with Special Needs 3 hours               | Davenport    |
| Sat., Nov. 7, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)*         | A Guide to Childhood Developmental Trauma in Kids with Special Needs 3 hours                 | Davenport    |
| Sat., Nov. 14, 2015 (9am-4:30pm)*           | I Don't Get It: Learning Disorders 6 hours   | Davenport    |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (9am-12:15pm)           | Communicating with Your Child Through Play 3 hours   | Burlington   |
| Sat., Nov. 21, 2015 (1:30pm-4:45pm)         | But What Does Therapy Do? Demystifying the Therapy Process 3 hours                           | Burlington   |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 21, 2015</b> (1:15pm-5:30pm)  | CPR & First Aid (To avoid late fees pay by Nov. 6) 4 hours                                   | Davenport    |



### TRAINING DESCRIPTIONS

#### A Guide to Childhood Developmental Trauma in Kids with Special Needs

PTSD is a reality for kids with special needs in foster care. To advocate effectively on their behalf, foster and adoptive parents must understand how trauma affects children throughout their lives. This workshop debunks popular myths about childhood trauma, examines the connection between it and other mental disorders, and discusses how trauma affects children's brains. It also examines causes and symptoms of PTSD and reviews effective methods for treatment and prevention. Participants receive an extensive resource list and are encouraged to participate in the question and answer period at the end. (Jolene Philo)

#### Alakazaml — Does it Take Magic to Create A Healthy, Positive Attachment with Foster and Adoptive Children?

Secure, healthy, positive attachment is what we all strive for with our children; however, this can sometimes feel like an elusive relationship. We will discuss activities and interactions that you can engage in with your child or teenager to create that relationship. These activities and interactions will revolve around four categories that help to heal past relationship scars and build trust and love. (Joann Seeman Smith, Ph.D.)

#### Attachment - What Does It Really Mean?

The word attachment is thrown out a lot in the foster care system; however, it is often misunderstood. We will discuss what attachment is and the different kinds of attachment, discuss Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD), other attachment issues and finally explore the

process by which attachment is created. (Joann Seeman Smith, Ph.D.)

## Everything You Wanted to Know About Foster Parenting But Were Afraid to Ask

Whether you just finished your PS-MAPP course or have been a foster parent for years, questions about the nitty, gritty aspects of foster parenting always arise. Whether it is questions about navigating the system, licensing rules and regulations, what steps to take if you find yourself facing an allegation of abuse or questions about working with birth parents, having answers can extend placements and maintain calm in your home. (Bambi Schrader)

#### How to Talk So Everyone Will Listen

Talking, listening and setting effective boundaries are essential skills for parents. This type of communication becomes even more valuable when the parent is dealing with individuals who have experienced significant emotional trauma. Participants will learn communication skills and ways to provide consequences relevant to the behavior. (Christy Meyer)

# Utilizing the NURTURED HEART APPROACH in Helping Children with Challenging Behaviors

The Nurtured Heart Approach® is a set of core methodologies originally developed for working with the most difficult child or teen. It has a proven, transformative impact on every child, including those with behavioral diagnosis such as ADHD, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and Reactive Attachment Disorder – almost always without the need for medications or long-term treatment. Parents will discover how easy it is to not only improve their situation with a challenging or difficult child, but to transform the child through

the awareness that their intensity is actually the source of their greatness. (Kim Combes, M. Ed.)

# When Old Parenting Strategies Don't Work! Help Us Please!

This workshop will provide different ways to parent attachment difficult and traumatized children, adolescents, and young adults. It will look at basic information, therapeutic parenting techniques, the ACES survey and how it affects children, setting up therapeutic respite, working with biological children, the importance of the alliance between mom and dad, how to balance nurturing and structuring, and new information on testing your child. (Marty Wallace, LMHC)

#### Working Through Anger

This workshop will help you understand how anger and experiences are related and provide insight to things that may be triggering your child to have angry feelings. We will identify the beliefs that your child or you may hold in your invisible suitcase which contribute to negative reactions toward others. This course will provide concrete, trauma-informed ways to work toward developing the skills necessary to help a child de-escalate his/her anger. (Christy Meyer)

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To find the full list of class descriptions.



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# CPR AND FIRST AID REGISTRATION FORM •••••••

The CPR course IFAPA offers is not a certified course. IFAPA's CPR class meets the requirements for foster care licensing, but may not be appropriate for other licensing situations (i.e. childcare, nursing, EMT, etc.).

| 1st Participant       | 2nd Participant   |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Mailing Address       |   |  |
| City                  | StateZip  |  |
| Cell Phone            | Email   |  |
| Class Date            | Class Time Class City   |  |
| Cost# of participants | x \$40 + \$10 = \$<br>Cost Per Person Late Fee Total Amount Due (if applicable) |  |