

ANNOUNCING A *NEW* RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES!!!

CENTRAL IOWA FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

(Formerly CFI support group in Fort Dodge)

Are you a Foster / Adoptive parent or Kinship/Relative caregiver in Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Kossuth, Pocahontas, Webster, or Wright Counties? If so-this group is for you!!!

We will be meeting every other month September through May on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with our speaker from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Our trainings will be approved for 2 hours of credit. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Our schedule is:

SEPTEMBER 9 - "Professional Relationships" --John Smith

NOVEMBER 11 - "TBA"

JANUARY 13 - "TBA"

MARCH 10 - "TBA"

MAY 12 - "TBA"



Our support group is listed on IFAPA website (www.ifapa.org) and will be updated with newsletters and upcoming speakers.

We will be holding all of our meetings at:

YOUTH SHELTER GIRLS (formerly Holy Rosary School)

2406 9 ½ Ave South

Fort Dodge, IA

In the Library-

We look forward to a great turnout! Please call with any questions!

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UPCOMING IFAPA TRAININGS:

6 Hour Classes:

Oct. 23 *"Parenting the Traumatized Children..."* Des Moines (Holiday Inn NW)

November 6 *"Fostering Hope and Attachment..."* Ames (Country Inn&Suites)

3 Hour Classes:

Oct. 2 *"My Brother, My Sister..."* Urbandale(Urbandale library)

Oct. 23 *"Vicarious Trauma"* Ames(Country Inn&Suites)

Oct. 23 *"Interpersonal Stress Management"* Ames(Country Inn&Suites)

Registration is required- call IFAPA 1-800-277-8145 or www.ifapa.org These classes are at no cost and are approved for training credit. Additional class descriptions on website.

SAVE THE DATE:

IFAPA SPRING CONFERENCE-MARCH 4 &5, 2011 Ramada Tropics Resort(Des Moines)

UPDATES:

DHS has compiled a list of books & movies that have been approved for training credit. To view: www.ifapa.org , Go to "Trainings" and pull down "Other Trainings". You will see the title "Training credit for books and movies" and "how to get a book or movie approved". These are THE ONLY books & movies that are approved at this time. Continue to watch for others to be added.

IOWA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION ACCEPTS GRANTS:

\$200.00 max. per foster child for items that are not covered by the state. To view examples of covered items and to get an application: www.iowafosterchildfund.org