

NEWS 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!



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RESOURCES

It's a scary thing as a foster parent, having an allegation of child abuse or neglect brought against you, but it happens. IFAPA can help get you through it not only by providing a listening ear but also by providing you with a guide that gives you an idea of how the abuse assessment process works. The booklet is easy to read and in addition to outlining the process step by step, it also defines child protective terms, clarifies the foster parents' legal rights, and addresses the emotional issues families face during an assessment. Please visit www.ifapa.org to view the guide online (click on the publications tab at the top of the home page).

“A child born to another woman calls me Mom. The depth of the tragedy and the magnitude of the privilege are not lost on me.”

- Jody Landers

A few tips to keep in mind as you are fostering:

- Please remember that foster parents are not the “parent, guardian, or custodian” of these children. Each of these terms implies a liability, which you do want the authority to take on. Even if someone tells you that it is OK to sign, please do not. Birth parents can sign and in case where birth parents have lost their rights OR their whereabouts are unknown, you can take paperwork to DHS for signatures. Protect yourselves by not signing any paperwork.
- Schools are required to waive all “school fees” for children who meet financial eligibility for free meals, FIP, SSI or the child is in foster care. This includes: Textbook fees, driver education instructional fees, transportation for resident pupils attending public school who are entitled to transportation, school supplies (approved only when the school accesses a specific amount, such as “school supplies..\$5.00”), eye and ear protective devices.

(Compliments of Black Hawk County Peer Liaison Dianna Seedorff)

Have a GREAT month, and stay in touch!

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EASTERN SERVICE AREA #3

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Oct. 4, 2014 9am-12:15pm	I Won't Do It & You Can Make Me!: ODD in Kids and Teens	3 hours	Davenport Clarion Hotel 5202 N Brady St, Glynns Creek Rm
Oct. 4, 2014 1:30pm-4:45pm	Psychotherapy 101: What Therapy Is, How it Works & What You Need to Know	3 hours	Davenport Clarion Hotel 5202 N Brady St, Glynns Creek Rm
Oct. 25, 2014 1:15pm-5:30pm	CPR & First Aid (REGISTRATION FORM) To avoid late fees pay by Oct. 10	4 hours	Davenport To be announced

CEDAR RAPIDS SERVICE AREA #4

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Oct. 25, 2014 9am-4:30pm	Managing Your Child's Behavior: 7 Ways to Foster Love, Communication and Respect	6 hours	Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel 1200 Collins Rd NE

To register for a training:

Call IFAPA at 800-277-8145  800-277-8145 ext. 1 or [REGISTER HERE](#).

*I wanted to let you know IFAPA has trainings in your area that you may be interested in attending. Check it out and register early so the classes can be held. You may register by emailing Stephanie Miles at SMilies@ifapa.org.

IFAPA has some great trainers offering interesting topics that many families have found to be insightful and informative. In the past several of the IFAPA trainings have been canceled due to low enrollment. Let's keep that from happening again!! We also want to avoid IFAPA scheduling less training in the area.



IFAPA is hosting our first-ever IFAPA Fall Conference in Waterloo on October 17th and 18th! IFAPA will now host a spring and fall training conference every year for foster and adoptive parents, kinship caregivers and workers.

[VIEW OUR CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS](#)



I'll be calling each one of you once a quarter to check in to make sure everything is going ok. If I don't reach you by phone I will try e-mail or send you a card. If you need any anything, please call me any time or email

You need to have 12 hugs a day to stay healthy. I hope you get 13.

Have a great October and don't forget about training.

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October Support Groups

Burlington – October 3rd 9-11 a.m.

Muffins with Moms

Perkins Family Restaurant

3300 East Agency Street

Contact Kim Edwards with questions 319-985-2213

Washington – October 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Marc Beatty

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1226 E Washington Street

Sorry, No Childcare will be available.

Contact Carrie Septer with questions scepter@fouroaks.org

Davenport – October 13th 10a.m.—12p.m.

Muffins with Moms

Hy-Vee

53rd & Utica Ridge Road

Muffins provided.

Coffee will be available for purchase.

Please contact [Nancy Maday](#) with questions

[563-508-4918](tel:563-508-4918)

Davenport - October 21st 6-9 p.m.

Human Trafficking

Family Resources Building A

2800 Eastern Ave

This month we would like to have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Contact Alice Schutts with questions 563-468-2372

Burlington – October 27th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pediatric Integrated Health Program

Younghouse

400 S. Broadway Street

Sorry, No Childcare will be provided.

Feel free to bring a snack to share.

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