



OCTOBER 2011

MEETING

The October meeting will be held on Thursday the 13th at the First United Methodist Church in Independence. The training will be on "DHS Changes" and will be presented by Pat Smart from DHS and Sheila Schroeder from KidsNet. This will be 2 hours of approved Foster Parent training. We will have pizza at 6:30 pm with the training to follow at 7pm. **Be sure and let Dave know how many for pizza so that he can try and order the right number.** Bring your own beverage, plates and silverware will be provided. Call Dave with questions.



LAST MONTH

We had a Support and Election night with 10 adults present. We had a potluck at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow. It would be nice to see more members at the support meeting, it is always a nice meeting with interesting and lively conversation. The election was as follows:

President - Sandy Johnson

Vice President - Nancy Staton

Secretary - Judy Brace

Treasure - Dave Brace

Board Members - Bill Armstead, Deanna Armstead and Monica Smith

Adoptive Parent Rep. - Jane Rottinghaus



NOVEMBER

We will have 2 hours of approved training presented by Joy Jager, Violence Prevention Educator at the Riverview Center. 1 hour will be "Internet and Education" and 1 hour will be "Let's Talk About Sexting". These are 2 trainings that are hot topics and are important to us as Foster Parents as we care for our young people.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We still have a few school supplies that were donated by the Independence Curves. Please call Sandy Johnson at 319-934-3647 with requests and questions.



OTHER ITEMS

We have bags and Life Books available for our kids. If you need either of these items give me a call and we will make sure they are available at this meeting

CONFIDENTIALITY

Will I be told if the child has HIV/AIDS or is at risk of having HIV/AIDS?

A. Yes. All foster parents are asked at the time of initial licensing and relicensing if they are willing to care for an HIV-infected child. In order to ensure proper care of the child, DHS will place the child **only** with a foster or adoptive parent who is aware of and prepared to meet the additional responsibilities and demands that may be made. DHS will inform foster parents of the child's symptoms or diagnosis and secure written agreement for the placement.

Internet & Confidentiality Rules

DHS asked IFAPA to inform foster parents who use personal internet sites such as Facebook and MySpace that they must never include the names or any personal information about foster children in information they post, nor should they ever post a photo of a foster child on any internet site. Such actions would be a violation of confidentiality standards. DHS would prefer that foster parents not identify themselves as foster parents on such sites.



TYPES OF HEARINGS

Removal

Adjudication

* Disposition

Review/Modification

*Permanency .

.Termination of Parental Rights

Removal Hearings

*Means of Removal

- Ex-Parte (no other parties present)
- Emergency (Police Officer, Doctor, Juvenile

Court Officer)

• **Consent of Parent**

Hearing must be held within 10 days.

Adjudication Hearings

- Hearing determines if the Court can intervene
 - Grounds for filing a Child In Need of Assistance (CINA) Petition
- .The. Court may: , , ,
1. Adjudicate based on CINA grounds
 2. Dismiss .petition
 3. Suspend

Disposition Hearings

Determines what should be done for the child and what services to offer .

- A plan is identified on how the Department will reunify the family .
- Recommendations are made by the Department.

Review/Modification Hearings

~ Review Hearings

J . . • At least every six months following the disposition, the court case is reviewed and the progress or lack of progress that has been made in the family is assessed. .

~ Modification Hearings

- These are held when the direction of the case needs to be changed, or the circumstances change.
- This hearing can be held at any time in the case following the Disposition.

Permanency Hearings

- At the time that a child has been out of the home for twelve months, and each twelve months after, a Permanency hearing must be held.
- At a Permanency hearing the judge may make one of three decisions. 1) The child returns home. 2) The case is forwarded to a Termination of Parental Rights hearing. 3) Or, the child remains in care.



Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Oct. 15, 2011 8am-12:15pm	CPR & First Aid -- Cost \$25 per person To sign up, mail in reg. form /payment	4 hours	Cedar Falls to be announced
13 SPOTS LEFT			
Oct. 15, 2011 1:15pm- 5:30pm	CPR & First Aid -- Cost \$25 per person To sign up, mail in reg. form /payment	4 hours	Cedar Falls to be announced
CLASS CANCELLED			
Oct. 15, 2011 9am-12:15pm	Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training	3 hours	Cedar Falls Country Inn & Suites 2910 S Main St
Oct. 15, 2011 1:15pm-4:30pm	Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training	3 hours	Cedar Falls Country Inn & Suites 2910 S Main St
Nov. 12, 2011 9am-12:15pm	Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails... (I'll Take the Snakes!): Raising Boys NEW CLASS!	3 hours	Waterloo Hawkeye College Tama Hall, Room 108

Nov. 12, 2011 1:30pm- 4:45pm	Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... (Ya, Right!): Raising Girls NEW CLASS!	3 hours	Waterloo Hawkeye College Tama Hall, Room 108
Dec. 3, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Dangerous Playgrounds - Drug Awareness and Trends	6 hours	Mason City NIACC 500 College Dr Activity Ctr, Rm AC101
Oct. 22, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors	6 hours	Muscatine Clarion Hotel 2915 N Hwy 61, Board Rm
Nov. 5, 2011 12pm-4:15pm	CPR & First Aid -- Cost \$25 per person To sign up, mail in reg. form /payment 27 SPOTS LEFT	4 hours	Davenport to be announced
Nov. 5, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Managing Your Child/Teen's Behavior: 7 Ways to Foster Love, Respect & Communication	6 hours	Clinton Oak Tree Inn 2300 Valley West Ct
Nov. 19, 2011 1pm-4:15pm	"Can You Hear Me Now?" - Learn How to Effectively Manage Behaviors in Your Home NEW CLASS!	3 hours	Dubuque Keystone AEA 2310 Chaney Rd
Dec. 10, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Working with Birth Families	6 hours	Davenport Clarion Hotel 5202 N Brady St Planter/Pioneer Rm

To register for a training: Call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or [REGISTER](#) AT IFAPA Website www.ifapa.org

Hope to see everyone at Support Group. Any questions, give me a call.

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