

NCIFAPA trainings:
Oct. 18, 2011 6:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 5:30 TOPIC - Understanding & Responding to Sexual Behaviors - Trainer: Nancy Magnall 3 hours credit Mason City
Nov. 15, 2011 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC -Laughter Yoga, Presented by Dianne Larsen, LBSW 2 hours credit Mason City
Jan. 17, 2012 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC -Bridget Christianson from North Iowa Therapy 2 hours credit Mason City
Feb. 21, 2012 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC - Feb.- Pam Stemmerman "Roles of Service: FSRP, Remedial, and Care Coordinator". 2 hours credit Mason City
Mar. 20, 2012 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC - The Role of the Court Appointed Special Advocate - CASA Volunteer, Presenter: Susan McKiness 2 hours credit Mason City
Apr. 17, 2012 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC - Minority Skin & Hair Care 2 hours credit childcare is offered Mason City
May 15, 2012 7:00 - 9:00pm doors open at 6:30 TOPIC - to be announced 2 hours credit Mason City

*****Mandatory Reporting Class*** December 13: 7 - 9 PM Liberty Room - Trainer: Pam Stemmerman**

All trainings listed above are located at:

DHS Office

Liberty Room

22 N Georgia North Central Iowa Foster/Adoptive Parents Assoc.

[Christie McGuire](#) (Pier Liaison)

800-720-9850 A.C. 62

*****DHS after hours number: 800-362-2178*****

Training Requirements for Foster Parents

In Iowa, foster parents need six hours of training annually to renew their foster care license. At least three training hours must be done in a group setting. Foster parents must complete all of their training requirements prior to the date listed in the table below.

Licensing Deadline for Training Requirements

If you were licensed in the following month:	All of your training requirements must be completed by the following date:
September 2010	June 30, 2011
October 2010	July 31, 2011
November 2010	August 31, 2011
December 2010	September 30, 2011
January 2011	October 31, 2011
February 2011	November 30, 2011
March 2011	December 31, 2011
April 2011	January 31, 2012
May 2011	February 29, 2012
June 2011	March 31, 2012
July 2011	April 30, 2012
August 2011	May 31, 2012

In order to maintain your foster parent license, the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) requires foster parents to complete the following:

- Medication Management Training
- CPR Training
- First Aid Training
- Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND - With the exception of CPR, First Aid and Mandatory Reporter classes, foster parents CANNOT receive training credit for any class after October 2009 that they have previously attended and used for re-licensing. Please see the table below and click on the appropriate link to learn more about each of the available training classes.

NORTHERN SERVICE AREA #2

(Fort Dodge, Mason City & Waterloo areas) [see new DHS Service Area Map](#)

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Oct. 8, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors	6 hours	Waterloo Hawkeye College 1501 E Orange Rd Tama Hall, Rm 108
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
20 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
23 SPOTS LEFT			
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

* This class has also been approved for Social Worker CEUs. Social workers can register for this class by mailing in our [SOCIAL WORKER CEU REGISTRATION FORM](#).

To register for a training: Call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1

Support for Foster/Adoptive Youth

Friends of Children of Foster Care

The Friends of Children in Foster Care program (a program operated by IFAPA) provides foster children with the funds they need for those special "extras" in life which they would otherwise not receive. Some items this program has been able to help Iowa foster children obtain include music instruments, summer camps, school trips and senior pictures.

Spread Your Wings Program

Families Helping Families of Iowa has created a program to help fund activities for children in foster care, relative placement or suitable other placement. Some items this program has been able to help is tutoring, gymnastics, music instruments, music lessons, martial arts, swimming lessons, art classes/camps, sports, etc.

AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential)

AMP is a youth-driven, statewide group that seeks to unleash the full potential for personal growth among foster and adoptive children in Iowa. AMP offers leadership opportunities, service learning projects, speaking opportunities, and educational/vocational assistance. AMP also provides the life skills youth need to become self-sufficient, independent adults.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

The Iowa Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is a state-funded program that recruits, trains, and supervises adult volunteers to represent the best interests of children in certain abuse and neglect cases. [LEARN MORE](#)

Transitioning Youth to Adulthood

For a list of resources to assist youth aging out of the foster care system and to find scholarship opportunities, check out our web page [Transitioning Youth to Adulthood](#).

To learn more about these programs, visit: www.ifapa.org

Al Yad Inc.

22 N. Georgia, Mason City. Call Corinne at 641-201-0180 for clothing, furniture, toys and more.

Online Networking for Foster & Adoptive Youth

Foster Club

www.fosterclub.org

Foster Club is the national network for young people in foster care. Foster Club is a peer support network which opens the way for young people to transform their own lives.

Foster Care Alumni of America

www.fostercarealumni.org

The mission of Foster Care Alumni of America is to connect the alumni community and to transform policy and practice, ensuring opportunity for people in and from foster care.

Post Adoption Support Groups:

October 22, 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Coffee Cat in Mason City

October 29, 9:30 AM 510- N. Kentucky Mason City