IFAPA TRAINING

Creating Cultural Connections: Connections Are Critical
(3 hours credit - Creating Cultural Connections is an all day course; participants can attend all
day or only the AM or PM training.) The focus of this training is geared towards helping parents
understand and respect the various cultures of foster children. The training provides realistic and
relevant ways in which parents can create meaningful cultural connections with children in their
care. We explore creative ways for cultivating connections, opening doors for two-way
communication and enhancing our ability to competently confront challenges.

About the Trainer: Tommy Ross and his wife Melinda have been licensed foster and adoptive
parents for over twelve years. He has over twenty years of experience in the social work field,
along with sixteen years of experience as a licensed minister and five years of experience as a
licensed and ordained pastor. Tommy has facilitated trainings for Life Works Counseling
Services, parenting classes for the Child Abuse Prevention Council, staff trainings on group
facilitation for PACE, group trainings on parenting skills, life skills and career planning for
Gateway Recovery Center and has done group and individual training on child welfare,
empowering parents and general leadership.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS

REGISTER VIA PHONE
Call 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or 515-289-4567 ext. 1

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE
To sign-up for training class through our website, complete our online registration form:
www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp. IFAPA will follow-up within two business
days to confirm your enrollment in the class.