# IFAPATRAINING

for foster, adoptive and kinship parents and workers

## Doctors Speak a Foreign Language

Many of us have trouble speaking with our own doctors, let alone attempting to talk to doctors about our children and there can be even more confusion when attempting to seek medical care for a child who just joined your family and you know very little about. If you have challenges in advocating for yourself, your children, or your family in a health care setting, join me to learn just what to do and not to do on your next trip to the doctor.

**Approved for 3 Hours of Foster Parent Credit** 

### About the Trainer:

Heidi Gugaisberg-Coners

Heidi Guggisberg-Coners has been teaching and studying health communication for the past 14 years. Her most recent research for her PhD includes talking to Maasai mothers in Africa about childbirth and providing insight into the lives of families who have



daughters with Rett Syndrome. Her international research and two master's degrees in Communication and Child, Youth, & Family Studies, have allowed her to learn the skills and abilities it takes to work with health care professionals. Heidi has worked alongside health care professionals as a foster parent and adoptive parent. She knows the ins and outs of communicating with these professionals as well as other people in children's lives who might need to know about a child's health.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

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