Trauma:
An Insider’s Perspective

Matthew grew up in a background of trauma and loss. This course will give the audience an “insider’s” perspective of what it’s like to grow up in an environment of fear and uncertainty of the future. With the help of his father, IFAPA trainer Kim Combes, Matt has put together three hours of cutting edge information regarding trauma, the brain and relationships. Matt will also do a Q and A discussion where participants can gain more insight into the world of their own traumatized foster/adoptive children.

Approved for 3 Hours of Foster Parent Credit

About the Trainers:
Matthew Lopez-Combes and
Kim Combes, LBSW, M. Ed.

Kim Combes has been in the human service arena for over three decades. He currently has a counseling business while also traveling nationally to present at various conferences related to child welfare. Kim has fostered over 40 teen boys since 1994 and has adopted five challenging children since marrying wife Diane in 1999. Kim has been active on various local, state and national boards as he passionately advocates for youth. In addition to family activities, Kim is a church youth group leader and editorial board member/writer for Fostering Families Today magazine.

Matthew, in and out of foster care from early in his life, was placed in the home of Kim and Diane Combes at the age of 12. Coming from a background of the trauma of abuse, loss, drugs and violence he was a “parentified” child of his younger siblings and struggled with his own emotions and behaviors. He is now following in his adoptive father’s “presenter footsteps” as he shares cutting edge information related to trauma as well as his own journey towards healing.

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