

JANUARY 3, 2012

IFAPA Spring Conference

March 2 & 3, 2012

Adventureland Resort, Altoona

Early Bird Registration is January 20

IFAPA's 2012 Spring Conference will be held on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 at the **Adventureland Resort** in Altoona. All conference registrations received at the IFAPA office by the early registration deadline (Friday, January 20th) will be entered into a drawing to win a free conference registration. **HURRY! -- The first 25 registrations will also receive a free 2012 IFAPA calendar!**

How to Register:

To register for this conference, please complete the registration form at the end of the conference booklet (see link below) and mail to IFAPA or you can register and pay for the conference through our website (see link below). Methods of payment accepted are check, money order and credit cards (online only).

Registration Deadlines:

The early bird registration is Friday, January 20th. The final registration deadline is Tuesday, February 14th. All registrations must be postmarked or dropped off at the office (office hours are 8am-5pm) by Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

Registration Costs:

Two-Day Conf. Rate - \$65 person
One-Day Conf. Rate - \$45 person

IFAPA's Conference Workshops Include:

- Adoption Assistance and Adoption Tax Credit
- Lifelong Issues in Adoption
- Transitioning From Foster to Adoptive Parenting
- Attachment & Trauma: Strategies for Positive Change
- Creating Cultural Connections: Compassion Compels & Connections are Critical
- Creating Social Success for Asperger Youth - Foundation & Practical Approaches
- Mood Disorders in Children and Teens: What Does it Look Like and What Can We Do?
- Youth Bipolar or TDD: Trying to Understand the Difference
- CPR & First Aid
- Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training
- Generation X, Y & Z - The Toxic Culture of Teens: Relationship and Other "Risky Business" & The Impact of Media & Technology
- Get it Right! A Guide to Help Youth & Parents Find Their Way Through the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice System
- What You Need to Know When Caring for Drug Endangered Children
- The IMPACT - (Biological Children) Sharing Our Parents

To View Conference Book: http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/2012ConferenceBook.pdf

To Register for Conference and Pay Online: <https://ifapa.ejoinme.org/?tabid=332696>

10 WAYS TO SHOW KIDS YOU CARE

1. Play with them.
2. Stay with them when they're afraid.
3. Give them space when they need it.
4. Show up at their concerts, games and events.
5. Display their artwork in your home.
6. Tell them how much you like being with them.
7. Build something together.
8. Keep the promises you make.
9. Do what they like to do.
10. Be sincere.



Free IFAPA Publication

Confidentiality: A Guide for Foster Parents

This IFAPA publication explains the complicated issue of confidentiality in a easy-to-understand, quick-read format. It will guide you through sticky issues, such as sharing information with teachers, daycare personnel, and medical professionals. Find definite answers on how and what to say to family, friends, and neighbors about your foster child.

To request a free copy (or multiple copies) of this booklet, please e-mail Crystal Thomason at cthomason@ifapa.org or call 800-277-8145 ext. 5. Iowa social workers are also welcome to request free copies.

IFAPA Offers Many New Classes

To register for one of IFAPA's trainings listed below, please call 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or register online through the following link on the IFAPA website:
http://www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit Hours	Location
Sat., Jan. 7 8:30am-5pm	Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma (Part 1) Modules 1-4 NEW!	7 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Jan. 14 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences... Helping Children with Severe Behaviors	6 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Jan. 14 9am-12:15pm	Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails... Raising Boys NEW!	3 hours	Council Bluffs Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Jan. 14 1:30pm-4:45pm	Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... Raising Girls NEW!	3 hours	Council Bluffs Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Jan. 14 9am-4:30pm	Generation X, Y & Z - The Toxic Culture of Teens	6 hours	Dubuque Keystone AEA
Sat., Jan. 21 9am-12:15pm	Decoding the Mystery of ADHD NEW!	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Jan. 21 1:30pm-4:45pm	Worrywarts...Understanding Anxiety Disorders in Children NEW!	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Jan 21 9am-12:15pm	Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails... Raising Boys NEW!	3 hours	Iowa City Clarion Hotel
Sat., Jan. 21 1:30pm-4:45pm	Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... Raising Girls NEW!	3 hours	Iowa City Clarion Hotel
Sat., Jan. 21 9am-4:30pm	Which Piece of the Puzzle is Missing? Discover Pieces...Affecting Your Family NEW!	6 hours	Sioux City NW AEA
Sat., Jan. 21 9am-4:30pm	Generations X, Y & Z - The Toxic Culture of Teens	6 hours	Waterloo Hawkeye College
Sat., Jan. 28 9:30am-4:45pm	People of Color: Skin & Hair Care with a Twist	6 hours	Bettendorf Bettendorf Library
Sat., Feb. 4 8:30am-5pm	Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma (Part 2) Modules 5-8 NEW!	6 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Feb. 4 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences...Helping Children with Severe Behaviors	6 hours	Marshalltown AEA 267
Sat., Feb. 11 9am-12:15pm	Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails... Raising Boys NEW!	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Feb. 11 1:30pm-4:45pm	Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... Raising Girls NEW!	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Feb. 18 9am-4:30pm	Dangerous Playgrounds - Drug Awareness and Trends	6 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Feb. 18 9am-4:30pm	People of Color: Skin & Hair Care with a Twist	6 hours	Cedar Rapids Coe College
Sat., Feb. 25 9am-12:15pm	Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails... Raising Boys NEW!	3 hours	Dubuque Keystone AEA
Sat., Feb. 25 1:30pm-4:45pm	Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... Raising Girls NEW!	3 hours	Dubuque Keystone AEA
Sat., Feb. 25 9am-4:30pm	Responding to Cultural Differences - What's a Parent to Do?	6 hours	Sioux City Briar Cliff University

To view IFAPA's full training schedule (January through May 2012 classes), including Mandatory Reporter and CPR & First Aid classes, visit this link:
http://www.ifapa.org/training/ifapa_training_schedule.asp

In-Service Training Clarification from DHS

Question: Can an in-service training be repeated for credit towards the required 6 hours of in-service training?

Policy Response

The response to the question is:

Yes, if an in-service training curriculum has been updated from a previously completed in-service training. The updated training curriculum will be indicated as a "Part 2" or have a different training title. If the foster parent is not sure if an in-service training curriculum has been updated, please contact IFAPA if the training was an IFAPA in-service training or your DHS licensing worker to check this. Updated trainings may be retaken without an exception to policy, but must still be approved through the normal approval procedures.

If there is an in-service training a foster parent wants to repeat again that has not been updated, they must request an exception to policy explaining the exceptional circumstances for repeating the in-service training.

Administrative Rule

117.7(3) Foster parent training requirements. Each individual foster parent shall complete six credit hours of department-approved in-service training annually. Failure to meet the requirement for in-service training hours will result in denial of the license renewal.

b. *Content.* The choice of in-service training shall be based upon an assessment of the foster parent's training needs made by the foster parent and the recruitment and retention contractor in collaboration with the department licensing worker.

(1) Each foster parent must complete the specific training required in rule 441—117.8(237).

(2) At least three credit hours of the annual training shall be group training.

(3) Except for the classes for mandatory reporters, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and first aid, training credit will not be allowed for any in-service training class that is repeated.

Policy Manual In-Service Training

Each individual foster parent shall complete six hours of approved in-service training before each renewal of a license. At least three hours of each year's training shall be group training. A group is considered as six or more participants. The content of in-service training shall relate to:

- ◆ The foster parent's role in providing foster care.
- ◆ The skills needed by the foster parent.

The plan for meeting the foster parent's training needs shall be based upon an assessment by the foster parent and the contractor in collaboration with the Department licensing worker. The training plan shall be documented using the *Foster Parent Training Plan*, 470-3341.

SAVE THESE IFAPA DATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2012 - **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**
IOWA STATE CAPITOL - DES MOINES

MARCH 2-3, 2012 - **STATE CONFERENCE**
ADVENTURELAND INN - ALTOONA

MAY 5, 2012 - **STRIDE FOR FOSTER CARE WALK**
RACCOON RIVER PARK - WEST DES MOINES

AUGUST 25, 2012 - **ADVENTURELAND DAY**
ADVENTURELAND PARK - ALTOONA

More info: www.ifapa.org/events/default.asp