Waiting Child Spotlight

Brandon, age 13, is a talkative, creative young man who excels at both math and art. He enjoys card games, swimming, playing outside, video games, Legos and making artwork. Brandon enjoys farms and would love to live in the country or help with animals.

Brandon is doing great academically and works on staying focused with occasional prompts.

Brandon’s DHS worker will consider adoptive families from Iowa and other states. Brandon would do best in a smoke-free home with two parents or a single male parent. Brandon should be the youngest child in his adoptive home. In the past, he had to take care of his younger siblings, and he would like a break from this role. Brandon would love to be adopted by a family with older brothers that he could look up to as positive role models.

Brandon’s potential adoptive family should have patience, a willingness to talk with Brandon and follow through to meet his needs through therapy services. Brandon will need reminders to be accountable for his actions, maintain hygiene, manage anger and take time outs when needed.

Brandon values relationships, and he needs to continue his relationships with his brothers and his grandparents.

Most of all, this artistic young man needs a great family to help him paint a bright future. Could you be the one to provide a loving, forever home for Brandon?

REQUEST MORE INFO ABOUT BRANDON
"Quirky Kids": Strategies for Living with Young Children with Challenging Behaviors

Dorothy Lifka leads this three hour session. Adopted children and children in foster care often come to us with significant behavioral problems. These may include ADHD, aggressive behaviors towards others and/or other mental health problems. Parenting children with these issues can be challenging. This session is designed to provide foster and adoptive parents with information about challenging behaviors in young children and to help parents develop more successful parenting strategies.

Sat., May 30 (9am-12:15pm) - ANKENY

Facilitating Attachment in Foster and Adopted Children

Dorothy Lifka is back to lead this three hour session. Adopted children and children in foster care often come to us with significant trauma histories. Brain research has documented the negative effects such experiences can have on the developing brain and on the development of secure attachments to primary caregivers. Parenting strategies that work with other children may be ineffective and inappropriate for children with attachment issues and a history of trauma. This session is designed to provide foster and adoptive parents with information about challenging behaviors in young children and to help parents develop more successful parenting strategies.

Sat., May 30 (1:30pm-4:45pm) - ANKENY