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INTERNET & CONFIDENTIALITY RULES FOR FOSTER PARENTS

DHS asked IFAPA to inform foster parents who use personal internet sites such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace that they must never include the names or any personal information about foster children in information they post, nor should they ever post a photo of a foster child on any internet site. Such actions would be a violation of confidentiality standards.

DHS would prefer that foster parents not identify themselves as foster parents on such sites.

Going to Court

A Guide for Iowa's Young Children

The Iowa Children's Justice has released a new publication titled "Going to Court" written just for youth. This booklet is designed to introduce a child to juvenile court, the supportive network of people who care about them and want to help them. To print this free booklet, click on the following link:

www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/GoingtoCourt.pdf



IFAPA OFFERS SUPPORT TO PARENTS

IFAPA's Peer Liaisons and Resource Information Specialists provide support to an average of 2,000 foster, adoptive and kinship parents each month. **Have a question?** Contact one of our staff, if we don't have the answer, we'll find it! **IFAPA IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**

To find your Peer Liaison's contact information, visit our Peer Liaison webpage at: www.ifapa.org/support/peer_liaisons.asp

To contact one of our Resource Information Specialists, visit: www.ifapa.org/support/resource_information_specialists.asp

ALL CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (INFANT-AGE 3) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY ACCESS SERVICES

ATTN FOSTER PARENTS -- Did you know that all children in foster care between the ages of birth to three are eligible for Early ACCESS services? Early ACCESS is an integrated system of early intervention services. The signatory agencies (the Department of Education as the lead agency, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Child Health Specialty Clinics) are the agencies in Iowa that form the foundation of the coordinated statewide interagency system.

Children who have known conditions, are born prematurely, have been exposed to drugs or lead, are 25% delayed in their development, or are in foster care, are automatically eligible for services through Early ACCESS from ages birth to three.

If you are interested in having the child in your care referred to Early ACCESS, please contact your child's Department of Human Services (DHS) Case Manager. Consent from a parent or legal guardian is necessary for the child to be evaluated and to receive services.

All children in Early ACCESS receive service coordination. Depending on the special needs of the child, Early ACCESS services could include:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Family Training/ Counseling
- Health Services
- Medical Evaluation
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological
- Sign Language & Cued Speech
- Social Work
- Special Instruction
- Speech & Language Pathology
- Transportation
- Vision

If you have questions about Early ACCESS, please visit the web-site at www.EarlyACCESSIowa.org or call toll free 1-888-IAKIDS1.



IFAPA TRAINING SCHEDULE

All of the following classes are free to all foster, adoptive and kinship parents with the exception of CPR and First Aid. To register for a class, call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or register online at the following link: http://www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp. To read class descriptions, visit IFAPA's training page: http://www.ifapa.org/training/ifapa_training_schedule.asp.

Beyond Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors

Sat., Oct 8 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Waterloo-Hawkeye College
Sat., Oct 22 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Muscatine-Clarion Hotel

"Can You Hear Me Now?" - Learn How to Effectively Manage Behaviors in Your Home

Sat., Oct 8 1pm-4:15pm	3 hours	Clarinda-IWCC
Sat., Nov 5 1pm-4:15pm	3 hours	Cedar Rapids-Best Western LB
Sat., Nov 19 1pm-4:15pm	3 hours	Dubuque-Keystone AEA

Caring for Children with HIV

Sat., Oct 8 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Dubuque-Keystone AEA
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CPR and First Aid (Registration deadline is one week prior to date of class)

Sat., Oct 1 12pm-4:15pm	4 hours	Atlantic-To Be Announced
Sat., Oct 15 8am-12:15pm	4 hours	Cedar Falls-To Be Announced
Sat., Oct 15 1:15pm-5:30pm	4 hours	Cedar Falls-To Be Announced
Sat., Nov 5 8am-12:15pm	4 hours	Ames-To Be Announced
Sat., Nov 5 1:15pm-5:30pm	4 hours	Ames-To Be Announced
Sat., Nov 5 12:00pm-4:15pm	4 hours	Davenport-To Be Announced
Sat., Nov 12 8am-12:15pm	4 hours	Sioux City-To Be Announced
Sat., Nov 12 1:15pm-5:30pm	4 hours	Sioux City-To Be Announced

Dangerous Playgrounds- Drug Awareness and Trends

Sat., Oct 15 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ames-Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Nov 19 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Iowa City-Clarion Hotel
Sat., Dec 3 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Mason City-NIACC

Decoding the Mystery of ADHD

Sat., Nov 19 9 am-12:15pm	3 hours	Council Bluffs-Country Inn
Sat., Dec 10 9 am-12:15pm	3 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center

Managing Your Child/Teen's Behavior: 7 Ways to Foster Love, Respect and Comm

Sat., Oct 22 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Carroll-Carrollton Inn
Sat., Nov 5 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Clinton-Oak Tree Inn
Sat., Dec 3 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ames-Ames Public Library

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Sat., Oct 15 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Cedar Falls-Country Inn/Suites
Sat., Oct 15 1:15pm-4:30pm	3 hours	Cedar Falls-Country Inn/Suites
Sat., Nov 5 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Ames-Country Inn & Suites
Sat., Nov 5 1:15pm-4:30pm	3 hours	Ames-Country Inn & Suites

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training

Sat., Nov 12 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Sioux City-NW AEA
Sat., Nov 12 1:15pm-4:30pm	3 hours	Sioux City-NW AEA

Promoting Healthy Growth and Development of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth in Foster Care

Sat., Oct 1 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center
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Snakes, Snails and Puppy Dog Tails... (I'll Take the Snakes!): Raising Boys

Sat., Oct 8 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Cedar Rapids-Best Western LB
Thurs. Oct 27 6pm-9:15pm <small>(Please note Thursday date)</small>	3 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Nov 12 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Waterloo-Hawkeye College
Sat., Dec 3 9am-12:15pm	3 hours	Sioux City-NW AEA

Special Education Basics

Sat., Oct 8 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Dubuque-Keystone AEA
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Sugar, Spice & Everything Nice... (Ya, Right!): Raising Girls

Sat., Oct 8 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Cedar Rapids-Best Western LB
Thurs. Oct 20 6pm-9:15pm <small>(Please note Thursday date)</small>	3 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Nov 12 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Waterloo-Hawkeye College
Sat., Dec 3 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Sioux City-NW AEA

Transitioning Resources: A Toolbox for Transitioning

Sat., Oct 29 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Sioux City-NW AEA
Sat., Nov 19 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center
Sat., Dec 10 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Cedar Rapids-Best Western LB

Trauma Informed Care (Social Worker CEUs Available)

Sat., Oct 15 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ottumwa-Great Prairie AEA
Sat., Oct 22 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center

Working with Birth Families

Sat., Dec 10 9am-4:30pm	6 hours	Davenport-Clarion Hotel
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Worrywarts and How You Can Help Them: Understanding Anxiety Disorders in Children

Sat., Nov 19 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Council Bluffs-Country Inn
Sat., Dec 10 1:30pm-4:45pm	3 hours	Ankeny-IFAPA Training Center

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND - With the exception of CPR, First Aid and Mandatory Reporter classes, foster parents CANNOT receive training credit for any class after October 2009 that they have previously attended and used for re-licensing.