



## **IFAPA TRAINING**

This training is geared to both youth and foster parents/caregivers, and will consist of a candid discussion on how Human Trafficking operatives work, impact on victims, and how people serving youth can identify and respond. Iowa examples and stories will be shared to clarify situations. This presentation also contains statistics of trafficking trends, and video testimonials of actual victims of Human Trafficking. National statistics show that 68% of youth coming out of “the life” experienced the child welfare system at some point in their lives so we need to protect the youth we foster, adopt or accept guardianship of.

### **Trainer: Ruth Buckels, LMSW**

Ruth I. E. Buckels, LMSW is the AMP and the Teens Against Human Trafficking (TAHT) Statewide Coordinator for Youth & Shelter Services in Ames, IA. AMP is an advocacy program focusing on youth voices initiating system change in the child welfare system. TAHT is a school focused program seeking to set up teams of youth in each school who will create safety in that school through education. AMP youth educated Ruth on Human Trafficking in Iowa by sharing their trafficking experiencing. With permission, Ruth shares Iowa trafficking stories; creating awareness and increasing safety. Ruth was a licensed foster parent since 1988 and an adoptive parent since 2008. Over 90 teens have resided with Ruth & her family. Fifteen youth have become permanent family members; making 19 total children and counting. Ruth has parented multiple survivors of human trafficking and advocates for all Iowa’s youth to learn about this crime and how it is thriving in Iowa.

## **HOW TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS**

### **REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE**

To sign-up for training class through our website, complete our online registration form: [www.ifapa.org/training/training\\_registration\\_form.asp](http://www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp). IFAPA will follow-up within two business days to confirm your enrollment in the class.

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