



## **IFAPA TRAINING**

### **Snakes, Snails & Puppy Dog Tails...(I'll Take the Snakes!): Raising Boys**

*(3 hrs credit)* - Parenting boys of any age can sometimes be called an extreme sport. Learning about volcanoes, dirty socks and landmines of affection will bring us closer to these boys as they grow into men. We will dissect their growth, thinking and actions, while looking at their influences and our interventions. Participants will learn how to communicate with the boys in their care and most importantly how to listen, even when they are not talking.

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

Ruth is the Project Manager for the Youth & Shelter Services' AMP Program. She has been a foster-adoptive parent since 1988 and transitioned over 60 teens into permanency. Ruth has worked on behalf of Iowa's Youth since 1985. With a background in policy-making, therapy, in-home and recruitment/licensing/retention, there is no part of foster care or adoption she has not experienced. She currently offers support services to various homes through Iowa KidsNet and she is an adjunct professor at DMACC in addition to parenting biological, foster and adopted children.

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

### **REGISTER VIA PHONE**

Call 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or 515-289-4567 ext. 1

### **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.