Trainer bio, Jean Baker, J.D.

- Attorney practicing primarily in Juvenile Child Welfare (CINA/TPR) court, representing. Other parents and children (GAL and Attorney)
- Over 10 years as a (former) CASA/CASA Coach
- BA in Elementary Education
- Member of the Trauma Audit Team
- Founder of Serve Iowa, a nonprofit in Polk County, Iowa designed to help fill the small, family-specific gaps between what service eligible families need and what DHS can provide.
- Previous state training experience includes statewide training for the Executive Branch on diversity. Other training includes: adjunct instructor at Upper Iowa University (critical thinking), Director of Education and Development at Kum & Go, and trainings for Veridian CU and Pella Windows.

Course Description

*What to Expect When sitting court-side as a foster parent, Jean M. Baker, J.D.*

The purpose of this class is to provide foster parents with a greater understanding of the court proceedings, and is designed to reduce confusion and frustration regarding how those legal proceedings affect the “social work” side of the process. We will cover some of the most common code sections, as well as discuss how trauma-informed care and a strengths-based approach play into the individual hearings and the overall outcome. We will cover basic terms, acronyms, participants, and hearings, so that foster parents have a better idea of what to expect, and a better understanding of their own role within the context of the legal proceeding.