

Tues., Nov. 17 6:30 – 7:00 Social Time 7:00 – 9:00 Training	Courtroom Expectations	Judge Rosenblatt	Liberty Room, DHS
December	No Training		
Tues., Jan. 19 6:30 – 7:00 Social Time 7:00 – 9:00 Training	Recruitment/Med Management	Mary Foy, IKN Tess Armstrong	Liberty Room, DHS

(Feel free to bring a snack to share for these meetings.)

Contact **Christie McGuire** at 800-720-9850 A.C.62 or cmcguireifapa@gmail.com with any questions.

The Floyd, Chickasaw and Mitchell November Support Group will be held on November 10th at the Chickasaw Community Center (also known as the Senior Center) @ 301 N. Water Avenue, New Hampton. The training will be on “Discipline Practices” and will be lead and taught by Dave Brace, Dubuque area IFAPA Liaison. Training will begin at 6 PM and will go until 8. We will have follow up discussion and implementation discussion from 8 – 8:30. If anyone has questions please call me at 563-419-7057. Daycare will be provided. If you know you are going to be attending and plan on bringing children please email me and let me know so I can have the appropriate number of daycare providers available. My email is Joshua.pedretti@lsiowa.org

Waterloo Service Area

Sat., Nov. 14 9am – 4:30pm	The World of Attachment, Trauma and Bonding	6 hrs. credit	Waterloo (Holiday Inn Express)
Sat., Dec. 5 (9am – 4:30pm)	Up, Down & All Around – ADHD, ODD & Bipolar Disorder	6 hrs. credit	Mason City (Holiday Inn)
Sat., Jan 16 (9am – 4:30pm)	Mentoring Teenage Men Into Adulthood	6 hrs. credit	Cedar Falls (Holiday Inn)



FREE Mandatory Reporter Training Opportunity

DHS Child Abuse Investigator Becky Heilskov will be leading this training. Becky has 18 years with the Department, 12 as a child abuse investigator. She will utilize actual photos and de-identified cases that have occurred in our area making it much more interesting than taking the training on-line. Training will be held on Monday November 23rd from 6-8 pm in the Liberty Room at DHS in Mason City (22 North Georgia). You must rsvp to Amanda Bean by email abean@dhs.state.ia.us or calling 641/421-1219, as we need at least 10 people to hold the class.

Please remember this training is required within the first year of licensure and every 5 years thereafter.

The November issue of IFAPA's News & Views is now available online. This newsletter contains the following:

- Information on training requirements for foster parents
- IFAPA's upcoming training schedule (including many new trainings)
- Info on IFAPA's upcoming Caring for Children with HIV class
- Info about Iowa Youth Dream Teams

To view this newsletter, use the following link:

http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/Nov09NewsViews.pdf

Marty Wallace will be presenting information re: Reactive Attachment Disorder at the Kossuth Co. Support Group on 11-19-09 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. The location is the First Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main, Algona.

Information from the IFAPA website regarding the HIV training:

http://www.ifapa.org/training/Caring_for_Children_with_HIV.asp

This training is mandatory if you are interested in taking children with a HIV/AIDS positive status. This training does not occur often so please make every effort to go if are considering taking a placement with a positive status. This training is worth 3 in-person training hours and has excellent information even if you are not considering accepting this population of placements

Downloadable Life Book pages are available on the IFAPA website for you to print.
Click on this link to print yours:

http://www.ifapa.org/resources/IFAPA_Lifebook_Pages.asp

These books are for you to help children in your home build memories and are to travel with the children when they leave your home. If you are in need of disposable cameras, contact Al Yad, Inc. at 641-201-0180.

Watch for information coming soon about Elevate. It is anticipated that a chapter will open in Mason City in November.



It's Senior Picture time!!!! Vickie Janssen of Janssen Photo (Foster mom and IFAPA Liaison) is offering to children in foster care a senior picture package consisting of 2 hours of outdoor only time, 3 outfit changes and a CD with retouched pictures and no logo so you can print them anyway you would like. Cost is \$100.00 Contact Vickie at: 1-877-704-3272.

National Adoption Month Events

WEST DES MOINES

Sunday, November 15, 2009 (1:00pm - 3:30pm)

Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines

- Community adoption & foster care information event

For more info, contact carla@aboutachild.org

CEDAR RAPIDS

Friday, November 20, 2009 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

Linn County Courthouse, Cedar Rapids

- Adoption Finalizations
- Adoption Reception
- Informational Materials

For more info, contact Stacey O'Brien at 319-981-5413

AMES

Saturday, November 21, 2009 (9:00am - 1:00pm)

Ames City Hall / Community Center - 515 Clark Ave, Ames

- Adoption Finalizations
- Adoption Program from 10:30am-11:00am

For more info, contact Julie Schroeder at jschroeder@yss.ames.ia.us