

LOCAL TRAINING



Tues., Oct. 20 Family Interaction with a panel of Foster Parents and DHS staff
6:30 Networking time
7-9 Training
Liberty Room, DHS 2 hours credit

November 7 Generation XYZ
9- 4:30
Garner Education Center (This is a free training)

Tues., Nov. 17 Court Room Expectations - Judge Rosenblatt
6:30 Networking Time
7:00 Training
Liberty Room, DHS 2 hours credit

December No Training

Tues., Jan 19 Recruitment/Med Management – Mary Foy, IKN & Tess Armstrong – LSI
6:30 Networking Time
7:00 Training
Liberty Room, DHS 2 hours credit

(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 new licensing rules have now been clarified that you need to have Adult CPR as well as Child and Infant. Therefore the original training I coordinated for Mason City is being rescheduled. Respond to Amanda Bean at DHS to enroll for the training to include all you need on Saturday October 24th 9-4:30. It will be in Mason City however we have not determined the location yet. I will send out a confirmation email when that is decided. Also since the adult piece is being added in the cost will be \$35 per person due at time of training.

Please respond to me through by emailing me at abean@dhs.state.ia.us or calling me at 641/421-1219. If this date or time does not work for you there are lots of other opportunities through the American Red Cross and you can contact them at 424-2454 or visit their website.

Training is being offered to you on Oct. 6 in Garner at the Garner Ambulance Shed located at 575 W. 3rd St. from **4-10PM**. (****Time Change****) Ken Monson will be the training instructor with the class limited to 16 people. This is being offered at a reduced rate for \$30.00 per person-payable at class time. You must pre-register for this class with Christie McGuire by leaving a voice message or emailing her at 800-720-9850 A.C.62 or cmcguireifapa@gmail.com (4 openings left)

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New Post-Adoption Support Specialists for the Waterloo Service Area!

The northern half of our service area (Hancock, Winnebago, Worth, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Mitchell and Chickasaw counties) will be covered by Corinne, whose contact information is:

Corinne Sills 641.201.0180 corinne.sills@lsiowa.org

My name is Corinne Sills and I am the new Post Adoption Support Specialist for the northern half of the Waterloo Service Area. Other than music, children have always been a passion in my life. While working in the Mason City School district I discovered so many children whose lives were broken. It became my desire to help mend broken hearts and dreams. I became a stay at home mom to my then thirteen-year-old son and, over the course of the past ten years, to thirty-three other children who touched my heart. My husband and I adopted one of those children. Joshua became our “forever son” and

changed our lives forever. Being an adoptive parent is rewarding yet challenging at times. I also provide post-placement support to resource families in Hancock, Winnebago and Worth counties. I look forward to working with IKN's Post Adoption Services and assisting other adoptive parents to ensure that their challenging times become a better and brighter future.

The southern half of our service area (Black Hawk, Bremer, Butler, Franklin and Grundy counties) will be covered by Tiffany, whose contact information is:

Tiffany Dodd 515.729.4194 tiffany.dodd@lsiowa.org

My name is Tiffany Dodd and I am the new Post Adoption Support Specialist for the southern half of the Waterloo Service Area. While I lived in Minnesota, I worked as a behavior therapist doing in home ABA therapy for kids with autism. While living in central Iowa, I provided family, safety, risk and permanency services for families in danger of having children removed. I also thoroughly enjoy athletics which is why I personal train and teach group fitness classes part time. I look forward to working with Iowa KidsNet as a Post Adoption Support Specialist, partially because of my own personal history. When I was three years old my father adopted me which turned my family of two into a family of five and, soon thereafter, six. I can identify with some of the difficulties adopted children face regarding biological parents. Growing up my parents decided to do foster care which led to many interesting experiences but the best was when they adopted my younger sisters bringing us to a wonderfully blended family of eight. I have seen adoption from many angles and I appreciate it for its many sides. I have great respect for adoptive families because I know that with all the good comes the potential for some intense struggles which is what makes adoption such a meaningful part of my life. I look forward to continuing my path with adoption.

The statewide post-adoption support program is supervised by Kara Magnison, Training and Support Supervisor located at Four Oaks in Iowa City. Kara's contact information is:

Kara Magnison 319.337.4523 ext. 2804 kmagnison@fouroaks.org

IFAPA's Fall Training Schedule

(September 2009 - January 2010)

Ames Service Area Upcoming Trainings

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Sept. 19, 2009 9am-4:30pm	Mentoring Teenage Men Into Adulthood	6 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Oct. 10, 2009 1pm-4:15pm	Changes & Stages: The Effects on Kids in Care	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Oct. 24, 2009 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences: A Love Based Approach to Helping Children with Severe Behaviors	6 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Nov. 7, 2009 9am-4:30pm	Preventative Practices II: Updated Strategies for Minimizing the Risk of Abuse Allegations in Your Home	6 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Nov. 14, 2009 9am-4:30pm	Working with Birth Families	6 hours	Webster City IA Central College
Dec. 12, 2009 9am-4:30pm	The World of Attachment, Trauma & Bonding - Knowledge is the Key	6 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Jan. 16, 2010 9am-4:30pm	Up, Down & All Around - ADHD, ODD & Pediatric Bipolar Disorder	6 hours	Marshalltown AEA 267
Jan. 30, 2010 9am-12:15pm	What the Heck is Going On?	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Jan. 30, 2010 1:30pm-4:45pm	Breaking Barriers: Effectively Working with Birth Parents	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites

To register for training, call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or e-mail smiles@ifapa.org.

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