

What the Heck is Going On?

Over the past couple years the Iowa foster/adoptive care system has underwent many changes including the implementation of the Iowa KidsNet (IKN) system. This training was developed at the request of many families who struggle to understand the new system and want to work more collaboratively with DHS and IKN. During this training we will define the new roles of licensing and support specialist and how that differs from other services children may be receiving in the home, how the IKN database system matches children to homes, and answer questions families have regarding the new system. This will be a fun and interactive training presented by a panel of IKN Licensing and Support workers.

Trainers: Iowa KidsNet Staff

Julie Schroeder's current position is Post-Adoption Specialist (IKN). Julie began working in the field of foster care & adoption in July 2008. Julie was a licensed foster parent for five years prior to working at YSS and adopted three children through the DHS system. Natalie Thompson's current position is Resource Family Licensing/Support Specialist (IKN/YSS). Natalie has been able to utilize her experience working with birth families in helping foster parents understand how to best help with reunification and vice versa. Shawna Rolph's current position is Resource Family Licensing/Support Specialist (IKN/YSS). Prior to her position she worked as an International Adoption Coordinator.