

# Meet Your IFAPA Peer Liaison

**Candice York**



**I provide peer support to families living in the following counties:**

**Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Iowa, Jasper, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Poweshiek, Wapello & Wayne**

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Greetings! My name is Candice York and I am your Peer Liaison with IFAPA. My husband, Kevin, and I have been foster parents for almost 20 years, serving close to 50 children in our home. We recently moved back to Ottumwa after living in Cedar Falls for 22 years. We have four children. Although we have never adopted, we had several long term placements and consider many of those kiddos our family. I understand the value and importance of maintaining connections and support to children long after they leave your home.

I have a background in early childhood and elementary education. I have also learned many lessons as a foster parent in two different service areas. I am hopeful that I can share my experience and knowledge to help with difficult and challenging situations many of you face on a daily basis. The IFAPA team is absolutely a wonderful resource and I hope to help you tap into all the support and resources available to you.

My most important goal is to provide you with a listening ear and help you find the answers to your questions. I hope to assist you in your work with children and their families. Whatever your question or concern is, I am your "peer" support and anything you say to me is confidential.

I am so excited about becoming your Peer Liaison. I look forward to meeting you at support group meetings, trainings, activities or by phone. Please contact me anytime. I am available to provide you with confidential support, assistance to find answers to questions, and practical solutions to the issues you may face. I wouldn't be here without you. THANK YOU for your dedication to children and their families. I will be talking with you very soon.

Sincerely,  
Candice York  
IFAPA Peer Liaison

**FACT: IFAPA's Peer Liaisons and Resource Information Specialists provide support to an average of 2,000 foster, adoptive and kinship parents each month.**