

Meet Your IFAPA Peer Liaison

Jerilyn Kendig



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

Dallas and Polk*

*Only zip codes: 50021, 50023, 50109, 50111, 50131, 50226, 50263, 50265, 50266, 50310, 50311, 50322, 50323, 50325

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Hello! My name is Jerilyn Kendig and I am your Peer Liaison with the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association. I have been married to my amazing husband, Trace, for over 15 years. We have been abundantly blessed to adopt two children.

My husband and I have been foster/adoptive parents for over ten years and have had the pleasure of providing love and care to many children throughout that time. On our very first placement, we brought home a three-day old baby boy from the hospital. I remember it so vividly because we had a matter of two hours to prepare for an infant when a large majority of people have nine months! We pulled it off and it was a very rewarding experience. He and his family continue to be a part of our lives today.

In addition to my IFAPA Peer Liaison role, I also am a Resource Support Specialist for IFAPA. I am lucky that my positions at IFAPA allow me to continue to be a stay-at-home mom with our two small children. In my prior professional experience, I worked with victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, dating violence, and homelessness. Through the years of being a foster/adoptive parent and my work experience, I am very familiar with DHS, the court process, family team meetings, etc. Over time, I have had the privilege of developing great relationships with a variety of service providers, DHS staff, KidsNet, and attorneys.

I have a heart for children and am so excited to talk with you! I am here to help you problem-solve, offer resources, lend a listening ear and provide support as you have questions or are facing challenging situations. Please feel free to call or email me. Thank you so much for your commitment to children. I look forward to talking to you soon.

Sincerely,
Jerilyn Kendig
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.