

NEWS November 2015

FROM YOUR PEER LIAISON



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**I UNDERSTAND...
I AM A FOSTER PARENT TOO**

IFAPA recognizes that foster parents often need the perspective of peers during the foster parenting and adoption experience.

I can provide support and assist you with questions regarding:

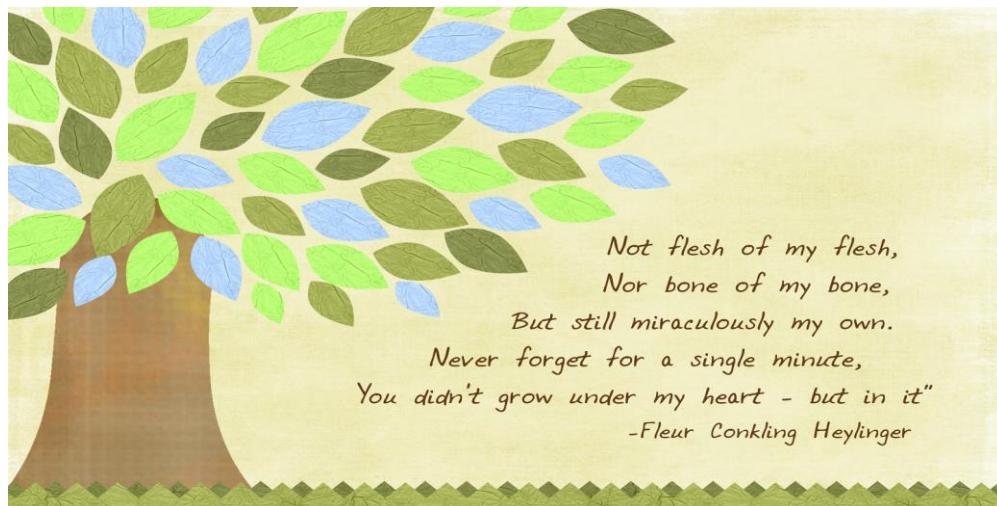
- Licensing requirements
- Training needs
- Respite care
- Behavior challenges
- Working with birth families
- Confidentiality issues
- And much more!

November is National Adoption Awareness Month!

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. A coalition of national partners – Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, The Alliance for Children's Rights and Children's Action Network – sponsor National Adoption Day. <http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/>

National Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 21, 2015. On this day, a number of courts and communities in the United States will come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children from foster care. More than 300 events are held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving in November, in all 50 US states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care. In total, more than 40,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day. National Adoption Day was started in 2000 by a Coalition of national partners. (With material from: Wikipedia) This text has been taken from www.cute-calendar.com

The **Des Moines** Model Court will be celebrating its 16th Annual Adoption Saturday on November 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk County Courthouse in downtown Des Moines! Judges and court personnel, DHS, Iowa KidsNet, and other community partners will be donating their time to make over two dozen foster kids part of a forever family.



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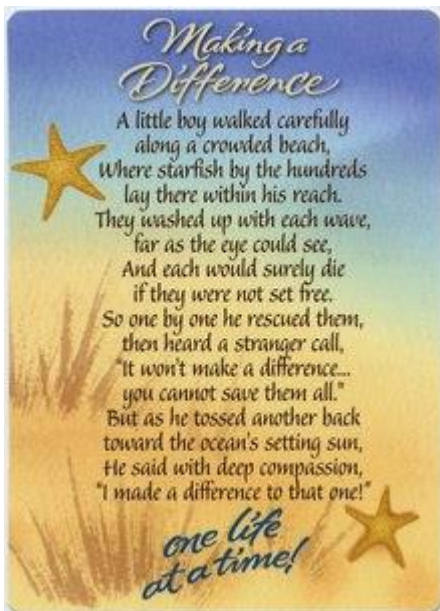
To register for a training:

Call IFAPA at 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or [REGISTER HERE](#).

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 9am-12:15pm	Facilitating Attachment in Foster and Adopted Children	3 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center 6864 NE 14th St, Suite 5A
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 1:30pm-4:45pm	The Good Enough Parent: Promoting Mental Health in Young Children	3 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center 6864 NE 14th St, Suite 5A
Saturday Nov. 14, 2015 9am-4:30pm	Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Its Impact on Children in Care	6 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center 6864 NE 14th St, Suite 5A
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 9am-12:15pm	Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training	3 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center 6864 NE 14th St, Suite 5A
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 1:15pm-5:30pm	CPR & First Aid For registration options, click here . To avoid late fees pay by Nov. 6	4 hours	Ankeny To be announced

PLEASE NOTE:

IFAPA will not be offering any trainings during the month of December.



This starfish poem always makes me think of adoption. There are so many children waiting for loving homes. It can be overwhelming and feel like nothing you do makes a difference. Thank you for all you do for the children it matters!



"If a mother and father can love more than one child then why is it so hard to understand that a child can love more than one mother and father?"
~ Unknown ~



This cute owl is the perfect healthy fall treat!



Children will enjoy family bonding in the kitchen making these adorable cookies.