

NEWS 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



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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.

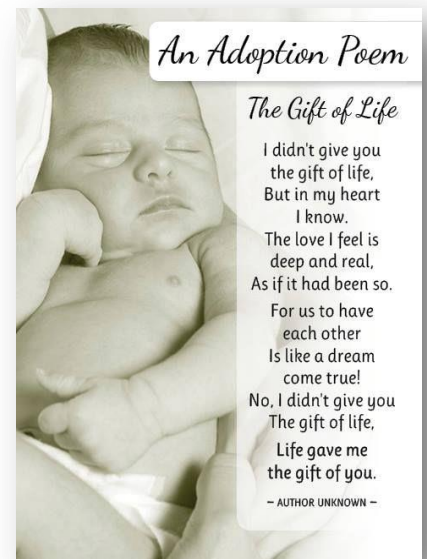
<http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/>

This year National Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 21 (or an alternate date in some locations). 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 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.

Events in Iowa

On November 5 Governor Branstad signed a formal proclamation declaring November as National Adoption Month in the state of Iowa.

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.



An Adoption Poem

The Gift of Life

I didn't give you
the gift of life,
But in my heart
I know,
The love I feel is
deep and real,
As if it had been so.
For us to have
each other
Is like a dream
come true!
No, I didn't give you
The gift of life,
Life gave me
the gift of you.

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TRAINING * TRAINING * TRAINING

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 9am-4:30pm	Helping Children Heal from the Double Trauma of Sexual Abuse and Placement	6 hours	Council Bluffs Holiday Inn Express 2211 S 32nd St
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 9am-12:15pm	How to Talk So Everyone Will Listen	3 hours	Denison Boulders Conference Center 2507 Boulders Dr
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 1:30pm-4:45pm	Working through Anger	3 hours	Denison Boulders Conference Center 2507 Boulders Dr
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 9am-12:15pm	"Crazy-R-U's": Managing Crises in Foster and Adoptive Homes	3 hours	Sioux City Stoney Creek Inn 300 3rd St, Nebraska Rm
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 1:30pm-4:45pm	Hope for Healing: Trust Based Relational Intervention	3 hours	Sioux City Stoney Creek Inn 300 3rd St, Nebraska Rm
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 9am-12:15pm	Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training	3 hours	Sioux City Stoney Creek Inn 300 3rd St, Nebraska Rm
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 1:15pm-5:30pm	CPR & First Aid For registration options, click here . To avoid late fees pay by Oct. 30	4 hours	Sioux City To be announced
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 6:30pm-8:30pm	It's Not About You: Re-Packing the Suitcase	2 hours	Essex Community Center
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 6:30pm-8:30pm	It's Not About You: Managing Anger	2 hours	Sheldon Sanford Sheldon Medical Center
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 9am-12:15pm	Decoding the Mystery of ADHD	3 hours	Council Bluffs Holiday Inn Express 2211 S 32nd St
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 1:30pm-4:45pm	Worrywarts and How You Can Help Them: Anxiety Disorders in Children and Teens	3 hours	Council Bluffs Holiday Inn Express 2211 S 32nd St
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 6pm-8pm	It's Not About You: Discipline Verses Consequence	2 hours	Spencer Dream Center 605 Grand Ave

No December Trainings

Just a reminder to plan ahead for your training hours. IFAPA will not be holding trainings for the month of December. Watch for information about upcoming January trainings.

Fall Craft



All you need is paint and a paint brush!



Why did the police arrest the turkey?

They suspected foul play!

Why did the turkey cross the road?

It was the chicken's day off!

