

Meet Your IFAPA Peer Liaison

Tina Vande Kamp



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

Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sioux & Woodbury

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Hello! My name is Tina Vande Kamp and I am your Peer Liaison with the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association. I am passionate about foster and adoptive parenting and always look forward to meeting families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need.

My husband, Darin, and I have been foster parents for over six years. We came to foster parenting through our own trials with infertility. Our original goal in becoming foster parents was to have a family. We have been blessed with one biological child and another child through adoption. We also have another child through a permanent foster arrangement. We have parented many other children in our home and have experienced the wide range of emotions that come with infertility issues, adopting, and fostering.

Being passionate about foster care, I was excited to become a trainer for the Trauma-Informed Care class offered through IFAPA. It is a fantastic course that helps caregivers understand the effects trauma has on a child and how to better meet the needs of these children.

"It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". This ancient proverb means the work of raising a child cannot be done alone. I firmly believe that! I have learned from support workers and peers that I have worked with and sometimes from trial and error. I have become an advocate for the children in my home. I have worked with therapists, school systems, medical professionals, juvenile court officers, caseworkers, resource workers, DHS, ICWA, Iowa KidsNet and more.

I am here to provide you with the support and answers you need. I hope you feel free to call me any time. No question is too big or too small. I certainly do not know every answer, but I will find the answers you need. I am a foster and adoptive parent just like you and understand the joys and challenges that come with it. Please contact me any time!

THANK YOU for the love and care you give to children and their families.

Sincerely,
Tina Vande Kamp
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.