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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!



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NEW YEAR'STOP 10 COUNT DOWN



10) Begin the New Year with new clothing for your foster child. Clothing allowances start over January 1st. Contact your DHS worker before you purchase!



9) Like Magic- the Friends of Children in Foster Care has grants to help with your foster child's "special extras" To apply: www.ifapa.org (under resources)!



8) New Year-New Contact Information? Let your liaison know if your email, address, or phone numbers have changed!



7) Ready for a well-deserved break? Remember to set up RESPIRE with your IKN support worker. Each placement receives 24 days per calendar year.



6) Snow days are a great opportunity to work on your child's Lifebook. Printable pages and ideas. www.ifapa.org (under publications)



5) "Spring is Coming" Save the Date for IFAPA's Spring Conference! April 7-8, 2017 in Des Moines. Watch for upcoming details. www.ifapa.org



4) A few quiet minutes, hot chocolate, & IFAPA's Weekly Word....PRICELESS arriving in your EMAIL box each week!



3) Keep Your Mind From Melting! IFAPA's New Training Brochure is out with fresh, new trainings. Don't wait...Sign up now! www.ifapa.org



2) Jack Frost keeping you inside? Take some time to look at IFAPA's website! Full of awesome information, trainings, videos, and resources! www.ifapa.org

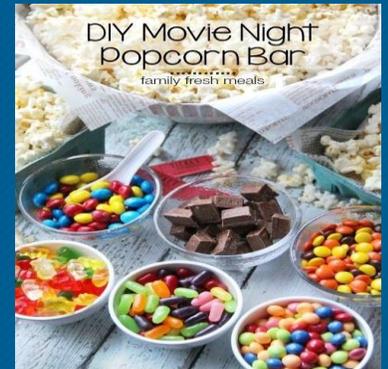


1) Lastly, You are making a difference in your Child's Life! Thank You and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your IFAPA Peer Liaison!! Christie McGuire (cmcguire@ifapa.org or 855-929-2005)

NEWS FROM YOUR IFAPA PEER LIAISON

DIY MOVIE NIGHT



Set up a concession buffet for movie time. ...Don't forget to provide personal lap trays!



DIY LASER MAZE



Make a DIY laser maze in the hallway. You need some red crepe paper & tape! Tape them high & low & all ways in between. You may have to do some adjusting as they navigate through it. You want it to have a level of difficulty but you also doable so they can feel successful. Fast & easy!