

NEWS

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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!



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NEW YEAR'S TOP 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 RESPITE 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!

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Please take a few minutes for a Quick Survey for Parents

IFAPA wants to hear from foster, adoptive and kinship parents that have taken advantage of any of IFAPA's programs during the months of October, November and December 2016. If you have attended one of our trainings, used adoption respite, talked to one of our Peer Liaisons or benefited from any of our newsletters or website, etc. - we want to hear about your experience!

We are asking parents to complete this quick nine question survey by Friday, January 15th.

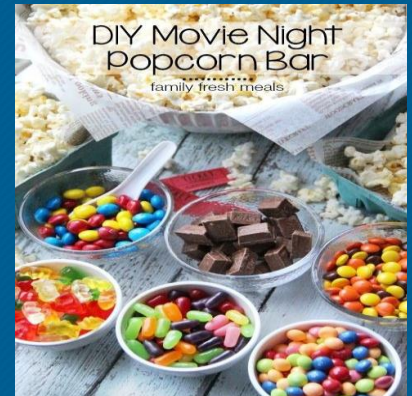
COMPLETE THE IFAPA SURVEY

Scott County Support Group Info

Scott County Support Group will have a training on Tuesday, January 24th from 6p to 8p at Family Resources. This is worth 2 credit hours of training. If you are interested in attending please rsvp to nmaday@famres.org.



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 also doable so they can feel successful. Fast & easy for HOURS of fun!!!