

A Minute with the Board – March 2016

As we move closer to spring (18 days, not that I'm counting) the IFAPA Board and Staff are gearing up for the Spring Conference on April 8th and 9th at a new location for us, the completely remodeled Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive in Des Moines. We are always eager for the conference and the opportunity to be able to meet families and talk with our members. This year we are especially excited as Julie Clark Albrecht, our IFAPA Training Coordinator, has identified some very dynamic speakers and for the first time, we will enjoy nationally renowned Keynote Speaker, **Charlie Appelstein, MSW** –

Described as "the best youth care trainer in America" by Robert Lieberman, former president of the American Association of Children's Residential Centers, Charlie has devoted his entire adult career to helping children and youth struggling with emotional and behavioral challenges and those who guide them. An engaging, informative, and humorous speaker, Charlie is the author of three critically acclaimed books on youth care and the creator of two innovative CDs that helps kids and parents make better choices and lead happier lives. Charlie's strength-based approach delivers a message of hope and possibility to our most vulnerable youth and those who shape and influence their lives. Check out Charlie at the following link, this is one conference you won't want to miss!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQzGIReVcKE&ebc=ANyPxKpXr8t34665e3GGFa73H516T8sXtm9S-rcolaB4DRrrYV1hzeFe_tibMi0LK9p-Q7lI0guyQdMLjM55946VCx5POev8UA

Don't miss out, take a minute and register for the event at the following link:

<https://ifapa.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2016SpringConference/tabid/570196/Default.aspx>

Be sure and say hello and ask any of our board members about the strategic initiatives we are working on and give us an opportunity to thank you for the service you provide for Iowa's children!

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