

IFAPA TRAINING

for foster, adoptive and kinship parents and workers

Foster Care Meets Mental Health: A Foster Parent Dilemma!

Do your foster children sometimes come with a diagnosis you do not understand or appear to have behaviors that no one has addressed? Have you ever had to send a child away because you didn't know what to do? Many children placed in the system are currently struggling with issues because of the trauma they have experienced. In this class we will review the basics of many diagnoses that are common. We will learn how to recognize the symptoms of mental health distress and suicide risk. We discuss how trauma affects children and look at how those symptoms are sometimes made worse by our reactions.

Approved for 6 Hours of Foster Parent Credit

About the Trainer:

Christy Meyer

Christy Meyer is a retired mental health professional who has 14 years of experience working with foster children, foster parents and their families. Christy has been a foster parent of 11 at risk teens. She has extensive experience working with at risk youth and their families. She was the lead therapist in a whole family foster care experience which successfully reunited 6 children and their parents. She has experience working helping foster parents and biological parents work cooperatively for the best outcome for the child. Christy has a passion for improving communication and boundary setting with children by improving listening and understanding. She understands there is a strong need to help children identify and articulate their feelings. If a child feels safe and understood that child is able to improve his ability to trust which is a key part of developing healthy coping skills.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

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