

IFAPA TRAINING

for foster, adoptive and kinship parents and workers

Family Matters - Working with Birth Families in the 21st Century

Today's foster parents, kinship and relative caregivers are key partners in helping children and families move through the system toward positive outcomes. During this class, we will explore the history of working with birth families along with the expectations and opportunities that exist today. We will explore how trauma impacts individuals, families, and the process of moving through the system and engaging the change process. We will explore the elements and expectations of the Family Interaction Initiative. The class will focus on specific practical tools for communication, documentation, and goal setting that will help to de-mystify the birth family-foster family relationship and provide a path for positive change.

Approved for 6 Hours of Foster Parent Credit

About the Trainer:

Mike McGuire

Mike has been employed with the 2nd Judicial District Department of Correctional Services as a Probation/ Parole Officer since 1989. Mike



was the coordinator of the Cerro Gordo County Community Drug Court program from 2000 until 2010 and currently serves as the Area Office Supervisor for the Mason City probation and parole office. Mike and his wife Christie have 8 children and have been foster and adoptive parents for over 20 years. Mike is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and has written and provides numerous trainings at the local, state, and national level.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

REGISTER VIA PHONE

Call 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or 515-289-4567 ext. 1

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

To sign-up for a class through our website, [complete our registration form](#). IFAPA will follow-up within two business days to confirm your enrollment.

