

## OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE NEBRASKA  
FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT  
ASSOCIATION IS TO

- EMPOWER
- SUPPORT
- ADVOCATE

FOR NEBRASKA FAMILIES BY  
PROMOTING SAFETY,  
PERMANENCE AND  
WELL BEING OF OUR  
CHILDREN.



### Nebraska Foster & Adoptive Parent Association

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## PROGRAM/ SERVICES INFORMATION

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## Newsletter

The *Families First* newsletter is a great source of information for resource parents as well as anyone interested in child welfare topics. This newsletter is published bi-monthly and has a distribution of 2,600 per issue.

## Support groups

NFAPA facilitates and provides assistance for persons interested in organizing a support group in their area. These groups provide in-service training and peer-to-peer support for foster families. We encourage foster and adoptive families to build a support system and have a safety plan available before a crisis arises. We teach foster parents to advocate for children in their care. We discuss laws and policies and how they relate to fostering and how they can advocate for change. We also assist families with locating community resources.

## FACES in Nebraska

New this year, we started a statewide Tuesday Night Chat group with foster, adoptive and guardianship parents. This gives them the opportunity to network with other foster parents statewide.

## Scholarships

NFAPA offers a scholarship for adoptive, foster, guardianship, or kinship children who wish to further their education beyond high school or GED. This can be college, university, vocational and job training or online learning.

## Mentoring

NFAPA has experienced foster parents to call upon for information and support. We can set up mentors for outbound phone calls, meet face to face for mentoring and will even attend family team meetings or court dates with foster parents if needed.

## Pre-Service Training

We have TIPS-MAPP Trainers throughout the state that have experience being foster parents. The TIPS-MAPP Class lasts 10 weeks and gives new foster parents an overview of what fostering entails. For smaller classes our Trainers use the Deciding Together format of TIPS-MAPP. It is a condensed version, completed in 7 weeks and is usually held in the home of future foster parents.

## Recruitment

NFAPA assists the State of Nebraska with recruitment of new resources families through the management of the 1-800-7PARENT Information Line.

## Kits for Kids

This program provides a bag filled with items of comfort to children entering the foster care system. Items can include a blanket, stuffed toy, personal hygiene items, school supplies and crayons and coloring books. New pajamas will also be included if we have them available.

## In-Service Training

NFAPA provides In-service training throughout the year for foster/adoptive/kinship parents. Typically NFAPA schedules up to 6 regional in-service training workshops statewide.

