



## Training Announcement

Iowa KidsNet would like to announce an upcoming training for individuals wishing to become PS-MAPP Leaders.

### PSMAPP Leader Training (Seven Days)

**Dates:** March 20-23 and April 3-5, 2012

**Location:** TBD

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*(Complete information will be provided with letter confirming acceptance to this leader training session.)*

Certified leaders will co-train (social worker and foster and/or adoptive parent training team) the PSMAPP curriculum to prepare prospective foster and/or adoptive parents using the approved 30-hour preparation curriculum on a contract basis.

**Areas of Need:** Social work leaders are needed in the Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Spencer, Storm Lake and Sioux City areas. Foster parent leaders are needed in Burlington, Council Bluffs, Davenport and Spencer.

### **If you would like to become a leader for PSMAPP pre-service training:**

1. **Send a letter of interest** detailing your experience in foster care licensing, completing adoptive home studies and/or foster or special needs adoptive care. Also include why you want to become a leader as well as what skills you possess to be a great leader.

2. **Submit a letter of recommendation** from your agency supervisor or agency licensing/placement/supervising worker.

#### **Send to:**

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PSMAPP Administrative Assistant  
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If you have any questions, please call 641-497-5294 or email [lisenhower@quakerdale.org](mailto:lisenhower@quakerdale.org)

## **Qualifications for PSMAPP Leaders**

**SOCIAL WORKER:** Be a currently employed social worker working as Foster Home Licensing worker or Special Needs Adoption worker with responsibility for evaluating/studying families. Have at least **two** years experience in licensing foster families for special needs adoption.

**FOSTER AND/OR ADOPTIVE PARENT:** Be a licensed foster parent with at least two years of active parenting of a foster child(ren) and/or an adoptive parent of a child.

## **Preparation of Leaders**

To become certified, candidates must participate fully in the seven-day leader certification class offered by Iowa KidsNet. The leader certification instruction is provided in a conference setting.

## **Compensation**

While completing the leader certification class each participant will be reimbursed for their travel, meals and lodging up to a specified limit. Leaders who complete the certification and are approved to provide PSMAPP training will receive \$25.00 per classroom contact hour, plus ½ hour of preparation time while delivering the training. Travel to and from the training site is reimbursed at the rate of \$.36 per mile.

## **Expectation**

Leaders co-train (social worker/foster and/or adoptive parent training team) the PSMAPP curriculum to prepare prospective foster and/or adoptive parents using the approved 30-hour preparation curriculum on a contract basis. All leaders completing leader certification training must be able to demonstrate standard leader abilities in order to present the PS-MAPP curriculum to potential resource families. There may be times when you will not have a class to teach due to scheduling or other leaders available.