



Definitions for IFSTAN

Iowa Family Support Credential Program (IFSC): Program demonstrating adherence to the Iowa Family Support Standards as demonstrated through an external evaluation process will be awarded a credential to “show-case” achievement of a quality family support program.

Iowa Family Support Standards (IFSS): Refers to a list of approved standards that provides programmatic and organizational guidance based on best practices for family support programs.

Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network (IFSTAN): Refers to the network of program specialists and peer reviewers that provide professional services to assigned family support programs that desire to earn the Iowa Family Support Credential.

Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network (IFSTAN) Coordinator: Refers to a position at LSI that coordinates and provides oversight to the IFSTAN network.

Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network (IFSTAN) Program Assistant: Refers to a position at LSI that provides administrative assistance and overall program support to IFSTAN.

Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Training: Refers to the pre-service training requirement for all program specialists. The training is provided by the IFSTAN coordinator at LSI.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI): Refers to the agency that provides oversight and coordination services to the program specialist.

Peer Review: Refers to the onsite external evaluation process that confirms or denies adherence to the Iowa Family Support Standards.

Program Specialist: Refers to the person assigned to assist family support programs in gaining adherence to the Iowa Family Support Standards through policy and practice changes.

Self Assessment and accompanying Materials (SAM): Refers to the form that demonstrates how the program meets all of the Iowa Family Support Standards.

Self Evaluation and Quality Improvement Plan (SEQIP): Refers to the form that provides initial ratings on each of the standards and develops a quality improvement plan for any standard rated at a three or four.

State Home Visitation Director: Refers to the contact person at the state agency.