



# Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network

## Spring into IFSTAN

Renewing your credential? The Iowa Family Support Credential renewal process offers programs twelve months to complete their credential renewal. This process includes 40 hours of in depth technical assistance which includes:

- ⇒ policy and practice review
- ⇒ onsite mock reviews
- ⇒ comprehensive tracking tools
- ⇒ clear and concise feedback
- ⇒ And much more!

Your program can feel comfortable taking the steps to spring into IFSTAN!

## Webinar Summer Break

We have just a one more webinar before we take a short summer hiatus. There will be no webinar sessions for June, July, or August. As always, we welcome your feedback. We need to know how to best serve your program and how to address the questions you need answers to!

Send your topics and/or questions to Leighann at [Leighann.mitchum@lsiowa.org](mailto:Leighann.mitchum@lsiowa.org)

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## IFSTAN Definitions

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**Iowa Family Support Credential (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.

**Program Coordinator:** Refers to a position at LSI that coordinates and provides oversight to the IFSTAN network.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## Program Updates

Congratulations to the following programs on earning the Iowa Family Support Credential from January 2018 – today!

### Renewal

Kossuth County Community Health  
Mercy Medical Center North Iowa  
Clarke/Decatur County

Growing Healthy Families  
Family Connections  
PAT

### Initial

Great Prairie AEA

BASEC

## IFSTAN Website



## Contact Us

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