



Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network

“The Institute”

The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals is now live and offering FREE accounts for users.

To explore visit: <https://institutefsp.org/>

If you missed our December webinar featuring the institute please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation slides.

PEER REVIEWERS NEEDED

The Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network needs YOU! We are currently looking for Peer Reviewers. If interested contact Risa Ergenbright for an application. A new peer reviewer training is being held in Davenport on May 15th and 16th.

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Webinar Feedback

What would you like to learn about? Need a past webinar?

Send your topics of interest and/or questions to Leighann at Leighann.mitchum@lsiowa.org

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Keep your EYE on the BOX!

Programs have five years in between credential cycles... FIVE YEARS! Don't forget about all the hard work you have put into creating, refining, and polishing your BOX. Whether you choose a traditional box or an electronic box here are some tips to keep it up to date!

- Create a timeline and set periodic reminders to yourself or staff to check in – or update – your BOX.
- Add credentialing matters to the agenda of staff meetings throughout the year to stay on top of changes.
- Assign tasks or delegate responsibility to appropriate staff to continually monitor the integrity of your BOX.
- Track changes – create a form or a spreadsheet and add changes accordingly





Happenings

The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals:

The Institute offers Family Support Professionals everywhere the opportunity to learn new skills and grow their careers. Through engaging, online modules and a personalized learning map feature, professionals take charge of their growth and advancement. The Institute is now *live* and *free* accounts can be created by visiting institutefsp.org.

Did you know? Training on the Institute was designed around the National Family Support Professional competencies and can help professionals prepare for the upcoming Certification Exam.

That's not all: The Institute can also assist Iowa Family Support Credential enrolled programs and professionals show adherence to the training requirements for the credential process.

Coming Soon! The Iowa Family Support Technical Assistance Network (IFSTAN) is working on a crosswalk to more easily circumnavigate the training requirements in relation to the credential process.



Program Updates

The Quality Standards Workgroup is currently looking for new members.

Purpose of workgroup meeting is to:

1. Review Family Support Standards on an annual basis.
2. Review any recommended interim changes to the standards.
3. Review all requests for Standards crosswalks.

We are looking for a representation from all types of programs and all across the state. Small programs, large programs, urban programs, rural programs, Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Iowa. Contact Risa Ergenbright if interested. Risa.Ergenbright@Iowa.org

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“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

— Edith Sitwell

