

# Shoutout



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## Greetings

By now school is no doubt out for all the kids. We appreciate the care you provided during the school year.

While we hope the entire year has been good, this is the best time of the year for kids. No school and the weather is nice. It is a time when kids can sleep late, play and do many of the things they enjoy doing. Foster parents are encouraged to help make this summer a very memorable time for the kids entrusted to your care. Plan a trip, throw a party or take the kids swimming or camping.

## Training

### “Behavior Management”

Monday, June 17, 2019

(10:00 to 12:00) At the

office

Father’s Day June 16, 2019

Help the kids recognize dad.

## Recruitment

The Agency continues to recruit foster parents or resource families. The referral stipend is still \$500 payable once a child is placed in the home.

### Qualities of a Good Foster Parent/ Resource Parent

Much has been written about what it takes or what is required to be a good foster parent. There is general agreement that such qualities as showing unconditional love, acceptance, patience, consistency and able to set limits are absolutely essential.

Jerry Foxhoven, who is currently director of the Iowa Department of Human Services, but has worked in pretty much all aspects of foster care, has identified some other qualities that he believes are critical in order to be considered a good foster parent

. They are as follows:

(1) A foster parent must be able to make the child feel that he or she is a part of the family.

family. Sometimes we don’t intentionally set making the child feel a part of the new family a goal.

(2) A good foster parent is able to fully support reunification. This includes befriending the bio-parent and to the extent possible, letting him or her participate in some of the parenting.

(3) A good foster parent is able to demonstrate empathy. Mainly this involves being able to let the child know that you understand how he/she feels.

(4) A good foster parent is resilient. This means the foster parent does not fall apart or gets “blown away” easily when the child exhibits bad behavior.

(5) Finally, a great foster parent signs up for the long-haul.

