AN OVERVIEW OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HISTORY
IN THE UNITED STATES 1885 – Present

- 1885  Pennsylvania passes the first licensing law for family child care
- 1927  First Day Nursery (Philadelphia) starts program placing children in family child care homes
- 1940  Child Care Act create licensing agencies - prior to this care of children was regulated by the humane society
- 1960  Government agencies begin to conduct research on family child care
- 1970  Family child care begins to be ‘noticed’ primarily on the east coast
- 1971  Many states begin basic training projects through universities, associations, and regulatory agencies
- 1975  Family Child Care was added to the Food Program
- 1978  Child Development Associates begins study of CDA credentials for family child care
- 1983  National Association for Family Child Care presents the first national conference in Washington DC
- 1988  National Association for Family Child Care pilots first national Family Child Accreditation Project
- 1988  National Council for Jewish Women launch national Family Day Care Project
- 1990  Target launches their own national Family to Family initiative - development of family child care associations were a priority
- 1999  National Association for Family Child Care launches new Accreditation program
- 2009  National Association for Family Child Care restructures its Accreditation process
(excerpted from the Mentor Training Guide)

The Beginning of Family Child Care in Florida and the FFCCHA

1986  Legislation developed and passed that all family child care homes become registered
1988  Legislated that licensing be available in all counties for family child care
1990  First statewide Family Child Care Technical Conference was held, Clearwater Beach
1991  First Nationally Accredited Family Child Care Home in Florida
7/92  A steering committee of family child care providers was created to develop a statewide family child care association. Representatives were involved from 5 designated regions.
3/93  FFCCHA received first grant from HRS (now DCF) to hold a State Conference.
5/93  The Florida Family Child Care Home Association Inc., (FFCCHA, Inc.) was incorporated.
6/93  FFCCHA, Inc. hosted their first State Conference in Tampa, FL. FFCCHA, Inc and also held its first election of officers
11/93  FFCCHA expanded to seven regions with each region having three regional representatives.
6/94  FFCCHA, Inc. received a grant from HRS for leadership training and the second annual State Conference
7/94  Four members of the executive Board attended the Windflower Second Helping “Train the Trainer” course at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts.
7/94 NAFCC selects FFCCHA member as the first Validator Trainer for Region IV
8/94 FFCCHA was issued a 501(C)(3) nonprofit status.
3/95 FFCCHA received a grant from HRS for the third annual state conference in Fort Lauderdale.
4/95 FFCCHA spoke to Public Services Commission in Tallahassee concerning FCC homes being charged commercial utility rates.
5/95 A. L. Mailman Foundation awarded FFCCHA, Inc. a $5000 grant to become the first Second Helping host agency of Windflower Enterprises.
6/95 First NAFCC Validator (now called Observer) Training held at 3rd annual state conference, “Making Waves for Family Child Care” in Ft. Lauderdale.
6/95 First Subordinate associations (now called Chapters) were created under FFCCHA, Inc. to receive nonprofit status.
6/95 Legislation passed protecting FCC from Commercial Utility rates. FFCCHA was instrumental in getting this passed protecting family child care from being charged commercial utility rates
6/95 The Florida Alliance for Consulting and Training Specialists (F.A.C.T.S.) was created as a branch of FFCCHA, Inc.
9/95 Florida facilitates 3 Community Workgroups for the NAFCC Accreditation Project to give input on the development of the new accreditation (Tampa, Orlando, and Miami areas)
4/96 F.A.C.T.S. held its first “Train the Trainer” course for Second Helping instructors in Tampa, FL.
5/96 Legislation was passed in Tallahassee re-defining the definition of Family Child Care. FFCCHA was instrumental in the ratio changes, allowing the possibility of a 6th child. Non-sibling school-agers are now allowed and the total number increased to 10. Starts 1/97
6/96 FFCCHA, Inc. received a grant from HRS for Leadership Training, the fourth annual State Conference, held in Sarasota and a Parent Awareness Campaign.
3/97 A. L. Mailman Foundation awarded the state association $5,000 towards scholarships for our 5th annual conference.
4/97 Nova Southeastern University sponsors F.A.C.T.S. to give CEU’s for approved training.
6/97 FFCCHA, Inc. received a grant from FL Department of Children and Families (formerly HRS) for Leadership Training, Second Helping TTT, and the 5th Annual Conference in Orlando, 2nd President begins term, first Roast of President
5/98 Legislation was passed protecting family child care homeowner’s insurance. FFCCHA was instrumental in getting this new state law passed. It now states that homeowner insurance companies can NOT cancel a licensed family child care provider that carries separate business liability insurance.
6/98 FFCCHA, Inc. received a $5000 Special Needs Grant from the Royal Order of Eagles.
7/98 FFCCHA, Inc. received a grant from Department of Children and Families for a Planning Caucus, leadership training, Second Helping TTT and the 6th annual conference in conjunction with the National Association of Family Child Care Conference.
7/98 FFCCHA was host of the NAFCC Conference in Orlando, responsible for hostesses, door prizes, T-shirts, conference pins, decorations and exhibitors.
6/98 The continued growth of the association created the need to add another region (total of 8).
12/98 FFCCHA launches first website under the name www.familychildcare.org
5/99 Legislation was passed to create Large Family Child Care Homes. FFCCHA was instrumental in the legislation allowing the first Large family child care homes are licensed (2 caregivers for up
to 12 children in a home).

5/99 The rapid growth of Subordinate Associations encouraged the board to add a subordinate association **representative from each local association to the full board.**

7/99 FFCCHA, Inc. received a grant from Department of Children and Families for leadership training, at the 7th annual conference in Crystal River, FL.

**FFCCHA and the New Century**

6/00 “Remembering Our Past...Building our Future” FFCCHA commemorates a decade of growth for the family child care profession at their 8th annual conference in Clearwater Beach

6/00 FFCCHA awards **first** credential scholarships totaling $5000.00

6/01 FFCCHA creates Parent Advocacy Legislative (PAL) Chair position for FFCCHA.

6/01 FFCCHA changes Regional Reps to **Area** Representatives with a change in their responsibilities and job description too.

7/01 3rd President begins term

8/01 FFCCHA establishes the Deed Restriction Committee under the PAL position.

8/01 FFCCHA opens new Executive Board position, the Latino Liaison, as coordinator of the **first** Statewide Latino Council.

8/01 FFCCHA establishes standardized professional business cards.

7/01 FFCCHA goes high tech with the FFCCHA Yahoo Groups “Resources Station”, an activities exchange group and “Information Station” on the Internet.

9/01 Members attend **first** statewide Mentor training for the MENTOR program.

9/01 DCF goes high tech with their new website [www.myflorida.com/childcare](http://www.myflorida.com/childcare) FFCCHA was instrumental in allowing the providers a choice of whether their addresses and map locator appeared on the website or not and a criteria for not being listed at all.

11/01 **First** mission statement was adopted that was developed by attendees at the annual Leadership Summit, Crystal River Mission Statement:  *A united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage quality professional family child care though education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love.*

4/02 FFCCHA develops **first** full page color ad “Family Child Care is Family–Friendly Care” for Child Care Directory in 6 market areas of the state

6/02 FFCCHA awards **first** Hall of Fame Provider/Family Childcare Advocate Awards at the 10th Annual Conference in Clearwater, FL

7/02 DCF grants FFCCHA a 3 year contract (with yearly amendments possible) for grants and provider scholarships.

7/02 3 members received Grants to attend the One Goal Summer Conference - Tampa

8/02 All former “appointed” positions of the Executive Board are changed to “elected officer” positions. (Latino Liaison and the Coordinators of each Area Reps; Subordinate Reps; and FACTS)

11/02 Voters pass constitutional amendment to offer a high quality voluntary Universal PreK program to begin Fall 2005 free to all children 4 years old by September 1.

2/03 FFCCHA develops **first** Color Informational Membership brochure with grant

5/03 FFCCHA launches its new public awareness campaign There’s No Place Like Home! – Quality Family Child Care which includes newly developed 16 page Professional Booklet and 7 minute Video and PowerPoint presentation

5/03 FFCCHA Established **first** Honorary and Lifetime Memberships

6/03 FFCCHA celebrates their 10th Birthday in style at the annual conference in Clearwater, FL.

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6/03 FFCCHA Members trained to be Presenters of “There’s No Place Like Home!” campaign
7/03 Legislation passes requiring 10 hours of annual in-service, a one-time 5 hour early literacy program to registration or license, and registered family child care homes must annually complete a health and safety home inspection self-evaluation checklist and provide it to parents.
7/03 A new rule regarding SIDS prevention now says that the infant has to be on his back to sleep up until he/she can roll over by themselves. FFCCHA questions original draft of the rule stating baby must sleep on his back for infants up to 12 months which meant provider would have to constantly keep turning them on their backs.
7/03 FFCCHA was instrumental in the rewording of the DCF lighting rule requirement and the 20 foot candles are no longer required for homes.
7/03 Legislation passes law that providers not registered or licensed or repeatedly over ratio can be fined and can have a court injunction to close them. (DCF Inspectors now make a visit to the reported homes.)
8/03 Past FFCCHA Board Member and charter member is elected President of the National Association for Family Child Care.
9/03 FFCCHA develops its own position statement on VUPK and sends VUPK position statement and letter to the VUPK Advisory Council and it was placed on their website as public comment.
12/03 FFCCHA President and New York UPK FCC provider co-facilitate workshop at the UPK Conference II, Orlando
1/04 Legislation requires passage of a competency exam for the 30 hour family child care course in order to be legally regulated. FFCCHA sends letter to DCF with concerns about the exam not being offered in Spanish.
1/04 FFCCHA member and NAFCC accredited provider from Tallahassee pictured on front page and in the featured article of “Florida’s Child” magazine.
2/04 FFCCHA President attended meeting with David Lawrence on the Quality VUPK (Gov. Bill) in Tallahassee
2/04 House Representative, Henriquez drafts Deed Restriction Bill and Senator Wilson co-sponsors the bill. (Sadly, no action was taken.)
3/04 FFCCHA Latino Liaison featured in “Quality VUPK” article in “Florida’s Child” magazine.
5/04 FFCCHA President meets with Governor Jeb Bush about the VUPK bill, Tallahassee
7/04 Governor Jeb Bush vetoes VUPK bill.
7/04 Florida receives First Place award at NAFCC Conference for the state with the Highest Percentage of NAFCC Accredited Providers and NAFCC members (in comparison with number of regulated providers) with 330 Accredited homes! And President receives NAFCC Region 4 First Leadership Award.
9/04 President is on VUPK Executive Committee with the Florida Children’s Campaign.
10/04 Annual Leadership Summit, Ocala “FFCCHA: From Birth to Infinity and Beyond!”
12/04 Special legislative session called for VUPK (FCC homes included) and Hurricane relief
1/05 FFCCHA increases membership dues by $5
2/05 Again, House Representative, Henriquez drafts Deed Restriction Bill and Senator Wilson co-sponsors the bill. President speaks to Committee. (Sadly, no action was taken.)
7/05 13th Annual Conference, “The ABC’s of Family Child Care,” Clearwater Beach, FFCCHA 4th President begins term, There was no contract with DCF for a whole year
8/05 First voluntary UPK programs begin, including family child care homes

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2/06 FFCCHA Annual Leadership Summit in Ocala
6/06 Executive Board member elected Region 4 Rep for NAFCC
7/06 Granted 3 year contract with DCF to offer training and information dissemination
7/06 FFCCHA hosts combination NAFCC Annual Conference and International FCC Conference, and Tour of FCC Homes, Orlando, NAFCC President is former FFCCHA Executive Board member, FFCCHA President speaks at Opening Ceremony and General Session, FL is 2nd in nation for number of NAFCC members and 2nd place for number of accredited homes.
8/06 Four members participate on committees for development of state QRS (Quality Rating System)
9/06 First Annual Executive Board Development Weekend Retreat, Oviedo
7/06 Granted 3 year contract with DCF to offer training and information dissemination
11/06 FFCCHA votes to adopt new vision statement, “Nurturing Happy Healthy Lives for Children”
2/07 FFCCHA Annual Leadership Summit in Ocala
5/07 Executive Board member represents FFCCHA and participates on FL Professional Development Steering Committee Meetings from 2007 through 2009 to develop core competencies for early childhood teachers
5/07 Four Executive Board members participate on state Policy Matters Project for Early Care
6/07 FFCCHA 15th Annual Conference “Family Child Care Shines in Florida” in Clearwater Beach
9/07 Second Annual Executive Board Development Retreat, Oviedo. Some Executive Board positions are renamed and subordinates renamed to “chapters”
11/07 FFCCHA votes to adopt its first Five Year Strategic Plan and the new names for positions
1/08 Two members attend Governor’s Children’s Summit at UCF, Orlando
1/08 Letter written to NACCRA Executive Director, with concerns regarding the ranking of FL in their new book, “Leaving Children to Chance,” NACCRA’s Ranking of State Standards and Oversight of Small Family Child Care Homes (based on 2006 data)
2/08 FFCCHA Annual Leadership Summit “Team Building” in Crystal River
2/08 FFCCHA “There’s No Place Like Home!” brochures are updated, redesigned, and printed. The new design of FFCCHA logo is approved. Design work by the Children’s Forum.
4/08 DCF awards FFCCHA additional funds to current contract for conference, training, credential scholarships and resources.
5/08 FFCCHA TNPLH brochure and “FCC is Family Friendly Care” are translated into Spanish for the first time. Mentor brochure also re-designed and updated with new logo.
6/08 FFCCHA 16th Annual Conference, “Early Childhood Educators...Our Children’s Treasures” Clearwater Beach, first Full Board Orientation in conjunction with conference, President-Elect and Treasurer-Elect (vacant) begin their first one year term
6/08 New Hall of Fame & 3’x6’ display boards purchased, panels updated and translated into Spanish
7/08 FFCCHA granted NAFCC affiliate status, 2nd in nation for number of accredited homes -268
9/08 Third Annual Executive Board Development Weekend Retreat, in Ft. Lauderdale
11/08 Past President represents family child care as an interviewed host on a 30 minute public TV show “Child Flight” geared to inform parents about high quality care
2/09 FFCCHA conference 4 page brochure printed in color for the first time
4/09 FFCCHA is a Partner sponsor and sets up large display at Capitol for Children’s Week
4/09 President-Elect, Vice President attend Child Development Fund Plan meetings, Tallahassee
5/09 The position of Legislative Liaison is added to Executive Board and begins first term July 1

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7/09  5th President begins term and first part time Executive Director approved
8/09  Executive Director attends “Effective Child Care Strategies to Support U.S. Military Families” conference in MN as part of a delegation from NAFCC
9/09  Fourth Annual Executive Board Development Weekend Retreat, in Ocala, updated 5yr plan
10/09 Annual Leadership Summit, Ocala “FFCCHA: Past, Present, and Future”
10/09 Launch of New Website Design incorporating all of FFCCHA’s publications & Area Rep Map

Future...

11/09  First FFCCHA Fundraiser Cruise sails to Key West, Bahamas
4/10  Children’s Week at Capitol in Tallahassee
6/10  FFCCHA 18th Annual conference, “Enhancing our Minds in 2010”, Clearwater Beach Pre-conference: NAFCC Observer course, first Children’s Concert “Mr AL” on Friday night
6/12  FFCCHA 20th Annual conference, “Enhancing our Minds in 2012”, Clearwater Beach