

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association

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"Let's celebrate a New Year with love and friends so dear!"

January 2018

President's Message:

WOW! 2018!

**We are Growing! FFCCHA Team
(the Voyage Continues)**

FFCCHA continues to grow with members and leaders. I'm so excited that members are stepping up on the voyage to grow and making the commitment to move forward in the 2018 year. As we continue to move the voyage forward take a hand of a Family Child Care provider and encourage them to join the voyage of growing new leaders.

I want to encourage all members to become a part of the FFCCHA mission to represent a united voice on behalf of all children. And to promote and encourage quality, professional Family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love. I want to continue to encourage members not to just join, but come aboard and share love, experience, knowledge and new ideas. I know we can make a difference in the growing trend of Family child care.

As we move into the 2018 year, think about the future of FFCCHA's voyage and what Webster defines a leader as, someone who provides leadership and through leadership come effectiveness and skills. I want to encourage all members to mark their calendar and save the date for February 24, 2018 to attend the FFCCHA Leadership Summit. I promise you will be refueled after this Leadership Summit.

Gwen Wilson, President

Mensaje de Presidencia:

WOW! 2018!

**El equipo de FFCCHA esta creciendo
(El viaje continua)**

FFCCHA continúa creciendo con miembros y líderes. Estoy tan emocionada de que los miembros estén intensificando su viaje para crecer y hacer el compromiso de avanzar en el 2018. A medida que continuamos avanzando en el viaje, tome la mano de un proveedor de cuidado infantil familiar y alientelos a unirse al viaje de nuevos líderes en crecimiento. Quiero alentar a todos los miembros a formar parte de la misión de FFCCHA para representar una voz unida en nombre de los niños y promover y alentar la calidad y el cuidado infantil familiar a través de la educación, la legislación, la defensa, la tutoría, el cuidado y el amor.

Quiero continuar alentando a los miembros no solo se unan, sino que suban a bordo y compartan amor, experiencias, conocimientos y nuevas ideas. Se que podemos hacer la diferencia en la tendencia creciente de cuidado infantil familiar.

Mientras nos movemos a medida que avanzamos hacia el año 2018, piensa en el futuro y el viaje de FFCCHA y lo que Webster define a un líder como alguien que proporciona liderazgo a través de liderazgo viene a hacer efectividad y las habilidades. Quiero animar a todos los miembros a que marquen su calendario y guarden la fecha para el día 24 de febrero de 2018 para atender a la reunión de liderazgo de la FFCCHA. Te prometo que serás reabastecido después de la reunión de liderazgo.

Gwen Wilson, Presidente



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**Members of FFCCHA who serve on
Early Learning Coalitions:****Shurrea Daniels** – ELC of Pinellas**Karan Heister** – ELC of Flagler/Volusia
County**Gwen Wilson** – ELC of Marion County**Naomi Helligar** – ELC of Osceola**Other Boards/Councils****Mary Morris** – Palm Beach County Health
Department Child Care Advisory Council**Tammy Tener** – Seminole State College Early
Childhood Advisory Committee**Tasheba Berry** – Broward County
Professional Development Committee**Kathy Jones** - Hillsborough County Board of
County Commissioners Family Child Care
Home Advisory Board**Arleen Lambert** - Miami Dade College Early
Childhood Education Advisory Committee**Credential Scholarship News**

By Abbie Bill (temporary) Scholarship Chair

4 Scholarships were awarded totaling \$820
August 16, 2017- November 15, 2017

\$300.00 NAFCC Re-Accreditation:

Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Nancy Nairns

\$160.00 NAFCC Update:

Lois Kendrick, Kelene Robinson

Funds are available! Apply NOW!

If your credential is due for renewal through
Sept. 2018, you can APPLY now for a
scholarship. TEACH is offering scholarships
for CDA renewals. And when completed, you
will be given a stipend.**October Full Board Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

The October Quarterly Meeting was held at the ELC of Marion
County, Ocala, Florida on October 28, 2017.

FFCCHA welcomed four new first-time attendees!

New Appointments: The Board voted on new appointments to
the Executive Committee: Bernie Heikkila as Chapter Coordinator;
Renie Roach as Secretary; and Patricia Ortiz as Latino Liaison.
Karan Hiester was selected as the Conference Coordinator 2018-20
Children's Week is early in 2018, the week of January 21st. Tasheba
Berry is coordinating a group of members planning to attend. Tammy
Tener reminds providers to always be mindful of representing the
Family Child Care business, attend professionally, leave the best im-
pression, and be respectful.

**NAFCC Accredited Providers:
Apply for an Award**The **Outstanding Accredited Provider Award** is given to one FFCCHA provid-
er chapter member **currently** accredited by the National Association for
Family Child Care (NAFCC).

Accredited Providers must submit a short essay (300 words or less) titled
"**My Accredited Program is Outstanding...**" to: FFCCHA Awards, 2050 Ryan
Road, St Augustine, FL 32092 postmarked **by March 28, 2018** or email to:
rrrroach@bellsouth and type OUTSTANDING ACCREDITED PROVIDER in the
subject line. Please describe specific details of what makes your program
unique and outstanding. Be sure to include your full name and complete
contact information and the name of your local FFCCHA chapter.

A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website
www.familychildcare.org The winner will be featured at a table display and
recognized at the FFCCHA Conference during the morning General Session
on Saturday, June 23 in Clearwater Beach. The winner of this award will
receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton
Sand Key Resort during the 2018 FFCCHA conference!

FFCCHA Calendar of Events

January 2018

- 15 Applications due for positions to start July 1, 2018 for: Membership, Public Relations, Professional Development, Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Coordinator and even # Area Reps
- 18 Deadline for FFCCHA conference Workshop Proposals
- 21-26 Children's Week, Tallahassee

February

- 3 Deadline for February Full Board Meeting Reports: Executive Committee & Chairs send to: gwenlo50@hotmail.com Area Reps send to: 1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com Chapter Reps send to: weluvkids@comcast.net
- 17 Deadline for April newsletter
- 17 Deadline for Hotel reservations and training for Feb 24 Full Board meeting, Ocala
- 22 FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting via conf call
- 23 Conference Team Meeting, Best Western, Ocala
- 24 FFCCHA Leadership Summit & Full Board Meeting, Ocala
- 27 ELC of Sarasota Conference, Osprey, FL

March

- 18 Deadline for Parent Choice Awards
- 28 Deadline for Accredited Provider Award
- 31 Deadline for April Full Board Meeting Reports: Executive Committee & Chairs send to: gwenlo50@hotmail.com Area Reps send to: 1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com Chapter Reps send to: weluvkids@comcast.net

April

- 8 Deadline for Essay Awards
- 21 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting/Training/Hostess Orientation, Ocala
- 30 Deadline for FFCCHA Hostess Applications

May

- 5 Deadline for FFCCHA Photo Contest, Palm Beach Chapter Black and White Annual Provider's Appreciation Ball
- 10 Deadline for July newsletter
- 11 National Provider Appreciation Day
- 17 Deadline for Hotel Reservations at Sheraton Sand Key Resort

June

- 1 Early Bird Deadline for Registration to FFCCHA Conf
- 20-21 Mentoring Essentials and Certification training
- 20-24 FFCCHA Conference, Sheraton Sand Key Resort Clearwater Beach, FL
- 24 FFCCHA General Meeting, Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, FL
- 28-Jul 1 NAFCC Conference, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL

July

- 18-20 One Goal Conference, Hilton Tampa Downtown

August

- 11 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting
- 17 Deadline for October newsletter

October

- 27 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting

November

- 14-17 NAEYC conference, Washington, DC
- 17 Deadline for January newsletter



Winter Membership News

Membership Officer – Amanda Wallace

Congratulations to our Membership Drive Winners!!

Heart to Heart Child Care Association (August)

Marion County FCCH Association (September)

Palm Beach County Family Child Care Association (October)

The winners for the current Membership Drive will be announced during the next Full Board Meeting in Ocala.

Remember, acknowledgements are given to the Chapter that submits the most new, renewed, or advocate members monthly. Providers who submit the most new parent members are also acknowledged each month. Please renew your membership before it expires to avoid a lapse in your membership. Your expiration date is located on the back of the FFCCHA's newsletter, *The Grapevine*, just above your name on the address label. All FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a \$5 discounted rate through your local Chapter.

Membership breakdown as of 11/30/2017:

Chapters: 19	Chapter Providers: 438
Co-Providers: 33	Individual Members: 49
Advocates: 31	Parent Members: 16
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 9	Agencies: 1
Total: 596	

Thank you for your patience and assistance!

more than a membership
IT'S A PARTNERSHIP

28TH NATIONAL FAMILY CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

Celebrating the Power of FAMILY CHILD CARE

June 28-July 1, 2018

Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Chicago, Illinois

NAFCC
National Association for Family Child Care
Your Home. Your Profession. Our Commitment.

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801-886-2322
#NAFCC18

TALK OF THE TOWN
AREA 7

Lucinda Hightower



Lucinda Hightower is the owner and operator of A Happy Place for Children, "Where Education, Care and Play, go hand in hand! She currently resides in Duval County in the city of Jacksonville, Florida. Lucinda has been in family home childcare for over 18 years, and is the mother of three sons, and a goddaughter.

Lucinda takes working with children very seriously as she started watching children at the age of 13. Even at that early age she knew that she wanted to make an impact in the lives of young children.

Lucinda has her (AS) degree in Early Childhood Management, a Child Development Associate (CDA), and is currently working on her Bachelor's degree.

She has been a member of FFCCHA since 2009, and is currently the Area Rep Coordinator. She is the president of Family Child Care Association of Jacksonville, AND she also started Extended-Hands Social/Support Group for Family Home Childcare Providers in 2010.

In her spare time, Lucinda enjoys shopping, traveling, helping others and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite quote is, "Stay focused on what God has assigned me to do. Keep my mind on what I am doing," by John C. Maxwell.

Ways to support
FFCCHAHere are some ways YOU can support
FFCCHA just by shopping through links!

Amazon Smile - When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Florida Family Child Care Home Association Inc. Support us every time you shop, through the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0392120>.

Also Share this link with others to help us too!

Benevity.org - Florida Family Child Care Home Association Inc. is registered with causes.benevity.org and is eligible to receive donations and matching corporate donations.

Coin Rally - Keep a container near your entry way to collect loose change from your parent clients and bring coins to quarterly meeting.

Green Table - continue to bring your child care items to Ocala to donate for resale.



Florida Day Care Insurance

Insurance Coverage for your
Family Child Care Business

- Coverage which suits your Family Child Care business.
- Bilingual, secure website. Servicio al cliente disponible en Español.
- No cost to name your ELC or landlord as an additional insured.
- No exclusions for pets or pools - *no additional cost*.
- Option to start a policy or renew coverage on-line.
- Provider Service Center - *online*.
- Carriers A++ rated by A.M. Best.
- Credit and debit card payments accepted.



♥ In a relationship



Florida Day Care Insurance

800-359-4300 | www.FDCINS.com | info@FDCINS.com

Chapter News

Submitted by Bernie Heikkila, Chapter Coordinator

Congratulations to Chapter Rep of the Quarter!!

Victoria Morgan

HHC Providers Assoc. Manatee county - Area 23

And welcome to our newest Chapter Rep,

Linda Nattiel, Marion County Family Childcare Assoc.

And now, I would like to introduce myself, Bernie, as the new Chapter Coordinator. I live in Sarasota and have been a member of FFCCHA since 1993. I've been married for 14 years to a wonderful man, Michael, I have two grown children, and a beautiful new grandson, Aquiles.

I am very excited to be working with all the chapters of FFCCHA and know it will be a rewarding experience to be working with a group of professional women. This will be an exciting New Year and I would like to see ALL of the chapters attending our FFCCHA Leadership Summit the weekend of February 24, 2018, in Ocala, FL. Reminder that Chapters from Areas 1-19 are to donate a gift or gift card in the amount of \$25 or more for the door prizes for the Summit. The Grand Prize at the Summit:

The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care.

For Chapter Info: contact Bernie at weluvkids@comcast.net.

Area Rep News

Submitted by Lucinda Hightower, Area Rep Coordinator

Congratulations to the Area Rep of the Quarter:

Area 31 Adrienne Donaldson

Have YOU ever thought about becoming an Area Rep? Area Representatives are currently working on getting providers to join FFCCHA and to attend the quarterly meetings and trainings in Ocala.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

Challenge for the Quarter ~ Each Rep will be responsible for bringing 2 NEW providers to our next quarterly meeting.

We are currently looking for new Area Representatives for the following Areas: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30. If you like working as an Advocate in your community, sharing resources and networking, then this is the perfect job for you.

Please contact Lucinda Hightower 904-475-0458 or

Email: 1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com



Trauma-Informed Care for Child Care Professionals (TICC)

Available July 5, 2017 Online!



The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation is offering a new 5-hour course, which provides child care professionals with an overview of the impact of trauma on children and families and how to incorporate learning strategies to decrease stress in the classroom.

- Identify age-related signs of stress and trauma in children
- Describe the role caregivers play in promoting connections and buffering the effects of adversity
- Identify how stress and trauma can negatively impact the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and physical development of young children
- Identify resources and strategies to use to provide trauma-informed care

To access this course, go to www.myflfamilies.com/childcare and select "Training and Credentialing."



FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

Requirements: Must be a Florida regulated Family Child Care Provider and a FFCCHA chapter provider member for one year without a lapse in membership



Applying for: ☐ \$ _____ ☐ \$50 ☐ \$160 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$300

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Provider – New | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuatro Pasos | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Provider Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Helping | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC New Accreditation: Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. Help. T-T-T | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Annual Up-date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> SH Renew T-T-T | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Re-Accredit Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Observer | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Observer Refresher | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Train-the-Trainer |

Note: \$300/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. Therefore, you must commit to pay the balance on credentials that exceed \$300.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name on Family Child Care License: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Check all that apply: ☐ Registered ☐ Licensed ☐ Large Licensed ☐ VPK ☐ CDA ☐ NAFCC Accredited since _____

Local FFCCHA Chapter: _____ Area: # _____

Name of Chapter President: _____

How long have you been a member of your local chapter? _____

List current leadership roles or participation in your chapter: _____

List current leadership roles or participation in FFCCHA: _____

How long have you been a full time family child care provider? _____

List other child care related experience: _____

What are your future plans in family child care? _____

Briefly explain how receiving this scholarship will benefit you, the children, your parent clients, and/or other providers:

If the credential applied for exceeds \$300, how do you plan to pay for the balance? _____

Do you agree to sign a contract to return the awarded money, if you fail to meet the scholarship purpose within an agreed upon deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please **submit this application along with 2 letters of recommendation** from any of the following:

Child Care Agency, Early Learning Coalition, local FFCCHA Chapter, current parent/client from your FCC home, Food Program sponsor, Training Instructor, Licensing, Community or State College. Also include a copy of your current **NAFCC** Membership Card.

FFCCHA Scholarships, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

All correspondence is by e-mail, so make sure your email is valid, and check email often after applying.

Questions? Please call Abbie Bill at 561-482-6038 or e-mail aright933@aol.com

Office verification: Regulation _____ Chapter _____ Member since _____ FFCCHA _____ NAFCC _____

Application Revised 9-2017



FFCCHA Professional Development Leadership Summit

Saturday, February 24, 2018
8:00am – 5:00pm

The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, 2300 SW 17 Road, Ocala, FL 34471 (2 miles East of Exit 350 and I-75)

Registration Fee: \$75.00 (\$60.00 scholarships available) **LUNCH INCLUDED**

Registration forms & payment must be **received by February 17, 2018. NO REFUNDS.**

Mail to: **FFCCHA c/o Arleen Lambert, 19811 NW 7th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33169**

Make check or money order payable to: FFCCHA, Inc. Please submit this completed form with payment (**pay only \$15 if you are** a FL Registered OR Licensed family child care provider OR co-provider FFCCHA member & complete 30 words below). *Note: Returned checks will be assessed \$47 in additional fees.*

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (305)793-4011 or stimaz71@yahoo.com

Networking Lunch - select one:

☐ Chef Salad ☐ Roasted Turkey Caesar Salad ☐ Ham Sandwich ☐ Roast Beef Sandwich ☐ Turkey Sandwich
For sandwiches **only**, choose one side: ☐ pasta salad ☐ mandarin pineapple dream ☐ tropical fruit ☐ chips

Deadline: Must be received by February 17, 2018

Please Print:

Name: _____

Name of FCC home as listed on License/Registration _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **County:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Chapter that you are a member of _____

YOU MUST BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE SUMMIT TRAINING SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

Training starts promptly at 8:00am! PLEASE NOTE: Arrive at 7:35am to sign in.

CEUs are available for an additional fee.

Count Us In! Cuenta con nosotros!

Presented by Mary Beth Salomone Testa

Policy Consultant for NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)

It's time for action! Providers will recognize the role of family child care for families, in the early childhood field, and policy decisions. Learn how to navigate the big aspirations of **the Power to the Profession** initiative, and drive for quality in early childhood programs, while dealing with the here-and-now realities of programs, providers, and families who are counting on us. We have the **stories and experiences, as well as the data and research to make our case.** Seasoned and new advocates will get tools, tips, and new excitement to say **"Count Us In!"**

Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de la session. Es hora de actuar! Las proveedoras seran reconocidas por su rol de cuidado de niños infantil, en el campo de la infancia, política y decisión. Aprenderan a navegar las aspiraciones grandes de el Poder de la Profesión, e impulsar la calidad en los programas para la infancia, mientras lidiamos con las realidades de programas aquí y ahora las proveedoras y familias cuentan con nosotros. Tenemos las historias y experiencias, asi como los datos e investigaciones para presentar nuestro caso. Los defensores experimentados y nuevos obtendrán herramientas, consejos y nuevas emociones para contar con nosotros!

____ Please check here if applying for a **Leadership Scholarship** and **explain below** in a minimum of 30 words why you want to take this training and how you plan on using it in your family child care business. **Print neatly on lines below only.**

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process: contact FFCCHA at least two weeks prior to the first training date at (305) 793-4011 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m Monday through Friday.

Deadline: February 17, 2018- NO REFUNDS after this date. Training fees are non-transferable.

Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee in addition to the amount of the check. Confirmation will be emailed to you by 2/21/2018



FFCCHA Quarterly Meeting/Leadership Summit Hotel Application

Best Western Hotel

3701 SW 38th Ave. Ocala, FL 34474 (off 1-75, exit 350, go west)

Hotel reservations are for one or two (2) nights (Friday evening, Feb. 23rd & Saturday evening, Feb. 24th) while you are attending the FFCCHA Full Board meeting and Leadership Summit training at The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County. (Exit 350, go East). **Limited number of hotel rooms available. Make your reservation early. First come, first served.**

To qualify for room reservations recipients must:

- Be a FFCCHA member;
- Attend the State Full Board Meeting and Leadership Summit on February 24, 2018;
- Complete form(s) and send so they are received no later than February 17, 2018;
- Include full payment with this form or the application will not be accepted. **Payments will be available online via Credit Card (cc) payments. Those making payments by cash/check/MO will be given discounted prices.**

Hotel reservations must be **made by FFCCHA!** Room reservations will **NOT** be made without the proper form(s) and the money submitted. **Leadership Summit training scholarship applications must be sent in with this hotel form.**

If you select option 1 or 3 below, please list your roommate preference. If you do not designate a roommate, one **will be assigned, if available.** All considerations will be taken in order to meet your request.

Hotel Reservations for February 23-24, 2018

Check one option:

Option 1 ____ Two people to a room for two nights. Each person pays **\$ 75.00 (CC)** or **\$73.00** (Cash / Check)

Option 2 ____ Single or Family Room for two nights. One payment of **\$150.00 (CC)** or **\$146.00** (Cash/Check)

Option 3 ____ Two people to a room for ONE night only – check: ____ Fri 02-23-18 or ____ Sat 02-24-18
Each person **pays \$37.50 (CC)** or **\$36.50** (Cash/ Check)

Option 4 ____ Single or Family Room for ONE night only - check: ____ Fri 02-23-18 or ____ Sat 02-24-18
One payment of **\$75.00 (CC)** or **\$73.00** (Cash / Check)

*Additional charges: 3rd & 4th person in the room, add \$7each per night. Rollaway beds are \$10 per night

Your Name: _____ **Roommate Name:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

Please Read The Following Statement ----- Sign & Date!

I, the undersigned, do hereby state: the above information is correct to the best of my understanding. I understand that these rooms are being paid for with FFCCHA, Inc. money. Friends and family members may **NOT** use this room, unless I have chosen option # 2 or # 4. I understand that I will be assigned a roommate, if available. I understand if I do not attend the Full Board meeting/Summit, I will be responsible for the **full cost** of my hotel room. I understand my reservations will be voided if I do not abide by the guidelines of this contract.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please make money order or check payable to: **FFCCHA, Inc.** Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee in addition to the amount of the returned check. **NO REFUNDS.**

Mail to: FFCCHA, 19811 Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33169

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (305)793-4011or stimaz71@yahoo.com

Only completed form(s) with payment will be accepted and deadline will be strictly adhered to!

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process, contact FFCCHA at least two weeks prior to the first training date at (305) 793-4011 between the hours of 8:00a.m – 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed forms will be dated as received, in case we exceed the allotted amount of FFCCHA room block. Your hotel reservation and scholarship **confirmation will be e-mailed to you by February 21, 2018.** Please print your e-mail address clearly.

Office Only: **Rec'd** **Payment Type** **Amount \$** **Member Date** **Scholarship: Approved/Denied**

Parent News Corner

Parents:

Nominate your Provider for Parent Choice Award!!

Do you think your family child care provider is a very special person and goes beyond your expectations?

If so, then please submit a short essay (300 words or less) titled **"My Provider is Outstanding"** to:

FFCCHA Awards, 2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092 postmarked **by March 18, 2018** or email to: rrroach@bellsouth.net and type PARENT CHOICE in the subject line. Be sure to include the full name and complete contact information of the provider member and the full name of the parent submitting the essay.

A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website www.familychildcare.org. Three winners will be selected and recognized at the FFCCHA Conference Luncheon on Friday, June 22 in Clearwater Beach.

The provider winners will each receive a complimentary one night hotel accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort during the FFCCHA 2018 conference!

MENTOR News

Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair

Congratulations to the providers who took the Mentor 1 Training in June. As of November 17, five providers have become certified and they are:

**Adriana Munoz
Amanda Wallace
Elizabeth Mitchell
Sonya Williams
Arleen Lambert**

I have sent several emails to the June attendees about your paperwork. Please get it to me so you may get certified.

There will be scholarships for Mentor 1 training at the June conference in Clearwater Beach. If you are interested in taking this training, applications will be available in February. Contact me and I will email you one. **Deadline to apply is May 1st, 2018.**

Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-482-6038.



Latino News/Noticias Del Concilio Latino

Submitted by Latino Liaisons, FFCCHA

Ante todo quiero darles las gracias una vez más por haber sido parte de mi equipo. Por haberme acompañado por muchos años en este viaje de FFCCHA como nos lo a enseñado nuestra presidenta Gwen Wilson.

Gracias APCID por siempre estar ahí conmigo apoyando y siempre dispuestas a colaborar a otros. Le doy gracias a Dios por haberme dado la oportunidad de haberles conocido, apreciado pero sobre todo haberles servido en algún momento. Me hubiera gustado mucho dar más de mi pero todo llega a un final y el mío ya llegó.

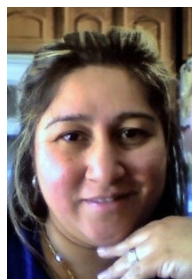
Ahora tengo el gusto y el honor de presentarles a su nueva vocera Latina!

Su nombre es **Patricia Ortiz**, vive en el condado de Hillsborough en la ciudad de Tampa. Patricia es proveedora de cuidado infantil desde hace quince años; adicionalmente tiene un bachillerato en educación temprana de niños, estuvo acreditada con NAFCC y actualmente está renovando su acreditación. Patricia también pertenece al programa de Quality Counts y en estos momentos esta trabajando en su maestría.

Por mi parte les deseo lo mejor a todo el nuevo equipo que se formara conforme se vayan reuniendo, Espero en Dios y de todo corazón que Patricia logre nuevas metas y lleguen tan lejos como puedan. Por favor no olviden seguir apoyando a su vocera latina!

Les deseo de todo corazón que tengan unas felices fiestas de fin de año y que el nuevo año sea muy próspero para todos, recuerden que Jesus es la razón de las navidades! Dios las continúe bendiciendo!

Mayra Marquez, Ex-Latino Liaison. FFCCHA



HOLA!!

Quiero darle las gracias a **Mayra Marquez** por su arduo trabajo con las Latinas. Gracias por recibirme con una sonrisa y haberme guiado durante todo este tiempo, eres una gran persona. Te deseo lo mejor Mayra Marquez a ti y tu familia.

Quiero dejarles saber a todas las latinas que estoy aquí para servirles y si tienen alguna pregunta o ideas se pueden contactar conmigo.

Le quiero desear a todos unas felices fiestas navideñas y que el 2018 traiga paz, alegría y prosperidad para cada uno de ustedes y sus familiares. Bendiciones!

Sinceramente,

Patricia Ortiz, Latino Liasion, FFCCHA





2018 Annual Essay Awards

Providers: Nominate a Person or Organization for an Award!!

AHAP - AGENCIES HELP ASSOCIATIONS PROSPER

Do you know an **organization** such as an Agency, Coalition, Food Program, College, etc. that has given support and helped your local chapter association above and beyond their regular services?

OUTSTANDING FFCCHA CHAPTER

Do you know a **local FFCCHA chapter** that is doing extraordinary things? It could be a parent involvement event, an outstanding membership drive, or maybe your association made a big difference by being involved with your local coalition or another type of special activity.



Provider HALL OF FAME

Do you know a **family child care provider** who promotes the state association - FFCCHA, Inc. throughout the state of Florida and has outstanding leadership qualities such as being a professional role model, a positive character, having integrity, and being a mentor to all providers?

Advocate HALL OF FAME

Do you know an **Advocate** who is a non-provider who is very supportive and promotes the state association - FFCCHA, Inc. - and promotes family child care as a profession?

If so, then please submit a short essay (300 words or less) and **please describe specific examples in the essays.** Mail to: FFCCHA Awards, 2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092 **postmarked by April 7, 2018** or email to Renie at rrroach@bellsouth.net and type "ANNUAL ESSAY AWARD" in the subject line. Be sure to include the full name and complete contact information of the person or organization nominated and the full name/contact info of the person submitting the essay. A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website www.familychildcare.org. Winners will be recognized at the FFCCHA Conference in Kissimmee.



PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night for 2018 Conference!!

And Get your Name/Family Child Care Home listed in the conference program!

Here's how: Encourage your parent/clients to participate as a **Parent Sponsor** of the conference. For every \$25 collected, your name (Provider) will be entered in a drawing for a chance for the free night. Winner will be announced at the end of the Full Board Meeting in April in Ocala.

Copy PARENT sponsor forms in the January or April issues of The Grapevine newsletter or print forms from the Conference Page on the web site: www.familychildcare.org

Give the forms to parents and collect the payments. FFCCHA must receive the payments by April 21st by the Full Board Meeting to be eligible for the drawing.

For parents entering the **photo contest**, the deadline is MAY 5, 2018 to EMAIL photo to the Children's Forum jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2018, too. If you have questions or want ideas on how to get your chapter members and parents to participate, contact LaTarsha Richardson, mzharris1214@yahoo.com 904-859-9306 .

Here are some ideas that providers can use to get parents to participate: the provider takes a photo of each child and displays it on a wall at the FCC home and asks parent to make a donation. If the parent makes a \$15 donation or more, then the provider emails the child's photo into the photo contest for the parent. You can also mail the form to all past parent clients with a handwritten note on it asking for a "generous" donation.



Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. — December 2016

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone/Fax	Email
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3	Okaloosa, Walton	Open				
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5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	1208 Woodland Dr.	Tallahassee 32305	850-877-3885	matlinef@aol.com
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11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	Open				
12	Marion	Lula Owens	7216 Greenway Drive	Jacksonville 32244	904-779-9988	lulafrank@bellsouth.net
13	Flagler, Volusia	Open	Temporary contact:	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@hotmail.com
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15	Seminole	Open				
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23	Manatee	Open				
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26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	Open				
27	St Lucie	Open				
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Open				
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30	Broward	Open				
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Adrienne Donaldson	1530 NW 124 th St.	North Miami 33167	786-274-2931	jittabugtrainings@gmail.com

Interested in serving as an Area Representative? Contact 904-475-0458 or e-mail: 1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com

FLORIDA FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ASSOCIATION, INC. — DECEMBER 2017

Area	Chapter Name	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
1	NW Florida FCC Home Association	Catherine Jones	850-450-0954	Benish17@cox.net	Pensacola
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5	North Florida FCC Association	Mercedes Pridgen	850-363-5595	mercedes.pridgen@gmail.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville	LaTarsha Richardson	904-859-9306	mzharris1214@yahoo.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association	Karla Carnes	904-781-4495	grammysplace@comcast.net	Rotate cities
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15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
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23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County	Victoria Morgan	941-745-2401	mslilvick@aol.com	Bradenton
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30	Broward County FCC Association				
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Hospitality	Lula Owens 904-779-9988 lulafrank@bellsouth.net	Contact a chair if you would like to serve as a member of any of the above committees.	

FFCCHA: 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Phone: 954-581-1192

E-mail: info@familychildcare.org

Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions:Executive Committee: **Legislative Liaison****Apply by January 15th for Positions to start July 1, 2018 for: Membership, Public Relations, Professional Development, Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Coordinator and even # Area Reps**

Area Representatives: all Open Areas:

2, 3, 4, 6, 8 & 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25 - 28, 30**Committee Chairs (non-board positions): see Committee Chair list above in chart****Applications are available at www.familychildcare.org on the "About Us" page or contact:****Nomination Chair, Karan Hiester.** Applications can be submitted via e-mail, mail, fax or hand delivery.Questions? e-mail: educate71@hotmail.com or call 386-957-4482.



Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.
26th Annual Conference, June 20-24, 2018
“Enhancing Our Minds...In 2018”
Location: Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd.
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Workshop Proposal Applications will ONLY be accepted via email submissions in .doc or .docx word format or files that are typed in the computer (not handwritten and not scanned).

Deadline: Jan. 18, 2018

All workshop sessions will be 75 minutes (1.25 hours) with 30 minute breaks in between (15 minutes right before and after workshop is allowed for set up and break down)

All set up, handout copies and visual aid expenses are the responsibility of the Presenter.

Accepted workshops entitle the primary presenter only to a free conference registration. All co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for submitting a conference registration form in the spring and making their own travel and hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred.

Submissions must include ALL of the following information:

☐ English Track ☐ Spanish Track

Short Title (2-3 words): _____ for use on the At-a-Glance page in program

In order to provide a variety of workshops, please indicate which category your workshop relates to:

☐ Curriculum ☐ Health/Safety/Nutrition ☐ Special Needs ☐ Leadership Skills ☐ Business Practices ☐ VPK
☐ Legislation, Advocacy ☐ Behavior Challenges, Social/Emotional ☐ Parent Involvement ☐ Credentials
☐ EHS-Early Head Start ☐ Infant/Toddler ☐ Preschool ☐ School-Age ☐ STEM ☐ Other _____

Workshop format: ☐ Lecture ☐ Discussion ☐ Loud/noisy ☐ PowerPoint ☐ Other _____

Please specify if using a PowerPoint. If so, we will assign you to a room with a screen and table with power cord. You must supply your own computer and projector.

Preference for workshop time: ☐ Friday, June 22 ☐ AM or ☐ PM ☐ Saturday, June 23 ☐ AM or ☐ PM

Please explain any type of unusual circumstances, room set up or special request.

Resume must contain name, contact info, educational background or credential, work history, previous workshops presented, years in child care and professional affiliations, associations, or organizations

Submit the following information on the FFCCHA CEU form: (request from: info@familychildcare.org)

Note: Please list contact information, workshop title, and description as you want it printed in the Conference program book. However, FFCCHA has right to edit all submissions.

Primary Presenter Name, Professional Job Title, Educational Level

Secondary Presenter(s) (If applicable): Name Professional Job Title, Educational Level and all contact info

Address of Primary Presenter: Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

Phone, Cell Phone and Email

Spanish workshop Presenters must submit Title, Description, and outline in both English and Spanish.

Title of Workshop that clearly and concisely describes its content

Workshop Description for Program book (50 words or less)

Outline and concise description of topic, listing outcome objectives and method of evaluation

Please submit workshop applications via email to: info@familychildcare.org

Need more information on HOW to ENHANCE Minds?

Contact Tammy Tener, Executive Director via e-mail: tenerfcc@gmail.com or call 407-234-3473



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Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Business Name: _____ Website: _____

Contact Person Name: _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Note: Unless notified otherwise, all information listed above for Exhibitors will be in the Conference Program Book.

Service/Product: _____ Signature: _____

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and be an **EXHIBITOR on June 21-23:**Each space includes: ONE 6 foot skirted table & one chair - **Thurs** Set-up 2-5pm & Opening 6-9pm,**Fri** 9am-5:30pm, **Sat** 9am-3:30pm (times may change) **#of tables X \$** = \$ **plus****2 door prizes (\$25 value each) Deadlines:** Early Bird \$175 if payment received by Dec 31, 2017

Jan 1 - April 30: \$200, If space available, after May 1: \$250, after June 1: \$300

WiFi: ☐ yes ☐ no **Electric** order request: ☐ yes ☐ no**Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **ADVERTISE in the conference program book:**Email ads in color in **jpg** format. Deadline: April 18, 2018☐ Business Card \$50 ☐ ¼page \$75 (3½"x5") ☐ ½page \$125 (7½"x5") ☐ ¾ page \$175 (7½"x7")☐ Full page \$225 (7½"x10")**Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **DONATE in-kind ITEMS:** (describe)☐ Door Prizes (\$25 minimum value) _____☐ Grand Prizes (\$100 value or more) _____☐ Centerpieces (27) for Luncheon Tables for prizes _____☐ Gifts (65) to recognize Nationally Accredited (NAFCC) Providers _____**Yes!** We would like to insert **Promotional Items** (350) into Conference Bag (no flyers, catalogs)☐ \$200 Contact us by May 18, 2018 to send to address below. Describe: _____**Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **RESERVE SPACE on the Resource Sharing Table:**☐ \$75 Contact us by May 18, 2018 and send to address below. Describe: _____**Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **CONTRIBUTE** a **MONETARY LEVEL** of SPONSORSHIP:☐ **Curious Minds: \$250** ☐ **Creative Minds: \$500** ☐ **Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500**☐ **Caring Minds: \$1,000** ☐ **Innovative Minds: \$2,500** ☐ **The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more**☐ **MIND MATCH** to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ *All MIND sponsorship levels include: Program book listing and On-site signage. \$1,000 or more includes one exhibit table and program book advertising at various sizes according to Sponsor Level.***Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS & **SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST:**☐ Keynote Speakers ☐ Award Plaques ☐ Provider Celebration Night ☐ Program Book ☐ 350 Bags☐ Leader Recognition ☐ Audio Visual ☐ Appreciation Luncheon ☐ Parent Choice Awards ☐ Name TagsNeed more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds?** Contact: Tammy Tener, Executive Director,
407-234-3473 tenerfcc@gmail.com**Deadlines:** Jan. 8, 2018 for listing in Conference Brochure, Feb 18 for April listing in *The Grapevine* newsletter, May 8 for listing in Conference Program Book, June 8 for listing at the conference**Make check to:** FFCCHA **Mail to:** FFCCHA c/o Adrienne Donaldson,
1530 NW 124th St. North Miami, FL 33167**Questions:** 786-274-2931 **Email:** jittabugtrainings@gmail.com

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Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2018 Conference Registrations

Approved applicants applying for a partial scholarship will be required to volunteer 3 hours.

Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. Be a **provider member of FFCCHA** operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** or **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (must be **valid thru June 30, 2018**) **BEFORE you apply**) **Renew EARLY!** Verify membership: amandawal-lace42@bellsouth.net
2. Complete and submit this scholarship form along with the **\$30.00 fee—NO Refunds**. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee.
3. **Attend a volunteer orientation before** going to conference: check only one (**All communication is through email- check it!**)
☐ **Saturday** (English and Spanish orientations) at the **April (Date TBA) Full Board meeting** in Ocala, **select your own volunteer times – only at this on-site meeting (EVERYONE is encouraged to attend this face-to-face orientation!)**.
☐ **May 15 (Tue) or 17 (Thur)** both in English at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May).
☐ **May 18 (Fri) or 21 (Mon) in Spanish only** at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May).
☐ **May 22 (Tue) in English for ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS ONLY** at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (details in May).
4. **Attend** the entire conference day(s) that you applied for. Turn in a **completed conference evaluation**.
5. **Wear a white blouse with black skirt or pants** when serving your 3 volunteer hours (no tank tops or shorts).
6. **Sign-in** at conference and **fulfill your 3 hour volunteer duties as assigned**, return hostess paper, **and sign-out**.

Only a **completed form** submitted with a **\$30.00** check or money order made **payable to FFCCHA** will be accepted, or pay with credit card on-line on FFCCHA website: www.familychildcare.org

Mail to: FFCCHA Volunteers, c/o Lois Kendrick, 3257 Canal Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916

Deadline: April 30, 2018 - Qualifying applications will be dated as received and **selected on a first come, first serve basis** until all scholarships have been awarded. All providers will be NOTIFIED by EMAIL when received as to their acceptance status.

All applications received by the April FB meeting will be entered in a drawing for prizes!

Select the Type of Registration you are applying for: ☐ **Full conference** (Thur pm/Friday/Saturday/Sun am)

☐ **Friday conference** (8am-5pm only)

☐ **Saturday conference** (8am-5pm only)

☐ **Saturday-Sunday conference**

Print Clearly:

Name: _____ Primary Language: _____ Secondary Language: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Local Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of FCC Home _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Check all that apply: ☐ **Registered** ☐ **Licensed** ☐ **Large Licensed** ☐ **VPK** ☐ **NAFCC Accredited** ☐ **NAFCC Observer** ☐ **CDA**

☐ **EHS** ☐ **T.E.A.C.H.** ☐ **W.A.G.E.S.** ☐ **FFCCHA MENTOR** ☐ **Director Credential** ☐ **College Degree, Type** _____

Please rate your first 1st and 2nd preferences in volunteering (however, no guarantees)

☐ **English workshop hostess** ☐ **Fundraising Table worker** ☐ **Set-up Thur 2-5p** ☐ **Provider Celebration Sat night**

☐ **Spanish workshop hostess** ☐ **Registration Table worker** ☐ **Clean-up Sat 5pm** ☐ **Other** _____

You must write 30 words or less on how receiving a scholarship to this conference will benefit your child care.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ---- SIGN AND DATE!

I, the undersigned, do hereby state: check one below:

* I am a current Florida family child care **member** of FFCCHA, Inc. ☐ **registered** ☐ **licensed** ☐ **co-provider**

* I understand that if I **do not attend** the conference or **fulfill** my three hours as a volunteer, my scholarship will be voided and I **will be responsible for the full cost of my registration**.

* I will check and respond to all email communication. * All of the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Questions? Contact Lois Kendrick at (239-337-7188), e-mail: jblesslois@gmail.com

Conference scholarships go quickly, so don't be left out! Send completed form today!

If you need an accommodation because of a disability to participate in the child care training process; contact, Tammy Tener, Executive Director at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 407-234-3473 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Calls can be received Monday - Friday.

Office use only: Ck# _____ Received date: _____ Verified membership/expiration date: _____



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Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care Home Association 2018 Conference

Provider Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

E-Mail: _____ Chapter Name: _____

Family Information

Child's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Donation Amount

- ☐ \$5 - Display photo at 2018 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2018)
- ☐ \$10 - Display photo at 2018 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by January 12, 2018)
- ☐ \$15 - Enter photo contest (See photo instructions on back of this form and submit photo separately by May 5, 2018).

Also includes display at both conference and Capitol (2 forms must be submitted by January 12, 2018)

Other donation amount: \$ _____

Assembly and Submittal instructions

1. Print out hands from our website: www.familychildcare.org in color or print in black and white on bright green, orange or yellow paper.
2. Cut out the white heart in the middle of the hands. Place a photo of your child behind the hands, tape in place and fold on the dotted center line **OR** have your child color or decorate the heart.

Photo Release

By signing this form, you, the parent/guardian of the person(s) photographed, hereby give the Children's Forum and the Florida Family Child Care Home Association permission to publish submitted photographs. You understand that photos will NOT be used in any other content without your written consent and the photos will NOT be released or sold to any third party. Your signature warrants that you are over the age of 18 and competent to contract in your name and/or sign on behalf of your minor child as listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Parents!! Send your child
to the BEACH for only \$5!*



FFCCHA needs assistance from parents of young children to support our annual statewide conference, "Enhancing Our Minds in 2018" in Clearwater Beach. The total \$ amount of donations from parents and what they are able to sponsor collectively will be listed in the conference program book. If your child's photo or artwork is submitted on forms along with donations, then it will be displayed at the conference and/or Capital. Provider names from family child care homes that submit \$25 or more in parent donations will be listed in the conference program book.



*And let them "Hang in Tally"
with the Governor for \$15!*

For a **\$15 donation**, your child can also **enter a photo contest** for the hand-shaped heart FFCCHA Conference Logo for "Enhancing Our Minds in 2020." Note: Parent or child(ren) name will not be printed on conference marketing materials.

Photo Contest Rules in order to be able to use the photo in print publications.

1. **E-mail entries** must contain a hi-resolution color photograph uploaded in compliance with the Contest requirements, in JPEG format with picture dimensions at least 1800 x 1200 pixels and 300 dpi. Send to: jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com
2. Entries that contain photographs (digital) that do not comply with the specifications or any other requirements stated herein will be automatically disqualified.
3. All Entries become the property of Sponsor, and none will be acknowledged or returned. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, or misdirected entries.
4. Entries that contain inappropriate images, such as but not limited to nudity will be disqualified.
5. Entries that contain any type of advertising or logo images will be disqualified. This includes visible clothing brands.
6. Child(ren) must currently be in care at a family child care home of a provider member of FFCCHA.
7. Parent or legal guardian must sign and submit a photo release.
8. Deadline for photo submissions is May 5, 2018.

Tips for making sure your photo qualifies for the contest:

1. Make sure your camera is set on the highest pixel setting. The file size will be large, but big can be reduced by the graphic designer. Small pictures can't be enlarged!
2. When emailing your digital photo, do NOT reduce the file size. Keep it at the original size.
3. If your computer or email system does not want to send it because the file size is too large, save the picture to a CD and mail the CD in a protective CD case.
4. Close up shots are best, zoom in on the child(rens) face. These are the priceless shots we need for the FFCCHA publications.
5. Photography from professional photographers are not acceptable and will not be acknowledged or returned.

Mail your forms and donations to: FFCCHA, Inc., 8424 Lincrest Drive West, Jacksonville, FL 32208

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Info for Parents on page 9, 17 & 18!

February 22-24, 2018 FFCCHA SUMMIT Weekend Agenda - Ocala, Florida

Thursday, February 22nd

8:00pm – 9:30pm Executive Committee Meeting by phone call

Friday, February 23rd

7:30pm – 9:00pm FFCCHA Conference Team Meeting - Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

Saturday, February 24th

8:00am – 5:00pm Leadership Summit and FFCCHA Full Board Quarterly Meeting
at the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County (left side entrance)

Count Us In! - Cuenta con nosotros! Presented by Mary Beth Salomone Testa,
Policy Consultant for NAFCC - National Association for Family Child Care
Audífonos disponibles para la traducción de las session.

\$75 (\$60 scholarships available!) includes networking lunch - (CEUs are available for an additional fee)

8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet – Show & Share! - Best Western Hotel, Pool Room
Refreshments hosted by Chapter: Marion County FCCH Association
Share your most memorable Family Child Care achievements (awards or projects)
while mingling with your FFCCHA Executive Committee members

2 Locations

Best Western Hotel, I-75, Exit 350 West
3701 SW 38th Ave. Ocala, FL 34474
Hotel: 352-237-4848

Early Learning Coalition of Marion, Exit 350 East
2300 S.W. 17 Road, Ocala, FL 34471
Arleen Lambert: 305-793-401

Driving Directions to ELC of Marion County from Hotel

Allow 10 minutes for driving time

1. Turn Right out of Best Western Hotel
2. Turn Right at stop sign onto SW 38th Ave. (going north on road beside I-75)
3. Turn Right on SW 20th Street (go under I-75 and go for 1 mile)
4. Turn Left on SW 27th Avenue (and go 0.2 of a mile)
5. Turn Right on SW 17th Road
6. Turn Right into ELC of Marion (just after bank and across from storage unit)

