

# THE GRAPEVINE

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*"Let's Ring in the New Year with Friends and Cheer!"*

January 2019

## **President's Message:**

**WOW 2019! The Voyage Continues...**

FFCCHA continues to grow members and leaders, and those on our Voyage are welcoming new leaders to step up and get on board.

As your President, my second term ends June 30, 2019. I must step away and watch the Voyage continue with our new leaders who will be on board July 1st and who will sail away with the Growth of FFCCHA.

So, who will be the next President to take on this incredible Voyage? I know FFCCHA has grown great Leaders who are waiting to carry the torch and lead the Voyage. As we approach 2019, FFCCHA elected leaders will be waiting to join hands with the Members and Leaders to represent the mission of FFCCHA.

I want to encourage all members to become a part of the FFCCHA mission which is 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 invite and welcome all members to come aboard and share love, experience, knowledge and new ideas. I know as a team we can make a difference in the growing trend of Family Child Care.

As we move into the new year 2019, think about the future of our FFCCHA Voyage and how you can continue the growth of members and leaders. Also, don't forget to mark your calendar and Save the Date: February, 23, 2019 to attend the FFCCHA Leadership Summit. I assure you that you will be refueled and energized after this Summit!

Gwen Wilson  
President

## **Mensaje de Presidencia:**

**WOW! 2019! El viaje continúa..**

FFCCHA continúa creciendo en miembros y líderes, en nuestro viaje le estamos dando la bienvenida a nuevos líderes para que aboren en el viaje.

Como su presidenta, mi segundo termino termina el 30 de junio de 2019. Tengo que alejarme y ver el viaje continuar con nuevos líderes que estarán abordo el 1ero de julio y que navegará el crecimiento de FFCCHA.

Entonces, ¿quién será el próximo presidente para asumir este viaje increíble? Sé que FFCCHA ha crecido con grandes líderes que están esperando para llevar la antorcha y dirigir el viaje. A medida que nos acercamos a el 2019, los líderes electos de FFCCHA estarán esperando para unir sus manos con los miembros y líderes para representar la misión de FFCCHA.

Quiero animar a todos los miembros a que sean parte de la misión de FFCCHA, que es representar una voz unida en nombre de todos los niños, promover y animar la calidad del cuidado infantil profesional de la familia através de la educación, la legislación, la abogacía, la tutoría, el cuidado y amor.

Quiero invitarles y darle la bienvenida a todos los miembros para abordar y compartir el amor, experiencia, conocimiento, y nuevas ideas. Yo sé que como equipo podemos hacer la diferencia en la creciente tendencia de el cuido infantil familiar.

A medida que nos movemos al nuevo año 2019, pensemos en el futuro de nuestro viaje FFCCHA y en cómo pueden continuar el crecimiento de miembros y líderes. Además, no olvides marcar tu calendario y guardar la fecha: el 23 de febrero, 2019 para asistir a la cumbre de liderazgo de FFCCHA. ¡Les aseguro que se recargarán de energías después de esta cumbre!

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 Helliger** – 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, Scholarship Chair

**9 Scholarships were awarded totaling \$2280  
Sept. 1- Nov. 19, 2018**

\$300.00 NAFCC Re-Accreditation:  
**Athalene Clay, Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Terrie Osman, Neomi Thompson**  
\$160.00 NAFCC Annual Update: **Marie Demerville, Vivene Smith, Martina Nicholson-Wimberly**  
\$300.00 NAFCC New Accreditation:  
**Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Kissha Ballard**



The NAFCC conference will be June 19-22 in Orlando this summer. Do you want to be recognized at the conference for being accredited? Now is the time to apply for new accreditation, annual update and reaccreditation.

Funds are available! TEACH is offering scholarships for CDA renewals. And when completed, you will be given a stipend. There are funds available for scholarships.

**Don't be left out! APPLY NOW!****October Full Board Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

At our October 27, 2018 meeting, a motion was made to accept our newest Area Representative Danish Williams of Area 31. Bernie Heikkila will be offering a \$25 gift card to the Chapter that turns in all paperwork on time - this gift card will be presented at the 2019 NAFCC Conference.

50/50 Raffle tickets were passed out - please contact Cynthia Chipp - these will be drawn at the 2019 Conference.

Contact Adrienne Donaldson if you would like to sponsor the Meet and Greet at our quarterly meetings.

The Disaster Relief Fund for Family Child Care Providers donation link has been set up. You may donate at any time on the Disaster Relief website at <http://www.fldisasterrelief.org/> and click on the **DONATE** button, then the Family Child Care Programs button. (see full article on page 15).



## FFCCHA Calendar of Events Jan 2019 – Nov 2019

### January

- 26 ELC of Sarasota 18<sup>th</sup> Provider Conference  
28 **Deadline for Board Applications for 2-year terms to start July 1, 2019:** President, Vice President, Fundraising, Area Rep Coordinator, Latino Liaison



### February

- 2 **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**  
22-23 Early Childhood Conference, Seminole State College, Sanford - CANCELED  
23 **FFCCHA Leadership Summit – “Dare to Lead” Ocala**  
28-Mar 2 SECA-Southern Early Childhood Association 70<sup>th</sup> Conference, Doubletree Hilton, Orlando

### March

- 1-2 SECA-Southern Early Childhood Association 70th Conference, Doubletree Hilton, Orlando  
9 **Deadline for Outstanding Accredited Provider award**  
19 **Deadline for Parent Choice Awards**  
24 Hanging of the Hands in Capitol, Tallahassee  
25 Children’s Week Advocacy Dinner, Tallahassee  
26 Children’s Day at the Capitol, Tallahassee  
29 **Deadline for Essay Awards:** Hall of Fame, AHAP, Outstanding Chapter  
30 Early Childhood Conference, College of Central FL, Ocala

### April

- 1-4 FL Head Start Conference, St. Augustine  
6 **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  
15 **Deadline for FFCCHA Scholarship Application for registration to NAFCC Conference**  
22 **Early Bird Deadline for Registration Rate (\$229) to NAFCC Conference**  
26 **FFCCHA EC Meeting, Ocala**  
27 **FFCCHA Training/Full Board Meeting, Ocala**

### May

- 10 National Provider Appreciation Day  
17 **Deadline for July Newsletter**  
20 **Deadline for Regular Registration Rate (\$285) for NAFCC Conference**

### June

- 19-22 **NAFCC Conference, Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando**  
22 **FFCCHA General Meeting & Awards, Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando**

### July

- 17-19 One Goal Conference, Hilton Tampa Downtown

### August

- 3 **FFCCHA Training/Full Board Meeting, Ocala**  
17 **Deadline for Oct newsletter**

### September

- 4-8 FLAECY Conference, Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando

### November

- 2 FFCCHA Training/Full Board Meeting, Ocala  
17 **Deadline for Jan newsletter**  
20-23 NAEYC conference, Nashville, TN



## Winter Membership News

Membership Officer – Amanda Wallace

### Congratulations to our Membership Drive Winners!!

**Family Child Care Association of Jacksonville (September)**  
**Palm Beach County FCC Association (October)**  
**HCCPA of NE Hillborough County (November)**

The winners for the current Membership Drive will be announced during the next Full Board Meeting in Ocala. The Chapter that submits the most new, renewals, or advocate members, as well as Providers who submit the most new *parent members*, are recognized monthly.

Please renew your membership before it expires to avoid a lapse. 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 11/30/2018:

Chapters: 16  
Chapter Providers: 370  
Co-Providers: 40  
Individual Members: 54  
Advocates: 29  
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 9  
Parent Members: 27  
Agencies: 0  
Total: 545



**Thank you for your patience and assistance!**

Email: amandawallace42@bellsouth.net

## NAFCC Accredited Providers: Apply for an Award!

The **Outstanding Accredited Provider Award** is given to one FFCCHA provider 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 9, 2019** 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 our website [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) under Conference page. The winner will be featured at a table display and recognized after the NAFCC Conference during the FFCCHA General Meeting on Saturday, June 22, at 5pm.

The winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the NAFCC 2019 conference!



## TALK OF THE TOWN AREA 5 - Leon County (Tallahassee)

## MATLINE FORD

Matline has been married to her husband Charles Ford for 31 years and is the mother of 3 children, Darryl of Ft. Worth, TX, Tiffany of Tallahassee, FL, and Traci of Orlando, FL. Matline also has five amazing grandchildren.

Her motivation to become a Family Child Care Provider started when Matline and her husband decided *not* to enroll their youngest in a Day Care facility. The next best thing was for Matline to become a stay at home mom, and as a result she was introduced to what was called Big Bend 4-C. That was her first and best opportunity to become a provider and a stay at home Mom.

Matline has been a Licensed FCC provider for 28 years. She says her program is unique because of the dedication and love she has for children. She feels *her* Family Child Care Home gives her parent clients the opportunity to go to work with peace of mind, knowing their child is well cared for with the closeness of a Home setting.

Matline has been an active member of the FFCCHA Association for the last 4 years. She serves on the board as Area 5 Representative, and she is active in her Local Chapter as Vice President.

Matline certainly keeps busy and enjoys many hobbies, including gardening, event planning and traveling.



Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 8 - 14.  
Submissions must be submitted by February 17, 2019 to the Newsletter Editor: [ruud3@aol.com](mailto:ruud3@aol.com) Thank you!

## SAVE-THE-DATE! NAFCC Conference



Join nearly one thousand family child care providers, supporters, and advocates at our  
**29th National Family Child Care Conference.**

This year's theme will focus around the  
**Quest for Quality!**

Choose from over one hundred sessions selected to help you create, maintain, or support a profitable, high quality family child care program. Take sessions, make new friends, and enjoy sunny Florida!

**Take advantage of the early bird rates and register today at**

**[www.nafcc.org/conference](http://www.nafcc.org/conference)**

To book rooms at the Conference Hotel, use this link:  
**[Rosen Shingle Creek NAFCC](#)**

Link is also available on **[www.NAFCC.org](http://www.NAFCC.org)**

You can also contact the reservations department directly at 866-996-6338 or 407-996-6338. Ask for NAFCC rate.

## Ways to support FFCCHA

**Here are some ways YOU can support FFCCHA just by shopping through these 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](http://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.

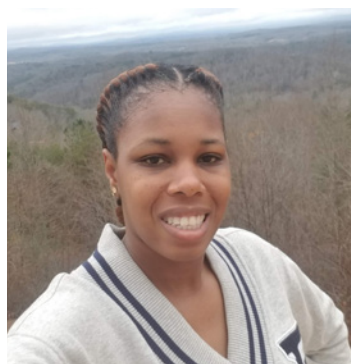




## Congratulations to our very own Tasheba Berry-McLaren!!

### Announcement from NAFCC!

"Across the country, family child care providers are stepping up to take leadership positions and this month we would like to announce three new NAFCC Regional Representatives. Our "region reps" are volunteer leaders in their states who help us keep track of what's going on across their regions and serve as a resource for providers in their states that need assistance from NAFCC. "



We at FFCCHA are proud to present to you our newest NAFCC regional rep for the state of Florida, **Tasheba Berry-McLaren**. Tasheba is a member of the board for the Florida Family Child Care Home Association and you can reach her by email at: [tberry-mclaren@nafcc.org](mailto:tberry-mclaren@nafcc.org)

Way to go, Tasheba!!

## MENTOR News

Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair

**Congratulations** to the following providers who are now Certified Mentor 1: **Adrienne Donaldson, Kissha Ballard, Leisa Crichlow, Kelly Patterson, LaTonya Richardson and Shannon Richardson.**

Palm Beach County hosted a Mentor 1 training in October. The following providers attended the training: Mary Morris, Patricia Oliver, Ollie Anderson, Gertrude Ford-Freemen, Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Vivene Smith, and Essie Snipe.

As the NAFCC conference will be in Orlando in the summer of 2019, there will not be a FFCCHA conference, and there will not be a Mentor Training at the NAFCC Conference. Questions? E-mail [flmentorgpm@aol.com](mailto:flmentorgpm@aol.com) or call 561-482-6038.



## Chapter News

Submitted by Bernie Heikkila, Chapter Coordinator

### Chapter Rep of the Quarter!!!!

**Maxine Danna**

Natures Coast FCC Home Association

The Chapter Reps quarterly meeting went great! We certainly accomplished so much and are working on having all our chapter paper work up to date for the IRS.

I am starting a **CHAPTER CHALLENGE!** After the 2019 National Conference in Orlando, FL, at the FFCCHA General meeting, the **TOP THREE CHAPTER REPS** will each receive \$25.00 for their Chapter! Chapter Reps will have to hand in all their quarterly reports at FFCCHA quarterly meetings, as well as their 2018 – 2019 activity list, 2018 – 2019 proposed budget, new officers list with minutes when voted in and their end of the year 2018 — 2019 audit.

I would also like to see ALL chapter reps attending our FFCCHA Leadership Summit and Quarterly meeting the weekend of February 23, 2019, in Ocala. As a reminder, Chapters from Areas 17 - 22 are to each donate a gift or gift card valued at \$25.00 or more for the quarterly meeting. Thank you!

For Chapter info: contact Bernie Heikkila at [weluvkids@comcast.net](mailto:weluvkids@comcast.net) or call 941-371-0344.



## Area Rep News

Submitted by Lucinda Hightower, Area Rep Coordinator

~Congratulations to ALL the Area Reps~

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**



Come **JOIN** the Area Rep Family & Be a **VOICE** for your AREA!!

We are currently looking for new Area Representatives for the following Areas:  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30.

If you like working sharing resources, as an Advocate in your community, and networking, then this is the perfect job for you.

Please contact Lucinda Hightower 904-475-0458 or Email: [1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com](mailto:1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com).



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association

Quarterly Full Board Meeting & Summit Training

February 22-23, 2019

Ocala, Florida

## Weekend Agenda

### Friday, February 22, 2019

Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

7:30 – 9:30 pm Executive Committee & Conference Team Joint Meeting

### Saturday, February 23, 2019

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County

**Arrive early** ➡ 7:30 am - 7:45 am Sign-In and get Registration Packet

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm** FFCCHA Leadership Summit  
and FFCCHA Full Board Quarterly Meeting

**“Dare to Lead! - Empowering Family Child Care Leadership”**  
**“Atrévete a Liderar y Potenciar el Liderazgo en Cuidado Infantil”**  
(Audífonos disponibles para la traducción de las sesion general)

*Presented by Arleen Lambert, NAFCC Accredited FCC Provider and Professional Trainer*

#### **And FFCCHA Strategic Planning**

\$75 (\$60 scholarships available!) includes networking lunch when registered by Feb 8

### **8:00 - 9:00 pm Meet and Greet - Mardi Gras Fun!**

Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

Hosted by North Florida Family Child Care Association  
in Area 5 (Big Bend Region)

Join us for music, dancing, games, food and fun and earn  
Mardi Gras Beads / Prizes for Mardi Gras Mask Contest!



### **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 County**  
Exit 350 East  
2300 S.W. 17 Road, Ocala, FL 34471

#### **Driving Directions** to ELC of Marion County from Hotel

Allow 10 minutes for driving time

Turn Right out of Best Western Hotel

Turn Right at stop sign onto SW 38th Ave. (going north on road beside I-75)

Turn Right on SW 20th Street (go under I-75 and go for 1 mile)

Turn Left on SW 27th Avenue (and go 0.2 of a mile)

Turn Right on SW 17th Road

Turn Right into ELC of Marion (just after bank and across from storage unit)





**FFCCHA Professional Development  
Leadership Summit  
Saturday, February 23, 2019  
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 8, 2019. NO REFUNDS.**

Mail to: **FFCCHA c/o Adrienne Donaldson, 1530 NW 124<sup>th</sup> St, North Miami, FL 33167**

**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 AND complete 30 words below). *Note: Returned checks will be assessed \$47 in additional fees.*

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (786) 274-2931 or JittaBugTrainings@gmail.com

**Networking Lunch - select one:**

☐ Chef Salad

☐ Roasted Turkey Caesar Salad (For Salads, no Side choice)

**or one: Sandwich Choices:**

☐ 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 8, 2019**

**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.**

PLEASE NOTE: Arrive as early as 7:30am-7:45am to sign in. **Training starts promptly at 8:00am!**

**CEUs are available for an additional fee.**

***“Dare to Lead! - Empowering Family Child Care Leadership”***

***Presented by Arleen Lambert, NAFCC Accredited FCC Provider and Professional Trainer, BS in Child Development***

*This training is for ALL family childcare providers to help them understand the core values of leadership and identify strategies that support 4 components of leadership: Productivity, Practice, Learning and Improvement. Design a road map that will help you visualize and enhance your own FCC profession in business, association development and advocacy. Gain a clear insight of how to create a personal action plan for success. Also, use this training information AND bring your ideas to help create a new Strategic Plan for YOUR professional family child care organization, FFCCHA!*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (786) 274-2931 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m Monday through Friday.*

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 2019 - 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 2/15/2019**





## FFCCHA Quarterly Meeting/Leadership Summit Hotel Application

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2019

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. 22nd & Saturday evening, Feb. 23rd) 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;
- Pre-register for the Leadership Summit and be in attendance for the entire Leadership Summit Training and Full Board Meeting on February 23, 2019;
- **COMPLETE FORM(S) AND SEND SO THEY ARE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8, 2019, NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **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 22-23, 2019

Check one option:

**Option 1** \_\_\_\_ Two people to a room for two nights. Each person pays **\$ 88.00 (CC)** or \$85.00 (Cash / Check)

**Option 2** \_\_\_\_ Single or Family Room for two nights. One payment of **\$176.00 (CC)** or \$170.00 (Cash/Check)

**Option 3** \_\_\_\_ Two people to a room for ONE night only – check: \_\_\_\_ Fri 02-22-19 or \_\_\_\_ Sat 02-23-19  
Each person pays **\$44.00 (CC)** or \$42.50 (Cash/ Check)

**Option 4** \_\_\_\_ Single or Family Room for ONE night only - check: \_\_\_\_ Fri 02-22-19 or \_\_\_\_ Sat 02-23 m-19  
One payment of **\$88.00 (CC)** or \$85.00 (Cash / Check)

\*Additional charges: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> person in the room, add \$7/each 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, 1530 NW 124th Street, North Miami, FL 33167**

**Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (786) 274-2931 or JittaBugTrainings@gmail.com**

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

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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 15, 2019.** Please print your e-mail address clearly.

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



## Feliz Año 2019!

### Noticias Del Concilio Latino

Submitted by Patricia Ortiz, Latino Liaison

Quiero desearles a todas un año lleno de lindas bendiciones, a todas nuestra comunidad de proveedoras de cuidado infantil familiar. Deseo que este año podamos trabajar juntas como un equipo. Me siento super feliz de que podamos ser parte de esta asociación tan maravillosa. Ven y unete a ser parte de nosotros. Mientras seguimos en nuestro viaje. Nuestra meta es que podamos crecer en membresía y que todos nos unamos a la visión de la FFCCHA.

Recuerda que juntas somos mejores en todo lo que hacemos. Estaremos compartiendo nuevas ideas para este año. Trae tus ideas y espero que podamos compartir en un ambiente lleno de entusiasmo y energía. A la vez aprenderas nuevas ideas que podras llevarla a tus niños y compartir momentos gratos a el lado de ellos. Me siento emocionada de poder volver a verlas y que podamos compartir juntas.

Les recuerdo que nuestra proxima reunión se llevara acabo el dia 23 de febrero en Ocala. Si necesitas ayuda, y quieres ser parte de nuestro concilio latino, te puedes comunicar por correo electrónico a [noahsarktampa0823@gmail.com](mailto:noahsarktampa0823@gmail.com) o llamar a el siguiente numero telefonico (813) 325-1775. Recuerda que eres importante para nuestra asociación. ¡Nos vemos pronto!

Sinceramente,  
Patricia

## **Parents: Nominate your Provider for The 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"** postmarked by **March 19, 2019** to:



FFCCHA Awards, 2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092 or email by March 19, 2019, to: [rrroach@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](http://www.familychildcare.org). **Three** winners will be selected from the many entries and will be recognized at the NAFCC Conference Luncheon on Friday in Orlando. Will it be **YOUR** provider? Send in your essay **TODAY!**

The three provider winners will each receive a complimentary one night accommodation at the Conference Hotel in Orlando during the NAFCC 2019 conference!



## 2019 Annual Essay Awards

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to:** FFCCHA Awards

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 29, 2019**

or e-mail: [rrroach@bellsouth.net](mailto:rrroach@bellsouth.net) and type

**ESSAY AWARD** in the subject line of the email

Questions? Call Renie Roach 904-436-5799

The following awards will be presented at the June 2019 conference in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando, Florida. Select one: (Please submit a separate Form with Essay for each award)

☐ **Advocate Hall of Fame**

☐ **Outstanding Chapter**

☐ **Provider Hall of Fame**

☐ **AHAP-Agency Helping Association Prosper**

Please Print:

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of FFCCHA Member Submitting Essay:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Person Submitting :** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT a 300 word essay describing specific examples on how and why the person or organization you nominate is outstanding, fits the description, and is well-deserving of the annual award.**

### AHAP - AGENCIES HELP ASSOCIATIONS PROSPER

The AHAP award is **given to 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

The Outstanding Chapter award is **given to one 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. The chapter event must have taken place between May 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019. They will need to submit a chapter display board spotlighting the event at the conference and will receive one complimentary hotel night at the conference hotel, Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando

### FFCCHA – FAMILY CHILD CARE HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame awards are the most prestigious awards given by FFCCHA, Inc. This award is given to a FCC Provider and an Advocate (non-provider) in the state of Florida that exemplifies Family Child Care. Each has separate qualifications. The winners must submit an 8 x 10 photo for the conference Hall of Fame display board.

**PROVIDER HALL OF FAME** -The Provider must promote the state association - FFCCHA, Inc. throughout the state of Florida and have outstanding leadership qualities such as: a professional role model, positive character, integrity, and a mentor to all providers. They must be a member of FFCCHA for at least 3 years.

**ADVOCATE HALL OF FAME** - The Advocate is a **non-provider that is very supportive and promotes the state association - FFCCHA, Inc.** and promotes family child care as a profession.



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2019

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23	Manatee	Open				
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27	St Lucie	Open				
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Open				
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30	Broward	Open				
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**Interested in serving as an Area Representative?**  
**Contact 904-475-0458 or e-mail: 1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com**

## FLORIDA FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ASSOCIATION, INC. — JANUARY 2019

Area	Chapter Name	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
2	Emerald Coast Professional CCA	Daffraneeze Riley	850-623-5315	rileykarefcch@yahoo.com	Rotate cities
5	North Florida FCC Association	Mercedes Pridgen	850-363-5595	mercedes.pridgen@gmail.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville	Lucinda Hightower	904-475-0458	1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association	Karla Carnes	904-781-4495	grammysplace@comcast.net	Rotate cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association	Linda Nattiel	352-371-3301	lnattiel@bellsouth.net	Ocala
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association	Joyce Burks	321-292-2159	JoyceBurksChildcare@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co.	Rendy Bethel-Avila	407-354-0840	ravila12@cfl.rr.com	Orlando
19	Natures Coast FCC Home Association	Maxine Danna	352-442-3441	Ms.Maxinesfcch@aol.com	Weeki Wachee
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21	Quality FHCC Provider Association	Kathy Jones	813-645-2708	Kjsmunchkins@aol.com	Riverview
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22	Pinellas Providers Home CC Association	Pam Gebler	727-321-2807	pamgeb@yahoo.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County	Victoria Morgan	941-745-2401	mslilivick@aol.com	Bradenton
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30	Broward County FCC Association	Open			
30,31	APCID of Hialeah	Alma Diaz	305-467-2560	diazalma@bellsouth.net	Hialeah
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31	United Professional CC Prov. of South FL	Open			Homestead
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County	Open			Kendall

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Chapter Dev	Lesia Crichlow	407-722-4002	brightkidsacademy@outlook.com	Parliamentarian	Open - Apply now!		
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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.			
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR				KARAN HIESTER	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com	

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*Passionate about your profession as a family child care provider? Interested in promoting our mission?***Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Area Reps & Chairs:**

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 Questions? E-mail: [1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com](mailto:1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com) or call 904-475-0458

**Apply by January 28, 2019 for Executive Committee: 2-year terms to start July 1, 2019:**

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### FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

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

**Applying for:** ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$50 ☐ \$160 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$300

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*Note: \$300/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 .  
Therefore, you must commit to pay the balance on credentials that exceed \$300.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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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 (dated within the last six months)** 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 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**

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## FLORIDA EARLY LEARNING DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster strikes, and children and families desperately need the support of their child care and early learning programs, Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief will help restore services as quickly as possible.

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 14, 2018**

### FFCCHA PARTNERS WITH FLORIDA EARLY LEARNING DISASTER RELIEF TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FLORIDA CHILD CARE PROGRAMS IMPACTED BY DISASTER

Living in Florida, we know that disaster can strike at any time. Hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding have become increasingly common in our state, and the destruction caused by any or all of these disasters can severely impact a community.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if a child care center could not open for business due to a disaster? Parents wouldn't be able to work, child care teachers and owners wouldn't get paid, and children would be confused by the loss of their routines. Recovery is difficult when a majority of child care centers and family child care homes that children rely on as safe havens suffer disaster-related damage and are unable to operate.

The Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief (FELDR) was created with these issues in mind. Its purpose is to assist child care centers, Head Start programs, and family child care homes that are in danger of closing, temporarily or permanently, due to a natural disaster. Through a collaboration of state and national partners, FELDR provides small grants to child care programs in need of repair so they can open their doors to children and families as soon as possible.

"FFCCHA is a proud partner of FELDR that helps to ensure that child care programs can remain open in times of disaster and so families can go about the business of restoring their homes and communities," said Tammy Tener, Executive Director of the FFCCHA. "FELDR provides hope, help, and healing to child care programs as they restore, renew, and rebuild."

To learn more about FELDR or to make a financial contribution, visit [www.fldisasterrelief.org](http://www.fldisasterrelief.org)

### WHEN FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAMS NEED A HELPING HAND



**RESTORE. RENEW. REBUILD.**

## Legislative News / Hanging Hands

Submitted by Tasheba Berry

**Are you ready to create CHANGE?  
Come join us March 24-26, 2019 in  
Tallahassee for Children's Week!**



### Children's Week: Hanging of the Hands:

All artwork may be brought to FFCCHA's February 22-23 Summit in Ocala OR must be post-marked by Friday, March 15, 2019 and mailed to:  
Tasheba Berry-McLaren, FFCCHA, 5206 Flagler St, Hollywood, FL 33021

#### Please Note:

- Do not send individual hands
- Do not send large signs (larger than 11x14)
- Please ensure hands are secured firmly to string/ ribbon Mailing Instructions
- We also invite you to 'Give Us a Hand' and submit your artwork online via social media. To learn more, visit [www.childrensweek.org/giveusahand](http://www.childrensweek.org/giveusahand). Questions, contact us at (850) 222-3868 or [info@childrensweek.org](mailto:info@childrensweek.org). Tens of thousands of paper cut-outs of children's hands are hung in the Capitol Rotunda during Children's Week.

**Please follow the artwork instructions** exactly to ensure your hand art is displayed.

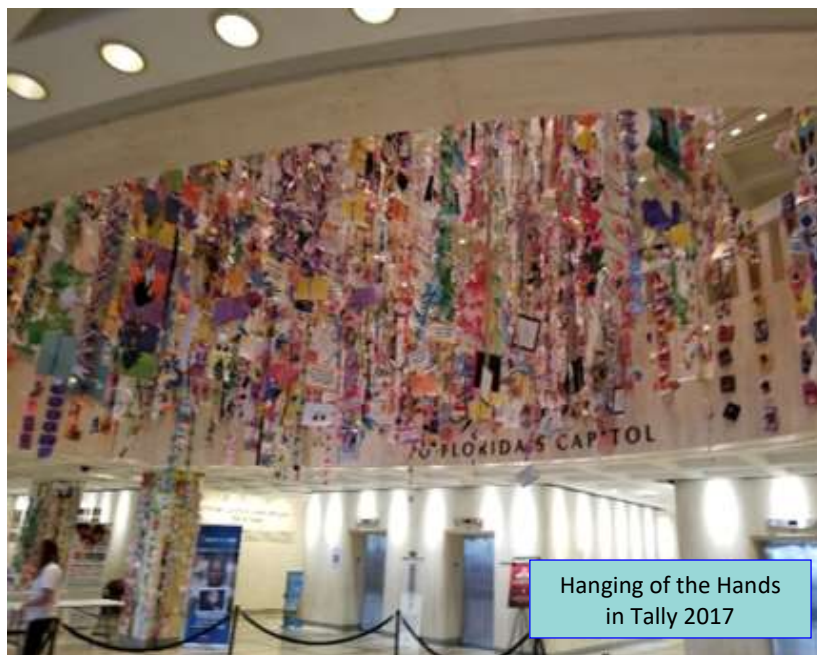
- Artwork is to be stapled onto string/ribbon vertically.
- String or ribbon must be in lengths of 8-10 feet. If string or ribbon is longer it will be cut.
- Hand art must be strung together and secured prior to mailing.

Please include your county on the box used for mailing.

We encourage you to decorate the hands with colorful artwork, stories and attach small pictures and/or small posters (no larger than 11x14).



FFCCHA Leaders  
in Tally 2017



Hanging of the Hands  
in Tally 2017



*Rubia Arias  
Maria Carrillo  
Robin Dean  
Yaneisy Gueren  
Maria Hernandez  
Harriet Holmes  
Carol Ryder  
Nicole Shepherd  
Carmen Yesan*

### **Congratulations to the following FFCCHA members who achieved NAFCC Accreditation!**

FFCCHA offers scholarships for NAFCC Accreditation –  
Contact the Credential Scholarship Chair at [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com) for an application.  
Visit <https://www.nafcc.org/My-Self-Study> to start your journey to get Nationally Accredited!





## Emergency Preparedness



Florida's Hurricane season typically lasts from June through November each year. The 2018 season was quite eventful with several small storms leading up to one big storm by the name of Michael. Hurricane Michael bore down on the state's pan-handle on October 10, 2018 as a category 4 (almost 5) with winds up to 155 mph leaving thousands of homes/businesses destroyed in its path.

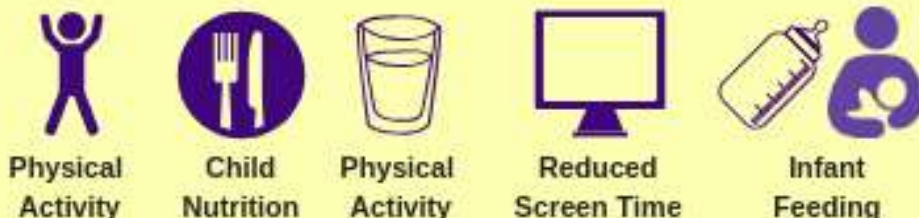
Even though the season is over, emergency preparedness remains a critical component for family day care home providers to facilitate the safety of the children in their care at any time. Emergencies are not just weather-related; emergencies can come in the form of a chemical spill or an active shooter in the neighborhood. Licensed child care providers are required to have a written plan that establishes procedures for a fire evacuation, relocation, shelter in place, lockdown and inclement weather response.

Providers are responsible for contacting their licensing 24 hours after a disaster pursuant to Section 7.22 Family Day Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Handbook. Please visit the Department's new **Emergency Preparedness** website for basic safety tips, reminders regarding when to report, contact information for local licensing offices, and a collection of other resources regarding emergency preparedness.

For more information, click on: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/provider-resources/emergency-preparedness>

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## Volunteer Application for SCHOLARSHIPS for 2019 NAFCC Conference Registrations

June 19-22, 2019

Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

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

### Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. A current **provider member of FFCCHA and NAFCC** (keep valid thru June 30, 2019) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** OR current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA and NAFCC** (keep valid thru June 30, 2019)
2. Complete & submit this scholarship form along with balance of the fee. **NO Refunds.** Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee.
3. **FFCCHA will register all qualifying applicants with NAFCC** (check out the brochure online at [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org))
4. **Attend a volunteer orientation via conference call or webinar in June – exact date to be announced.**
5. **Attend** the entire day(s) of conference and turn in a **completed** conference **evaluation**.
6. **Dress professionally** when serving your 3 volunteer hours (**no** tank tops, shorts, jeans or very short skirts/dresses).
7. **Sign-in** at conference, **fulfill your 3 hour volunteer duty as assigned**, return hostess papers, and **sign-out**.

Only a completed full page form submitted with a check or money order made **payable to FFCCHA** will be accepted.

**Mail to:** FFCCHA / NAFCC Volunteers, c/o Karan Hiester 1859 Mango Tree Dr., Edgewater, FL 32141

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2019**

Qualifying applications will be dated as received and **selected on a first come, first serve basis** until all scholarship funds have been awarded. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance status via email.

### Select the Type of Registration you are applying for:

- ☐ **FULL Conference** (Thurs-Sat) **\$129** of \$229, **you pay only \$100**
- ☐ **SAT conference only**, **\$104** of \$ \$175 **you pay \$71**

### Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English workshop hostess     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Table worker      | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up Thur 2-5pm        |
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### Please Print:

**You must write a minimum of 30 words** on how receiving a scholarship will benefit your child care program.

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

I, the undersigned, do hereby state:

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

\* 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. **(Policy will be upheld!) Invoice for Full Registration Fee will be mailed to you!** You will not be a member in good standing until full payment is made. Returned check fee is \$47.

\* I have written (minimum of 30 words) above about how this conference will benefit my child care program.  
The above information is correct.

### Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process: contact, Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 386-689-3046 between the hours of 2:00 pm—3:00 pm or 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Calls can be received Monday through Friday.

**Questions? Contact Karan Hiester at cell (386) 689-3046 or e-mail [educate71@hotmail.com](mailto:educate71@hotmail.com)**  
**Conference scholarships go quickly, so don't be left out! Send completed form today!**

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# 29th National Family Child Care Conference



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## Florida Met with NAFCC in Orlando!

A Pre-planning meeting for NAFCC 2019 Conference took place in September 2018 during the state FLAEYC conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando – which is also the location of the NAFCC conference coming to Florida on June 19-22, 2019.

Three NAFCC staff held a meeting with Florida Agencies staff on Friday, September 7 to gather their input on how to make the 2019 a success. Thanks for staff attending from the Florida Office of Early Learning, Early Learning Coalition of Orange County, Florida Department of Children and Families - Child Care Regulation, Florida Head Start/Early Head Start, RCMA (Redlands Christian Migrant Association) and FLAEYC (Florida Association for the Education of Young Children). FFCCHA set up a display table at the FLAEYC conference about Florida Family Child Care and the NAFCC conference coming in 2019. Three members presented workshops (Adrienne Donaldson, Arleen Lambert, and Tasheba Berry-McLaren) at the FLAEYC conference.

In addition, 17 FFCCHA provider members from around the state met on Saturday morning, Sept 8, with the NAFCC staff to share their input (see photo of attendees) and then all met for lunch with 7 of the NAFCC Accredited providers participating on a focus group about Accreditation with NAFCC staff.

After lunch, Tammy Tener drove NAFCC CEO, Bill Hudson, and a photographer, to three NAFCC Accredited FCC Homes in Osceola for a photo shoot and interview: Alethia Dittren, Naomi Helligar and Mayra Marquez. All 3 had amazing homes and accreditation experiences to share with Bill.

*Everyone in Florida is very excited about hosting the 2019 NAFCC Conference this June!*



From Left to Right:

Nicole Hopkinson (NAFCC staff), Michelle Pugh, Kris Reinhard, Tammy Tener, Bill Nairns, Kissha Ballard, Arleen Lambert, Karan Hiester, Gwen Wilson, Nancy Nairns, Deserie Dickson, Bernadette Jones, Bill Hudson (NAFCC CEO), Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Lesia Crichlow, Sharon Singleton, Mandi Schill (NAFCC Conference Coordinator)  
Absent from photo: Sherrie Bryant, Tasheba Berry, Adrienne Donaldson