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"Are YOU Ready for the Summer?!"

July 2020

President's Message: HELLO FFCCHA!!

I pray all is well with you, your families, and your community during this COVID-19 pandemic virus. We all feel a lot of uncertainty surrounding us at this present time as we are living through such different circumstances. As you well know, many people had family members and friends in their community pass away from this horrible virus, but according to the CDC, decisions are made that are in the best interest of the United States. Many experts and leaders, including scientists, mayors, state legislators and governors, congress, and Washington DC, are all making sure their decisions will carry our nation forward. Remember, we must make sure that all safety procedures are in place according to continual updates from the CDC task force team as well as the General Surgeon guidelines.

FFCCHA is sharing vital information and resources that are beneficial in all aspects of your childcare business. If you have questions, your FFCCHA Executive Board, Chapter Reps, and Area Reps are here for everyone and YOU are not alone in this journey. I like to say **THANK YOU ALL** for making a difference and holding the helm until society can somewhat resume normalcy.

Members, as you know, our April quarterly meeting and our 28th annual State Conference were cancelled due to this pandemic that has plagued the nation. Even though the Conference did not happen, we thank the Conference Team, Karan Hiester and Tammy Tener, and the committee members for all your hard work and diligence in putting this conference together. We send Special thanks to our amazing Keynotes speakers, Workshop presenters and exhibitors for their commitment. Please check FFCCHA web site for our next conference info and updates.

Whatever your situation may be during this COVID-19, we share this from Cynthia Krosky, CSP, *President of Achieving Corporate Excellence, Inc.*: "A positive outlook or mindset is how you filter and make sense of what you are feeling, what you are thinking. Attention: being aware of your thoughts. Positive outlook: seeing the positives. Generosity: caring for others. Resilience: shifting change in a positive way." So regardless of where your mind set may be, stay positive in all aspects, as this too shall pass. Wishing for everyone to believe, experience joy, laughter, love, and patience..

God Bless!

Lois Kendrick, President

Mensaje de Presidencia: HOLA FFCCHA

Mis oraciones son que todos se encuentren bien, sus familias y su comunidad durante este virus pandémico COVID-19. Todos sentimos mucha incertidumbre a nuestros alrededores en estos tiempos presentes, mientras estamos viviendo diferentes circunstancias. Como todos ustedes saben, muchas personas tienen familiares y amigos de su comunidad que han fallecido de este horrible virus, pero según CDC, se han tomado decisiones que son en el mejor interés de los Estados Unidos. Muchos expertos y líderes, incluyendo científicos, alcaldes, legisladores y gobernadores, el congreso y Washington DC, se están asegurando de que sus decisiones ayuden a avanzar nuestra nación. Recuerde, debemos estar seguros de que todos los procedimientos de seguridad estén en su lugar de acuerdo con las actualizaciones del equipo de trabajo de los CDC, así como la guía del Cirujano General.

FFCCHA está compartiendo información vital y recursos que son beneficiosos en todos los aspectos de su negocio de cuidado infantil. Si tiene preguntas, su Junta Ejecutiva de FFCCHA, los Representantes locales (chapters) y los Representantes de Área están aquí para todos y USTED no está solo en este viaje. Quiero decir **GRACIAS A TODOS** por hacer la diferencia y controlar el timón hasta que la sociedad pueda regresar a la normalidad.

Miembros, como saben, nuestra reunión trimestral de abril y nuestra 28ª Conferencia Anual del Estado fueron canceladas debido a esta pandemia que ha afectado a la nación. A pesar de que la Conferencia no ocurrió, agradecemos al Equipo de la Conferencia, Karan Hiester y Tammy Tener, y a los miembros del comité por todo su arduo trabajo y diligencia para organizar esta conferencia. Enviamos un agradecimiento especial a nuestros increíbles oradores claves, presentadores de talleres y expositores por su compromiso. Por favor, consulte el sitio web de FFCCHA para nuestras próxima información y actualización de conferencia.

Cualquiera que sea su situación durante este COVID-19, compartimos esta información de Cynthia Krosky, CSP, Presidenta de Achieving Corporate Excellence, Inc.: "Una perspectiva o mentalidad positiva es cómo un filtro y tiene sentido en lo que estás sintiendo, lo que estás pensando. Atención: ser consciente de tus pensamientos. Perspectiva positiva: ver lo positivo. Generosidad: cuidar a los demás. Resiliencia: cambio a una manera positiva ". Entonces, independientemente de dónde esté su mentalidad, manténgase positivo en todos los aspectos, ya que esto también pasará. Deseando que todos crean, experimenten alegría, risas, amor y paciencia. Dios les bendiga

Lois Kendrick, Presidente



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Members of FFCCHA who serve on Early Learning Coalitions:

Nichola Griffin/Butts - ELC of Palm Beach
County
Naomi Helligar - ELC of Osceola County
Karan Hiester - ELC of Flagler/Volusia County
Gwen Wilson - ELC of Marion County

Other Boards / Councils

Kathy Jones - Hillsborough County Board of
County Commissioners Family Child Care
Home Advisory Board
Arleen Lambert - Miami Dade College Early
Childhood Education Advisory Committee
Mary Morris - Palm Beach County Health
Department Child Care Advisory Council
and Palm Beach State College Advisory Council
Tammy Tener - Seminole State College Early
Childhood Advisory Committee
Patricia Williams - North Florida Chapter of
FLAEYC representing Family Child Care

Credential Scholarship News

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

33 Scholarships were awarded totaling \$12,795

Feb 15, 2020 - June 7, 2020

NAFCC Update: Robin Dean, Victoria Morgan, Jacqueline V. Smith,
Neomi Thompson

NAFCC Self Study: Valeria Cummings,
Yaima Diaz Espinosa, Yusimi Diaz,
Yumila Fernandez-Venereo, Mabel
Martinez, Judy Morris, Ivonne Paez
Hernandez, Albertina Perez-Gonzalez,
Dayamit Perez Valdes, Ada Potrille,
Myrna Wright



NAFCC Accreditation: Maureen Alexis, Marie Demerville, Maria
Fernandez, Barbara Gardner, Deidre Grant, Nichola Griffiths-Butts,
Dell Ann Jamieson, Chauntrell Knox, Martina Nicholson-Wimberly,
LaTonya Richardson, Tamika Rutledge, Stephanie Searles, Vivene
Smith, Katherine Uribe, Barbaran Williams, Gwen Wilson, Joyce
Wright

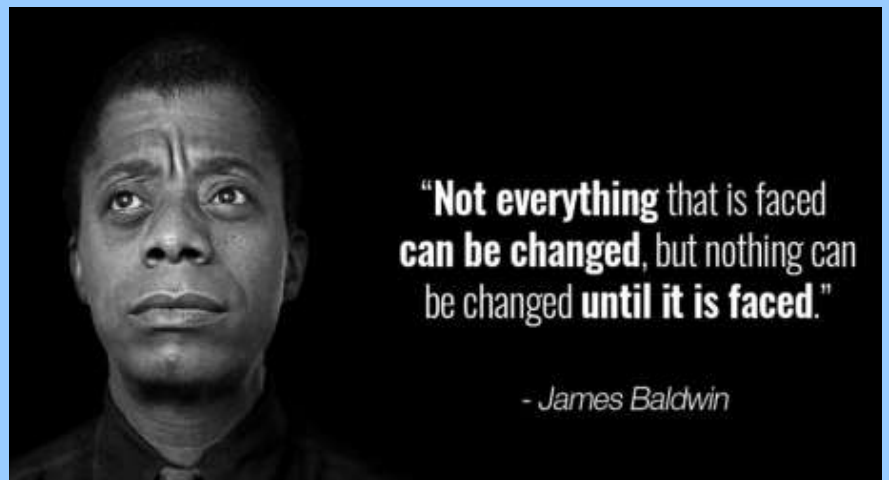
Scholarships are available NOW! Applications are in The Grapevine and
online at familychildcare.org. Questions? Contact me at [credential-
chair@familychildcare.org](mailto:credential-chair@familychildcare.org) or give me a call at 561-482-6038.

June EC Meeting News

Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

The Executive Committee had a zoom
meeting on June 15, 2020. The top discus-
sion was about diversity within the FFCCHA
organization and how future zoom trainings
can be handled. The EC is currently work-
ing on changes to the FFCCHA handbook.

We are very excited that the board and members of FFCCHA
pulled together to reach the attendance numbers needed for Train-
ing and Credential scholarships. We had 140 Members attend 6
amazing zoom training sessions in June.



**"Not everything that is faced
can be changed, but nothing can
be changed until it is faced."**

- James Baldwin

Events Calendar 2020

Apply NOW for OPEN FFCCHA Board Positions -
Applications for 2-year terms to start NOW:
Legislative Liaison, Treasurer, Public Relations

July

- 17-18 NAFCC Virtual Conference
26 Deadline for August Full Board Meeting Reports: Executive Committee, Areas & Chairs send to: jblesslois@gmail.com; Chapter Reps send to: chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
 22-24 One Goal Summer Conference, Hilton Tampa Downtown – **CANCELED**
 31 FFCCHA Executive Committee Conference Call meeting

August

- 1 Area Reps / Chapter Reps / Latino Council Meetings
1 FFCCHA Full Board ZOOM Meeting
Awards Presentation / Installation of Officers
 12 Deadline to register for August 15 Training
 15 FFCCHA Quarterly Training - ZOOM
 17 Deadline for FFCCHA October Newsletter
 19 Conference Team zoom meeting, 7pm

September

- 19 FFCCHA EC Leader Development, TBA

October

- 13-18 FLAEYC Conference updates at flaeyc.org
18 Deadline for November Full Board Meeting Reports: Executive Committee, Area Reps, & Chairs send to: jblesslois@gmail.com; Area Reps send to: president@familychildcare.org; Chapter Reps send to: chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
25 Deadline for Hotel & training forms for Nov 7 meeting

November

- 4-7 NAEYC Conference, Anaheim, CA updates at naeyc.org
 6 FFCCHA Executive Committee/Conference Team Meeting, Ocala
 7 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting & Training, Ocala
 17 Deadline for FFCCHA January Newsletter

December

Apply for FFCCHA Board Applications for 2-year terms to start July 1, 2021: President, Vice President, Area Rep Coordinator, Latino Liaison, Fundraising, Legislative Liaison

**Summer Membership News**

Membership Officer – Amanda Wallace

Congratulations to our Membership Drive Winners!!

The Monthly Membership Drive:
Family Child Care Association of Jacksonville (June)
APCID of Hialeah (May)
HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (April)

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

Recognition is given to the **Chapter** that submits the most new members or renewals, or advocate-members monthly. Providers who submit the most new **parent** members are also recognized monthly.

Please renew your membership **before** it expires to avoid a lapse in your membership. Your expiration date is located just above your name on the address label on the back of the FFCCHA newsletter, **The Grapevine**. As an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a \$5-off discounted rate through your local Chapter.

Membership breakdown as of 6/30/2020:

Chapter Providers: 339
 Chapters: 16
 Advocates: 12
 Co-Providers: 38
 Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12
 Individual Members: 20
 Parent Members: 24
 Agencies: 0
Total: 461



Thank you for your patience and assistance and especially for allowing me to serve as your Membership Officer for these many years!! And let us please welcome Wendy Corso-Ruud as your new Membership Officer!!

For more info, please email Wendy at membership@familychildcare.org.

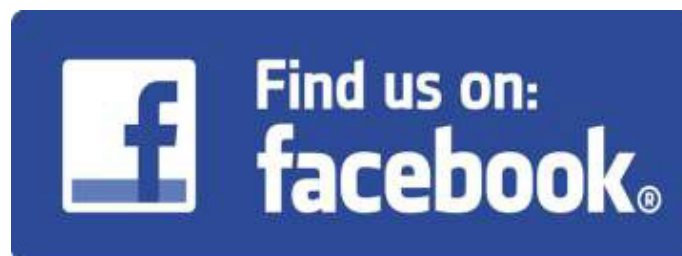
www.facebook.com/FFCCHA

We are nearly at 750 likes

on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!

Share and Like us NOW! :)

Click on our link below:



TALK OF THE TOWN

AREA 21 - Tampa (Hillsborough County)

Gretchen Murphy



Gretchen is a licensed child care provider who has been in business for sixteen years now. She has three children, Andre, Rashid and Ayeisha, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She started her family child care business largely due to inspiration from another provider. She was motivated to start her own business after working as the Educational Director for the Boys and Girls Club for three years, where part of her duties was to tutor after schoolers. She enjoyed working with children, which led her to wanting to teach children full-time from her home.

Gretchen believes in nurturing the body, developing the mind, and praying for the soul. She has her B.S. Degree in Accounting, and has developed her child care professionalism by getting her CDA in 2006. Since then, she has earned her A.S. in Early Childhood Management from Hillsborough Community College, as well as her Director's Credential. Gretchen is a Nationally Accredited provider, has a Gold Seal from the Department of Children and Families, and serves as a Deaconess and Greeter in her church.

She presently serves as FFCCHA's Acting Treasurer after serving on the Executive Board as Treasurer for two terms. She has been a Chapter Rep and an Area Rep for her local association, and she sits on the board of her local child care association Home Child Care Provider Association of NE Hillsborough County, as Vice President.

Gretchen credits many fellow child care providers, mainly strong and knowledgeable women, for inspiring her to keep achieving and giving of herself. She says they each have shared special traits, from uplifting smiles and energy, to spiritual guidance and more. They've given her quiet strength and kept her going and dedicated to her child care profession.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 24 - 30.

Submissions must be submitted by August 17, 2020 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

Support FFCCHA

Submitted by Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

Please continue to support FFCCHA by putting your gently used and CLEAN items to the side until we meet again face to face. These items are a great help for sharing at our Green Table. Remember we are also accepting gifts and gift cards valued at \$25.00.

I pray everyone is staying safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Here are some more ways YOU can support FFCCHA just by shopping through these links!

Amazon Smile - Support FFCCHA every time you shop! Share the link!
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0392120>

Benevity.org - We are also registered and eligible to receive donations and matching corporate donations through
www.causes.benevity.org

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 321-890-8366 or email me at Gertrude.freeman@yahoo.com

Noticias Del Concilio Latino

Submitted by Alma Diaz, Latino Liaison

Departamento del Concilio Latino queremos darles un caluroso saludo, esperando que todas se encuentren en perfectas condiciones. Se que hemos enfrentado duros retos estos últimos meses, lo admirable es ver como Dios nos ayuda en todo y nos da las fuerzas para seguir adelante. Pero no todas son malas noticias, quiero decirles que apesar de todo, nuestro Concilio Latino esta creciendo, tenemos muchas proveedoras nuevas de diferentes condados quienes se han hecho miembro de FFCCHA. Les damos una amistosita bienvenida y deseamos que crezcan en conocimiento y sabiduria.



Felicidades a todas aquellas proveedoras que dijeron si al reto de acreditarse por NAFCC por primera vez, se dieron becas en un total de 22 proveedoras. Se dio un entrenamiento por GoToMeeting "Que es una Acreditación NAFCC?" teniendo una asistencia de 22 proveedoras.

Los Cuidados de Familiar Infantil continúan creciendo, nuestro deseo es que nos unamos cada día más como Latinas que somos y tengamos una red social fuerte, donde nuestra voz llegue a nuestros gobernantes demostrándoles que la educación de temprana edad está en primer lugar y que si nos interesa. FFCCHA y su Concilio Latino enfoca su futuro en crecimiento ayudando a aquellas proveedoras que la necesitan formando una fuerte union, nuestra vision es ayudar aquellas mujeres que desean educar a sus niños juntamente con otros.

"Los grandes éxitos no son hechos por una persona, son hechos por un equipo de personas" Steve Jobs

Si tienes alguna inquietud, favor de comunicarte al teléfono (305)467-2560 o mandarme un correo electrónico a latinoliason@familychildcare.org.

Muchas bendiciones, Tu servidora Alma

Public Relations Update

Submitted by Lula Owens, Chair

Fear Not, Providers!!!

FFCCHA's brochures and pull up banners are still available to you. Our pull up banners and brochures can be a great asset to your future Zoom presentation with your ELC, Food Program and/or your Association's meeting.

If you need something sooner, the flyers are always available for you to print out from the FFCCHA website www.familychildcare.org under the Publications page.

And remember, you can still advertise your business in our Quarterly Grapevine.

Please be sure to RESERVE your display items in advance.

For more information, please email Lula at (904) 779-9988 or email at lulafrank@bellsouth.net

**Area Rep News**

Congratulations to the Area Rep of the YEAR!!

Matline Ford - Area 5

Let's also give a round of APPLAUSE to...
ALL of our Area Reps who are working diligently to recruit providers to join FFCCHA!

Join the Area Rep TEAM TODAY and be that VOICE for FFCCHA!!!

We are currently looking for a new Area Rep Coordinator as well as 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 FFCCHA email at: president@familychildcare.org

**MENTOR News**

Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair

Please send me your mentor paperwork for this year. I realize with the Corona Virus you cannot physically meet with your protégé, but I need all your updated information: 16 hours training, copy of local, state & NAFCC cards, and any updates to your credentials.
Thank you.

Questions? E-mail

flmentorpgm@aol.com

or call 561- 482-6038.

**Chapter News**

Submitted by Bernie Heikkila, Chapter Coordinator

Congratulations to the Chapter Rep of the YEAR!!

Mary Morris

Palm Beach FCC Association - Area 29 Palm Beach

The THREE TOP Chapter Challenge winners are: Lucinda Hightower, Area 7, FCCA of Jacksonville; Victoria Morgan, Area 23, HCCPAMC; and Angela Almodovar, Area 30/31, APCID of Hialeah.

I would like to say what a great time it's been serving as your Chapter Coordinator, and I would like to introduce you to your newest Chapter Coordinator, Amanda Wallace, who will continue making sure all Chapters are in compliance. We've accomplished many important things and will go on doing so!

Reminder: Chapters are now able to pay dues online. We hope to see ALL of our Chapter Reps online at our next Quarterly meeting in August
Thank you!

For Chapter info: contact Amanda Wallace at 561-251-3365 or email chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – July 2020

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
President	Lois Kendrick	Ft. Myers	33916	239-337-7188	president@familychildcare.org
Vice President	Arleen Lambert	Miami Gardens	33169	305-651-9617	stimaz71@yahoo.com
Secretary	Renie Roach	St. Augustine	32092	904-436-5799	secretary@familychildcare.org
Treasurer	Open—Apply Now!				treasurer@familychildcare.org
Membership	Wendy Corso-Ruud	Boca Raton	33431	561-715-1361	membership@familychildcare.org
Area Rep Coordinator	Open—Apply Now!				
Public Relations	Open—Apply Now!				
Chapter Coordinator	Amanda Wallace	Delray Beach	33445	561-251-3365	chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
Latino Liaison	Alma Diaz	Hialeah	33018	305-467-2560	latinoliasion@familychildcare.org
Professional Development	Adrienne Donaldson	North Miami	33167	786-274-2931	jittabugtrainings@gmail.com
Fundraising	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	Gertrude.freeman@yahoo.com
Legislative Liaison	Open—Apply Now!				
Executive Director, Asst. Conference & Contracts	NON-BOARD POSITIONS				
	Tammy Tener	Crystal River	34428	407-234-3473	info@familychildcare.org
Finance Manager	Sande Harper	St Petersburg	33710	727-345-0299	sharper3601@aol.com
Area#	Counties	Area Representatives – Full Board			
1	Escambia	Open	Temporary: Marcella Espinosa-Copeland	850-458-2486	mcella1821@aol.com
2	Santa Rosa	Open	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
3	Okaloosa, Walton	Open			
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	Open			
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	Tallahassee 32305	850-877-3885	matlinef@aol.com
6	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union	Open			
7	Duval	Patricia Williams	Jacksonville 32209	904-403-8948	Pdt62@comcast.net
8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Open	Temporary: Renie Roach	904-436-5799	rrroach@bellsouth.net
10	Alachua	Open	Temporary: Lyria Allen	352-339-2188	lyrialloving@bellsouth.net
11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	Open	Temporary: Kris Reinhard	352-586-7175	krisreinhard6@gmail.com
12	Marion	Open	Temporary: Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com
13	Flagler, Volusia	Open	Temporary: Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com
14	Lake	Open			
15	Seminole	Open			
16	Brevard	Joyce Burks	Cocoa 32922	321-292-2159	JoyceBurksChildCare@gmail.com
17	Orange	Kissha Ballard	Orlando 32811	407-616-5082	Ballardkissha@gmail.com
18	Osceola	Open	Temporary: Mayra Marquez	407-350-4239	mmlatinoliasion@gmail.com
19	Pasco, Hernando	Open			
20	Polk	Open			
21	Hillsborough	Shannon Richardson	Tampa 33617	813-415-3006	changis007@outlook.com
22	Pinellas	Open	Temporary: Lynn Gibson	727.397-982	childcarelaws@aol.com
23	Manatee	Open			
24	Sarasota	Open	Temporary: Bernie Heikkila	941-371-0344	weluvkids@comcast.net
25	Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte	Open			
26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	Open			
27	St Lucie	Open			
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Open	Temporary: Lois Kendrick	239-337-7188	jblesslois@gmail.com
29	Palm Beach	Diana B.-Rhodes	Riviera Beach 33404	561-720-2099	agrandmaslove@att.net
30	Broward	Open			
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Danish Williams	Miami 33147	305-693-8815	danishwilliams@hotmail.com

Interested in serving as an Area Representative?
Contact stimaz71@yahoo.com OR call: 305-651-9617

Area	Chapter Name	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
5	North Florida FCC Assoc. (6 members)	Charlene Thornton	850-980-2824	LSLCKids@yahoo.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville (25)	Lucinda Hightower	904-475-0458	1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association (7)	Karla Carnes	904-781-4495	grammysplace@comcast.net	Rotates cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association (18)	Deserie Dickson	352-789-6836	Dezplayland50@yahoo.com	Ocala
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC (39)	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association (6)	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co (21)	Rendy Bethel-Avila	407-354-0840	ravila12@cfl.rr.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (32)	Cynthia Robinson	813-766-4682	robinsontrainingconsultant@yahoo.com	Temple Terrace
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association (19)	Kathy Jones	813-645-2708	Kjsmunchkins@aol.com	Riverview
22	FLEXx Production Southside CCA (7)	Dorothy Jenkins	727-895-7101	Blueeyes33701@yahoo.com	St. Petersburg
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc (38)	Michelle Pugh	727-896-2244	mrp701@aol.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County (35)	Victoria Morgan	941-745-2401	msililvick@aol.com	Bradenton
29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc (40)	Amanda Wallace	561-251-3365	amandawallace42@bellsouth.net	Loxahatchee
30	Broward County FCC Association (7)	Phyllis Grant	954-873-2747	grant589@bellsouth.net	Lauderhill
30,31	APCID of Hialeah (45)	Angela Almodovar	305-321-6735	aperla3541@aol.com	Hialeah
31	South Florida Home CC Association (35)	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	kkbbabyinn@aol.com	Miami
31	United Professional CC Prov. of South FL (1)	Open			Homestead
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County (26)	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com	Kendall

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (NON-BOARD POSITIONS)					
Advisory	Open—Apply Now!		Latino Development	Open - Apply now!	
Awards	Renie Roach	904-436-5799 renieroach@yahoo.com	Member Development	Open - Apply now!	
Bylaws	Adrienne Donaldson	786-274-2931 jittabugtrainings@gmail.com	M.E.N.T.O.R.	Abbie Bill	561-482-6038 FLMentorpgm@aol.com
Chaplain	Open - Apply now!		Newsletter Editor	Wendy Corso-Ruud	561- 715-1361 ruud3@aol.com
Chapter Dev	Lesia Crichlow	407-722-4002 brightkidsacademy@outlook.com	Nomination	Open - Apply now!	
Finance	Delores Penn	561-274-9905 ddhpp@msn.com	Parliamentarian	Open - Apply now!	
Fundraiser	Al Kendrick	239-470-5616	Credential Scholarship	Abbie Bill	561-482-6038 aright933@aol.com
Historian	Open - Apply now!		Social Media	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482 educate71@gmail.com
Hospitality	Lula Owens	904-779-9988 lulafrank@bellsouth.net	Translation	Open - Apply now!	
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR:			KARAN HIESTER	386-957-4482	conference@familychildcare.org
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

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:

Area Representatives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8/9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30

Apply NOW for Executive Committee: 2-year terms to start July 1, 2020:

Secretary, Legislative Liaison, Professional Development, Treasurer, Public Relations

Committee Chairs (non-board positions): see Committee Chair Openings above in chart

Applications are available at www.familychildcare.org on the "About Us" page or contact:

Temporary Nomination Chair, Arleen Lambert.

Applications can be submitted via e-mail, mail, fax, or hand delivered.

Questions? E-mail: stimaz71@yahoo.com or call 305-651-9617





FFCCHA Professional Development Quarterly Training

August 15, 2020

Zoom Online Quarterly Training

Part One: 10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Part Two: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm



Registration Fee: \$30.00 (\$25.00 scholarships available) Registration required for **each part**.

Part One is \$5 and Part Two is \$5 or both for \$10 with scholarship.

Registration forms & payment must be **received by August 12, 2020. NO REFUNDS**

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

Payments are now available ONLINE at www.FamilyChildCare.org

Make check or money order payable to: FFCCHA, Inc. Please submit this completed form with payment. (Pay only \$5/per part, if you are a FL Registered OR Licensed family child care provider OR co-provider FFCCHA member & complete 30 word essay below). *Note: Returned checks will be assessed \$47 in additional fees.*

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

Deadline: Must be received by August 12, 2020

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 TRAINING SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

PLEASE NOTE: Arrive on Zoom as early as 9:45 to sign in. Training starts promptly at 10:00 am!

— **Part 1: Taking Care of Me: Preventing Burn Out (1.5 hrs) - Presented By: Altheresa Clark, LCSW**

We all take care of everyone, but do we take care of ourselves? Join us as we discuss how to discern stress, stressors, and compassion fatigue and their effects. Identify practices used to manage burnout and learn how to implement techniques in your FCC Home. We will explore the use of a personal self-care plan and how this instrument can set the example for those around you.

— **Part 2: Beating COVID19 in Early Childhood (1.5 hrs) - Presented By: Adrienne Donaldson, Professional Trainer**

The New Normal is high concern for us all! COVID19 has changed the way we operate, teach, and interact. Join us as we learn about the New Normal Guidelines and how family childcare providers are learning how to adjust. We will review the new guidelines and clarify the standards that are recommended and those that are mandatory. Do not allow COVID19 to defeat you...Fight back and be prepared. This course will also include handouts, guidelines, and resources that will help you in your battle!

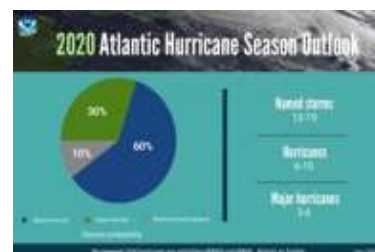
— **Please check** if applying for a training scholarship. Explain on the lines below why you want to take this training and how you plan on using it in your family child care home business. Please write neatly on lines below only.

If you need an accommodation because of a disability 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 August 12, 2020 NO REFUNDS after this date. Training fees are non-transferable.

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Confirmation will be emailed to you by 08/14/2020.



For the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting an above-normal season, with 13 to 19 named systems possible. According to the NOAA's forecast, of those named storms, six to 10 may become hurricanes, with three to six possibly reaching Category 3 strength or higher.

As the season is here, we encourage all Child Care providers to take time to prepare their families and homes for possible hurricanes. We also ask that you visit the Office of Child Care's Emergency Preparedness site below to stay informed of your responsibilities as a child care provider during and after a hurricane: <https://myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/emergency-preparedness.shtml>

Other resources:

[Operating a Child Care Program Following a Declared Emergency](#) – provides guidelines for operating a child care program after a declared emergency

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Parent Choice 2nd Place: **Kristen Reinhard** (Citrus)
Parent Choice 3rd Place: **Mary Morris** (Palm Beach)

Parent Choice Honorable Mention:
Yolanda Evans, Karan Hiester, Amanda Wallace

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Lois Kendrick

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Mary Morris (Palm Beach County FCC Association)

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Matline Ford (North Florida FCC Association)

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Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of Big Bend

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Program Options for Licensed Family Child Care Providers



This handout has been designed by FFCCHA to encourage providers who are licensed to participate in other programs available to them. For information on how to become a licensed provider, contact the Florida Department of Children and Families. For county contacts, use the map at: www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/contacts For requirements visit: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/laws-and-requirements.shtml>

Food Program

The Child Care Food Program provides reimbursement (to provider) for nutritious meals and snacks served to children in child care settings. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information call 850-245-4323 or view FCC handout at www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/child-care-food-program

NAFCC Accreditation for Florida Gold Seal

This national accreditation is offered by the National Association for Family Child Care and is renewable every three years. Components include: provider self-study, on-site observer assessment, parent evaluations as well as 90 clock hours of training during the past three years. For more information: <https://www.nafcc.org/Accreditation> or email accreditation@nafcc.org

Large Licensed Family Child Care Home

A specific license is required for a Large Family Child Care Home which allows the operator to care for up to 12 children with 2 adult caregivers. There are additional training requirements for the primary provider as well as the assistant. The home must be licensed for 2 years prior to applying for a large license and the provider must have CDA credential for one year prior. For more information contact: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/childcare/docs/FamilyChildCareHomeLicensingHandbook.pdf?d=2020-7-22>

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

VPK in family child care homes have a 1:6 ratio (minimum of 4 children 4 years old by September 1) The provider must have a minimum of a CDA plus a Director Credential (888-352-2842) with the VPK endorsement. The FCC provider must apply and be approved by the Early Learning Coalition for their county in order to offer the VPK program. For more information contact: 866-447-1159 or email: vpkquestions@oel.myflorida.com or visit: <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-providers/becoming-a-vpk-provider>

Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN)

The MCCYN program provides fee assistance for families of Active Duty Service Members who are unable to access on-post child care. For more information: Navy, Air Force, & Marines visit: <https://usa.childcareaware.org/feeassistancerespiteproviders/feeassistance/> or 800-424-2246

Early Head Start (EHS)

Florida Early Head Start programs provide intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers. Some counties offer EHS in FCC homes. <http://www.floridaheadstart.org/early%20HS%20directory.html> <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-23-family-child-care-option>

Mentor Program for Family Child Care

FFCCHA has a Mentor Program that offers training and M.E.N.T.O.R. Certification to qualifying FCC providers to offer personalized one-on-one technical assistance to their peers. M.E.N.T.O.R. stands for **M**entors, **E**ducate, **N**urture, **T**rain, **O**bserve and **R**ole Model. For more info, email: FLmentorpgm@aol.com or <https://familychildcare.org/resources/what-is-a-mentor/>

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Dues include quarterly issues of *The Grapevine*.
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Mail to: FFCCHA Membership, 119 Sea Island Ln, Boca Raton, FL 33431
 Parent members can also join and support the National Association for
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PROVIDER's Name _____ *(must be a member of FFCCHA, Inc.)*

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

County _____ **Area #** _____ **Phone** _____

Parent Name

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Note: Providers must join or renew through their local chapter membership application or as an individual.

Questions? Contact Wendy Corso-Ruud, Membership Officer (561)715-1361 or ruud3@aol.com

Office only: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date Processed _____



FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

Requirements: Must be a Florida Licensed Family Child Care Provider,
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Applying for: ☐ \$160 ☐ \$315 ☐ \$325 ☐ \$_____

☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study

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Note: \$600/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name on Family Child Care License: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

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: _____

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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, parent clients, and/or other providers:

If the credential applied for exceeds \$325, 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 past 6 mos.)** 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 OR receipt of purchase.

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

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

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

Office verification:

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