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President's Message:

Hello FFCCHA

As we are still navigating throughout these trying times, FFCCHA and NAFCC continue to evolve in establishing and sharing valuable information to ensure that EVERY-ONE remains connected while we continue to fill in the gap for children and families.

On April 28th, 2021, President Joseph Biden announced the American Families Plan Investment in our children, families, addressing the nation and what our economic future looks like. FFCCHA members, please continue notifying those who have an impact on our future, the Governor, Senators, Congress, and Representatives, by sending your emails or making phone calls covering those important matters that face certain and uncertain outlooks for ALL children and families, including yourselves.

Continue to be that advocate that stays on top of emerging issues and the effects on social progress, use your knowledge gained to provide positive solutions, and help out wherever and whenever possible. And YES, you do matter in all aspects of FFCCHA, so we thank you for your continued support of this organization. There are many open volunteer opportunities in various areas that you can be connected with today. Please read about these positions in this *Grapevine* newsletter, and apply, because it's never too late.

As the days pass by, I fondly look back at our recent 29th Annual Conference "Enhancing Our Minds... 2021" and send a huge THANK YOU to the Conference Coordinator, Karan Hiester, and Assistant Coordinator, Tammy Tener, as well as the entire Conference Team for working diligently to make this a success. And a HUGE thank you to ALL who participated by attending the Conference. The wheels are set in motion to go back to your local chapter associations and areas, and share your new knowledge while networking and teaching others.

"God gives you the resources for success, but it is up to you to recognize them and use them to their fullest" T.D. Jakes

Blessings to EVERYONE for health and prosperity.
Sincerely
Lois Kewdrick, President

Mensaje de Presidencia:

Hola FFCCHA

Mientras seguimos navegando en estos tiempos difíciles, FFCCHA y NAFCC continúan evolucionando para establecer y compartir información valiosa para estar seguros que TODOS permanezcan conectados mientras continuamos llenando el vacío para los niños y familias.

El 28 de abril de 2021, el presidente Joseph Biden anunció la Inversión del Plan de Familias Americanas en nuestros niños, familias, dirigiéndose a la nación y cómo se mira nuestro futuro económico. Miembros de FFC-CHA, por favor continúen notificando a aquellos que tienen un impacto en nuestro futuro, el Gobernador, los Senadores, el Congreso y los Representantes, enviando sus correos electrónicos o haciendo llamadas telefónicas que cubran aquellos asuntos importantes que enfrentan perspectivas ciertas e inciertas para TODOS los niños y familias, incluyendo ustedes mismos.

Continúe siendo ese defensor que se mantenga al tanto de los problemas emergentes y los efectos en el progreso social, use su conocimiento adquirido para brindar soluciones positivas y ayude donde y cuando sea posible. Y SÍ, usted es importante en todos los aspectos de FFC-CHA, por eso le agradecemos su continuo apoyo a esta organización. Hay muchas oportunidades de voluntarios abiertas en diversas áreas con las que puede conectarse hoy. Por favor lea acerca de estas posiciones en este boletín del *Grapevine* y presente su solicitud, porque nunca es demasiado tarde.

A medida que pasan los días, miro hacia atrás con cariño a nuestra reciente 29ª Conferencia Anual "Enhancing Our Minds ... 2021" y envio un enorme AGRADECIMIENTO a la Coordinadora de la Conferencia, Karan Hiester, y la Coordinadora Asistente, Tammy Tener, así como a todo el equipo de Conferencia por trabajar diligentemente para hacer de esto un éxito. Y un ENORME agradecimiento a TODOS los que participaron asistiendo a la Conferencia. Las ruedas se ponen en marcha para volver a las asociaciones y áreas de su capítulo local, y compartir su nuevo conocimiento mientras se conecta y enseña a otros.

"Dios te da los recursos para el éxito, pero depende de ti reconocerlos y usarlos al máximo" T.D. Jakes Bendiciones para TODOS por la salud y prosperidad. Atentamente

Lois Kendrick Presidente



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Members of FFCCHA who serve on Early Learning Coalitions:

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

Other Boards / Councils

Lynn Gibson – Pinellas County License Board Family Child Care Rep

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

Patricia Williams - North Florida Chapter of FLAEYC representing Family Child Care

Credential Scholarship News

Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

Six scholarships were awarded this quarter (April 1 – June 30, 2021) \$1755

NAFCC Reaccreditation \$325: Andrea Frith, Talisha Ghansiam NAFCC Self Study \$315: Chemetria Copeland, Ketty

NAFCC Update \$160: Aleta Ford

Villar, Fariha Zuberi

Applications are available NOW in this issue of *The Grapevine* or online www.FamilyChildCare.org Questions? Contact me at 561-482-6038 or aright933@aol.com

June 27 Meeting News

Renie Roach, Secretary

The FFCCHA conference was a great success. The keynote speakers were wise, inspirational, moving, and funny. It was so nice to see everyone who attended.

There were six First-Timers at the meeting: Juanita Real, Orange County, Ariel Carrillo, Riverview Hillsborough, Valeria Cummings, Lee County, Sonji Mitchell, Orange County, and Eddie Mae Dilworth-Mills and Mercy Selver, both of Palm Beach County.

Motion to approve the nomination of Jennifer Richards for position of Area 13 Rep (Flagler & Volusia County) was made by Danish Williams, seconded by Patricia Williams. The motion carried.

Always a significant occasion, the Installation Ceremony of the Full Board was lead by special guest, Cindy Krosky. Congratulations to the Full Board for the term June 2021 to June 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Tameka Mann and Latarsha Richardson

(Area 7 - Jacksonville) who obtained their Preschool CDAs and Director's Credentials this year!! Wahoooo!!



First Response Training Center

Barbara Lengell
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Follow us on Instagram at: barbaralengell

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Events Calendar 2021

July - December





renieroach@yahoo.com
21-23 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa (in-person)
Visit: onegoalsummerconference.org

August

FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting 7pm (virtual)
 FFCCHA Conference Team Meeting 7pm (Virtual)
 Deadline to apply for the \$1000 Early Childhood Bonus
 FFCCHA Zoom Training "Tappin' Those Tiny Toes" and Full Board Meeting (virtual)
 FFCCHA Chapter Rep Meeting (virtual)
 Deadline for FFCCHA October newsletter

FFCCHA Latino Council Meeting 7pm (Virtual)

September

TBA Executive Committee Development

October

15-17 FLAEYC Conference (virtual) Visit: flaeyc.org
 16 Deadline for Full Board Meeting Reports - send to renieroach@yahoo.com

November

6 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting and Training, TBD
6-9 NAEYC Conference, Visit: naeyc.org (virtual)
17 Deadline for FFCCHA January newsletter

December

1-31 Apply for FFCCHA Board Applications for 2-year terms to start July 1, 2022: Treasurer, Secretary, Professional Deve lopment, Chapter Coordinator, Public Relations, Member-

ship

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January 2022

 Apply for 2nd \$1,000 early child care Teacher bonus
 Deadline to apply for FFCCHA Board positions to start July 1, 2022
 Hanging of the Hands, Capitol, Tallahassee
 Children's Week, Tallahassee Visit: childrensweek.org

February

1-4 Children's Week, Tallahassee
 17 Deadline for FFCCHA April newsletter
 TBA FFCCHA Leadership Summit and Full Board meeting

May

Deadline for FFCCHA Heart-Hands Photo contest
 National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day
 Deadline for FFCCHA July newsletter

19 Deadline for FFCCHA Conference Hotel Reservation

June

Deadline for Early Bird Registration for FFCCHA Conference Visit: familychildcare.org

22-26 FFCCHA Enhancing Our Minds Conference

Clearwater Beach

FFCCHA General Meeting, Clearwater Beach

Spring Membership News

Wendy Corso-Ruud - Membership Officer

Congratulations to our SPRING Chapter Membership Drive Winners!!

Central Florida Association of FCC (June)
Heart to Heart FCC Association (May)
South Florida Family Child Care Association (April)

Recognition of the **Chapter** that submits the most <u>new</u> members, <u>renewals</u>, or <u>advocate</u>-members is given monthly.

IMPORTANT:

Please renew your membership <u>before</u> it expires to avoid a lapse in your membership! Your expiration date is located just above your name on the back of this FFCCHA newsletter, *The Grapevine*.



If you are a **member of a Local Association (Chapter),** please renew with your Chapter Rep or **ONLINE** (do NOT use Independent Provider) and write in the NOTE BOX which Chapter! **Please** call me if you need help!

AND.. as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a \$5-off discounted rate. **Membership breakdown** as of 7/25/2021:

Chapter Providers: 500 Chapters: 17
Advocates: 15 Co-Providers: 50
Individual Members: 42 Parent Members: 34

Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12

Agencies: 0 Total: 670

And again, remember to PLEASE use the <u>correct and updated</u> individual/parent/chapter membership forms available on the website. If you have questions or need anything, please give me a shout!! Wendy (561)715-1361 or email me at membership@familychildcare.org

We are nearly at 800 likes on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!

www.facebook.com/FFCCHA

Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:



TALK OF THE TOWN AREA 21 - Hillsborough County

ANNETTE EBERHART

Annette is the owner of Kidd's R Us Family Childcare LLC. in Tampa. She started in 2007 and has been Licensed for 14 yrs. Her FCC home has been NAFCC Accredited and Gold Seal for the past 10 years and has participated in the local quality rating program. Her program's objective is to create critical thinking in young children by: forming a healthy attachment to adults, developing a positive self-image, and supporting the idea of continuous growth through an enriched curriculum with child-directed activities.



Annette is an active member of her local FFCCHA Chapter: HCCPA (Hillsborough County Childcare Provider Association) where she served as Treasurer for 2 yrs. Currently, she sends phone-vite's and informational updates to the members. She is also a member of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), Phi Theta Kappa (Honors Society), NBCDI (National Black Child Development Institute), and NAFCC (National Association for Family Childcare) where she is an active NAFCC Accreditation Observer, NAFCC Train the Accreditation Trainer, and serves on the NAFCC Accreditation Council.

Annette has an AS Degree in Computer Network Engineering Technology, CDA (Child Development Associates) and Directors Credential. Currently, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education

She is very active in her community, providing time and service to metropolitan ministries and sweet-water organic farms. She enjoys comedy, bike-riding, nature walks, and quiet meditation for herself in order to recharge so she able to be her best for the children that count on her daily. She loves to read and write and recently published a children's book, <u>Creative Hands</u>, which educates children about diversity and creativity. I have also two additional E-books titled <u>Best practices for Parents: To Create Positive Interactions with Children Ages Birth -10 yrs.</u> and <u>Best Practices for Parents: To Create Positive Interactions with their Teenagers.</u>

Annette is a mother of 3 grown, lovely children ages 33, 31 and 16 and one beautiful granddaughter. She is passionate about positive interactions with children, and enjoys observing those special moments when a child has explored their environment and has learned something new. She is certainly is well-deserving of being our Talk of the Town!

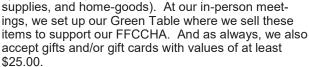
Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from **Areas 24 - 30**. ubmissions must be submitted **by August 17**, **2021** to the Newsletter Editor, Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

SUPPORT FFCCHA

Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

We had an incredible time at our Annual Conference this past month, and want to thank everybody who came out in person to support FFCCHA!

Weren't able to make it to conference? You can still support FFCCHA by putting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items (such as child care toys,



It was absolutely wonderful seeing everyone's smiles at conference! Stay safe.

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 Látino

Alma Diaz, Latino Liaison

Que podemos decir? Mas que la Conferencia FFCCHA 2021 fué todo un exito. La pandemia no paró a las proveedoras, tuvimos una buena asistencia, y personas antiguas y caras nuevas.

Los talleres estuvieron llenos de enseñanza y de ante mano les damos las gracias por su dedi-



cación, participación y profesionalismo a todas(os) las presentadoras(es). Las voluntarias hicieron un excelente trabajo, muchas gracias por participar.

Esperamos que se hayan gozado y conocido personas nuevas con las que podrás comunicarte y ayudarse las unas con las otras. El hotel fué 5 estrellas, los esquisitos desayunos, meriendas y el aseo fueron de primera calidad. Les doy las gracias por su cooperación y asistencia, fue para mi un placer haberlas conocido y asistido.

Comienza hacer planes para el próximo año en Clearwater háblales de la conferencia e invita a otras. **30th Annual Conference 22 - 26 Junio 2022.** Les quiero mucho Dios les bendiga y como siempre estoy a sus ordenes.

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

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Importante: 20 Agosto - Latino reunión virtual 7pm

Public Relations News

Lula Owens - Interim Chair

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! WE NEED YOU AS OUR NEXT PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR!

You will be working closely with our President, Executive Director, and Conference Coordinator, maintaining PR Materials, promoting FFCCHA, and mailing out PR resources throughout the state!

Having a Conference or meeting coming up soon?

Don't forget that you can create an amazing **DISPLAY**

TABLE! You can always use our PR materials on virtual meetings and presentations with your ELC, Food Program and your Association's meeting. These items include pullup stand-up banners, display boards, and brochures and flyers in both English and Spanish.



No time to wait?? Print from our FFCCHA website www.familychildcare.org under the Publications page.

AND.. Yessss! You can even advertise your business in

our quarterly *Grapevine* Newsletter!
For more info, contact Lula Owens at 904-779-9988 or email lulafrank@bellsouth.net

MENTOR News JULY 2021

Abbie Bill - Mentor Program Chair

Congratulations to the following providers who just attended the MENTOR Training at our 29th Annual Conference:

Kathy Harp, Sonjí Mítchell, Jennífer Ríchards and Faríha Zuberí

Current Mentors -

This is a reminder to complete your paperwork and mentoring hours for the past year. If you wish to remain a certified mentor, ultimately move to the Mentor II level, and be listed on FFCCHA's website, I need your documentation. This includes copies of local, state and NAFCC mem-



berships, your license, any credentials earned or renewed, 16 hours training hours and mentoring hours between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

I realize with the pandemic, face-to-face mentoring can be a challenge, however, mentoring can also be done via telephone, zoom, the internet, or with social distancing.

Thank you to the mentors who have already submitted their updated paperwork. Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-482-6038.

Chapter Rep News

STOP SAYING

I WISH

START SAYING

I WILL

I am enjoying serving in this position and assisting all the chapters in any way I can. As a team we work hand-in-hand to have a successful year.

Chapter Reps, sign up YOUR
CHAPTER to accept dues from your
members online! Send us your
Chapter Dues "Website Payment
Option" Form as soon as possible
to give this option to your members
as it makes your life easier!

Also make sure you use updated form, available on the website www.familychildcare.org

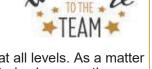
Reminder to all chapters, If you need reporting forms, please contact me. Please make sure I have your Chapter Audit Report and Worksheet on November 6, 2021. The forms are online or I can send you all the forms I need. Contact Amanda Wallace (561) 251-3365 or email chaptercoordinator@Familychildcare.org

Area Rep News

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Area Rep Coordinator

Let's congratulate our newest Area Rep for Area 13, Flagler/Volusia counties

Jennifer Richards



FFCCHA is an organization with a variety of leaders at all levels. As a matter of fact, the most effective leaders got to where they are today because they learned the importance of identifying and cultivating leadership in members who have the skill set to lead.

To become an Area Representative (AR), the important thing to keep in mind is that the role of the leader is to influence, engage, and encourage people to action around a common goal. Leadership is a choice that only you can make; leadership cannot be given or forced upon you.

If you are interested in an Area Rep position, following are some duties:

- Attend quarterly state and full board meeting, leadership summit, and annual general meeting;
- Send the AR Coordinator a written report either via mail or email, including all activities promoting FFCCHA;
- Communicate with ELCs and share info with all providers and attend coalition meetings;
- Be knowledgeable about all the associations or support groups in their area;
- Inform and encourage providers of support options or to join a local association. If none exist, then assist in the creation of a new group or new chapter;
- Keep in touch with and be aware of needs of FFCCHA chapters in your area; and hold meetings if necessary, pass information from FFCCHA to them.

If YOU feel like a leader, please apply for an Area Representative position. We are looking for new Area Representatives for the following Areas: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 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... **JOIN US TODAY and be a** *VOICE* **for FFCCHA!!!**



Save Time and Apply Online!



Save time and apply for your credentials online! You can now apply online for your Staff and Director Credentials via the Credential Application Portal (CAP). The CAP is located within your Child Care Training System Student Account.

To apply online:

- Login to your DCF Child Care Training System
 Student Account
- 2. In your personal menu, click "Credential Application Portal"
- Select the credential type you are seeking
- 4. Follow the steps and input information based on the requirements of the credential you are seeking
- Upload required documents (PDF or JPG files are accepted)
- 6. Verify information is correct and submit For more information and to watch a video on how to apply online via the CAP, visit https://

www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/cap.shtml



We are excited to announce that the **2021 Florida's HEROs Early Care and Education** recognition is accepting applicants! This is a voluntary recognition for ECE programs that implement best practices to support the healthy growth and development of the children they serve.

All early care and education (ECE) programs, including centers and family homes, that are licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families are eligible to apply. ECE programs will receive incentives based on the level of recognition they achieve.

The first step is to complete an interest form so we can link you with the appropriate resources and a Technical Assistance (TA) provider. <u>Click here</u> to submit an interest form or go to:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQB3H9K

WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL? WE CAN HELP!



Visit us online at www.TEACH-FL.com or give us a call at 1-877-FL-TEACH



This past year has not been easy. COVID-19 has changed the world and now, more than ever, stress and trauma are impacting children and adults.

To help identify the signs of stress and to learn techniques to create a trauma-sensitive environment in your classroom, we encourage you to take the five-hour online Trauma Informed Care for Child Care Professionals (TICC) and/or the 40-hour Trauma Informed Care for Directors (TICD) courses.

TICD is recommended for directors but can be taken by anyone interested in learning more about trauma and how to help children.

Both courses can be accessed through the Child Care Training System at https://training01-dcf.myflorida.com/studentsite/admin/login.jsf

Legislative News

Lynn Gibson, Legislative Liaison

First thing I want to say was that the FFCCHA Conference was AMAZING! Thank you to all who worked so hard to give us an amazing conference and some really great trainers. I loved seeing so many smiling faces and sharing experiences with you all, and it was great to see you outside of your "Zoom square!" LOL

We were so grateful to have had OEL's Executive Director, Shan Goff and DCF's Child Care Regulations Director, Hue Reynolds, join us at the conference luncheon. We were able to have a good conversation about the needs of Family Child Care Providers and how the pandemic has impacted our line of work.



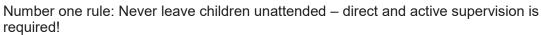
Through a lot of advocating, we were able to come together with other associations and show congress and local funders the need for more funding for each of you. The child care and early learning instructor disaster relief bonus payments are coming!! Open enrollment has begun and many of you have signed up online to receive the first of two \$1000.00 payments. These payments will be tax free and open to the Family Child Care Operator (director) and any employee with their 30 hour training that was employed by July 1, 2021 and assigned to work in the classroom with children.

If you do not receive an invite to sign up for these \$1000.00 grants, please email disasterrelief@aol.myflorida.com or call 1-833-258-6735. You will also need to sign up for a webinar that explains how to apply for the grants.

FFCCHA also worked with funders to increase the amount of funding in grants that come out for large family child care homes. Always know that FFCCHA is showing up and speaking out when it comes to Family Child Care Providers in Florida.

Water Safety!

175 child deaths have occurred in Florida due to drowning since 2018. Therefore, it is imperative providers take the steps necessary to ensure that proper health and safety precautions are used when children have access to bodies of water.



In addition to providing the highest level of supervision, listed below are other requirements providers must follow:

When children are participating in water activities at pools, beaches and lake areas:

- Maintain appropriate water activity staff-to-child ratios.
- Ensure all child care personnel are knowledgeable on the life-saving equipment present.

When children participate in water table activities:

• Ensure all containers of water have been emptied immediately following the event.

When providers have a pool or spa on site they must:

- Maintain 4-foot barriers around the pool.
- Ensure ladders or steps are inaccessible.
- Keep doors and gates locked at all times children are in care.
- Use chlorine or other suitable chemicals to maintain pool/spa and ensure visibility to the bottom.

For additional guidance on water safety visit www.poolsafely.org or https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PL31Yx9UKDAVDSM4jWm00qSvxCORCisjVK





2021 CONFERENCE TEAM MEMBERS - for being such a valuable part of our success



Conference Coordinator / Presenters: Karan Hiester

Pre-Conference: Abbie Bill

Assistant Coordinator / Marketing: Tammy Tener

Program Book Design and Layout: Wendy Corso-Ruud
Sponsors, Exhibitors, Ads and Resources: Adrienne Donaldson
Fundraising Tables / Donations / Parent Sponsors: Gertrude Freeman-Ford

Conference Registration: Wendy Corso-Ruud

Hostesses and Volunteers: Robin Dean and Amanda Wallace

Dísplay Boards: Lula Owens Latino Assistant: Alma Díaz

Sunday Meeting: Lois Kendrick

Sat. Night Celebration: Gretchen Murphy

Décor/Theme: Kristen Reinhard

Awards: Renie Roach Budget: Sande Harper

Evaluations: Eva Anderson

BIG Thanks to the 35 AMAZING Presenters for the 7 Pre-Conference Workshops, 52 Workshops, and 4 Keynote Sessions, at our FFCCHA 29th Annual Conference!

Anderson, Eva

Berry-McLaren, Tasheba

Chambers, Sheila Coore, Brittani

Dean, Robin

Delgado, Laura

Díaz, Alma

Espínoza, Dawn

Farmer, Buddy

Goff, Shan

Gonzalez-Mora, Ana

Harman, Maryann

Horst, Debbie

Kendrick, Lois

King, Malarie

Krosky, Cynthia

Lambert, Arleen Medrano, Carmen

Moradí, Leila

Mosley-Williams, Juliana

Nakagama, Janis

O'Connell, Marie

Ortíz, Patricia

Parmenter, Pam Perdomo, Barbara

Reinhard, Kris

Reynolds, Hue

Roa, Norian

Ruesga, Ríta Rosa

Sarkaría, Manpreet

Scheiber, Erika

Shualí, Ron

Tufts, Angela

Wright, Elizabeth

Zuberí, Faríha

2021 Award Honorees

Provider Hall of Fame: Lula Owens (Duval)

Advocate Hall of Fame: DJ Lebo (ELC of Flagler & Volusia)

Outstanding NAFCC Accredited Home: Arleen Lambert (Miami-Dade)

1st Parent Choice: Adrienne Donaldson (Miami-Dade)

2nd Parent Choice: Lois Kendrick (Lee)

3rd Parent Choice: Wendy Corso-Ruud (Palm Beach)

Parent Choice Honorable Mention:

Peggy LaFuente, Ruby Maldonado, Mary Morris, Kristen Reinhard, Amanda Wallace

Outstanding FFCCHA Chapter: **Heart to Heart** (Pinellas)

Chapter Rep of the Year: Angela-Perla Almodovar (Miami-Dade)

Area Rep of the Year: Kissha Ballard (Orange)

Agency Helping Associations Prosper
Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County

Ultimate Provider Sponsor: **ELC of Palm Beach County**

Top Provider Sponsor: **ELC of Orange County**

Heart Award: Lynn Gibson

Volunteer of the Year: Danish Williams

Advocate of the Year: Alma Diaz

Officer of the Year: Adrienne Donaldson

Outstanding Teamwork: Alma Diaz

SPECIAL THANKS to our KEYNOTES

Maryann Harman, Manpreet Sarkaria, Shan Goff, Hue Reynolds, Juliana Mosley-Williams, Ron Shuali, Cindy Krosky

THANK YOU to our MIND SPONSORS



Ultimate Mind Sponsor (\$5,000 and above)
FL DCF Office of Child Care Regulation
Jeff Kostiha - FDC Insurance
Manpreet Sarkaria - Wonderschool



<u>Creative Mind Sponsor</u> (\$500)

Jitta Bug Professional Development



Central Florida Association for Family Child Care Creative Expressions
D-N-S Landscaping & Bobcat Services Gee Whiz Education

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Marion County Family Child Care Association

Multicultural Family Child Care Association of Orange County

Award Plaques sponsored by Florida Day Care Insurance

BIG thanks to Florida Dairy Farmers and the Office of Early Learning for Bag Goods



Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. — July 2021							
Executive Committee - Officers	s Name	City	Zip	Ph	one	Email	
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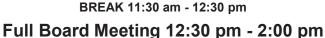
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Submitted by Brenda Wilson, Teacher at Wilson's Lovable Daycare

My gardening started as planting and picking weeds in the flower garden with my mom. My experience was so rewarding that I decided to branch out and share with the children in the Child care program. The preschoolers loved every moment of it, in fact, they wish to be outside each day in the garden. Children of all ages, not just preschool, can assist in gar-

dening from start to finish.

Some may ask, "WHY gardening?" As an adult, you might have experienced the joy of gardening, a hobby that has gone viral in recent years. Lately, we've began to start understanding what gardening can mean for the children.

Whether done at home or at child care, we are now finding out that gardening with children can reap great benefits from sowing seeds and learning how plants grow. The children are eating what they grow, and as we grow plants, we teach the children to eat their produce from the garden. The children are finding out the true meaning of from where the food they eat comes. Also, when gardening, the children learn about math, language arts, social and emotional skills, science education, and practical living skills. The children enjoy each day while being outside in a garden and learning.

From my experience, the best teaching occurs when the emphasis is more on involving the child with hands-on interaction, such as help with planting, building, and tending to a garden. Children have a natural curiosity that requires direct-sensory experience rather than conceptual generalization. They learn better when they are involved in what they are doing. Children can lean across the curricula with gardening. All domains of development such as physical, emotional, social, language, and cognitive change, in a predictable way can be learned by involving the children in your child care with a garden. Gardening can be so much fun when you love what you're doing,

It is so easy and simple to garden with the children in your care. All you need is soil, a container to hold the soil, proper drainage, and seeds. Any containers, such as coffee cans, cardboard boxes, old shoes or margarine/butter containers

will do. Long gone are the old days when you had to dig rows and rows to have a garden, because raised-bed and container gardening is the new wave now.

Gardening and young children just seem to go together. Dirt, water, nibbling in the garden and a rainbow of colors are good for the human soul. Bring the child out in you through gardening. Give gardening a try, you'll like it, if not, your children in your childcare program will enjoy being outside as they learn.







Sink Painting and Other Fun Things to Do!

Submitted by Kris Reinhard, From Bottles to Buses

Paint an outline of something fun, I did a turkey. Let it dry, then have child create!





Use ribbon with raised pattern, let the kids paint on it, press and create!



Use shaving cream and paint, let kids create in the sink, then wash it all away at once!
This was done with one- and two-year olds to teach colors and strengthen hand muscles.







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