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President's Message:

I'm honored once again to say HELLO FFCCHA!

The Executive Board members have been working so hard for this awesome association and our members. We've been addressing concerns and situations regarding their businesses, children, and families, as well as various agencies, and legislation. From my heart, I'd like to express my gratitude for all you do for children and their families. *"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood. It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we HAVE!" (Mr. Rogers)*

Members, I encourage you to read your emails and this newsletter as they include important updates which we need to be aware. Thank you to Membership Officer Wendy Corso-Ruud, for working gracefully and networking with our members who are current or up for renewal. Thanks to our members for your commitment to FFCCHA, as we all help and work together to build Family Child Care awareness and self-advocacy.

FFCCHA continues to have quarterly meetings by zoom and professional development trainings as well. We will keep you posted when face to face resume back up, so make sure you are a current member to receive notifications.

DCF offers several online professional development trainings along with CEUs, A special THANK YOU to all the agencies that network with FFCCHA and the parents. Chapter Reps, Area Reps, Agency, and members, please keep FFCCHA in the loop as we love to hear what you are doing and share your news in our grapevine newsletter. Staying connected is the key to communication!

We are still looking for VOLUNTEERS within this association to fill various positions, so please review listing in the grapevine newsletter and think if you would be a great fit, or someone you know could be. *"I would ask you to question who's at the table and who's not at the table, and to think about those voices that aren't represented when you're making decisions"* (James Halliday).

decisions" (James Halliday). Blessings for safe summer travels with your families this 2022 year. My goal as FFCCHA President is to keep the mission statement at the forefront of this organization, which is "to represent a united voice on behalf of all children, to promote and encourage quality professional Family Child Care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love."

Lois Kendrick FFCCHA President

Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

Es para mí un honor poderles volver a saludar ¡HOLA FFC-CHA! Los miembros de la Junta Ejecutiva han estado trabajando muy duro para esta increíble asociación y nuestros miembros. Hemos estado resolviendo preocupaciones y situaciones con respecto a sus negocios, niños y familias, así como varias agencias y legislación. Desde mi corazón, me gustaría expresar mi gratitud por todo lo que hacen por los niños y sus familias. "A menudo se habla del juego como si fuera un alivio del aprendizaje serio. Pero para los niños jugar es un aprendizaje serio. El juego es realmente el trabajo de la infancia. No es tanto lo que tenemos en esta vida lo que importa. ¡Es lo que hacemos con lo que tenemos!" (Sr. Rogers)

Miembros, los animo a leer sus correos electrónicos y este boletín informativo, ya que incluyen actualizaciones importantes que debemos tener en cuenta. Gracias a la Oficial de Membresía Wendy Corso-Ruud, por trabajar con gracia y establecer contactos con nuestros miembros que están al día o listos para renovar. Gracias a nuestros miembros por su compromiso con FFCCHA, mientras todos ayudamos y trabajamos juntos para crear conciencia y autodefensa sobre el cuidado infantil familiar. FFCCHA continúa teniendo reuniones trimestrales por zoom y capacitaciones de desarrollo profesional también. Les mantendremos informados cuando nos volvamos a reunir cara a cara, así que asegúrese de que es un miembro activo para recibir notificaciones.

DCF ofrece varias capacitaciones de desarrollo profesional en línea junto con CEU, un especial AGRADECIMIENTO a todas las agencias que se relacionan con FFCCHA y los padres. Representantes de capítulos, representantes de área, agencias y miembros, por favor mantengan a FFCCHA al tanto, ya que nos encanta escuchar lo que están haciendo y compartir sus noticias en nuestro boletín de grapevine. ¡Mantenerse conectado es la clave de la comunicación!

Todavía estamos buscando VOLUNTARIOS dentro de esta asociación para ocupar varias posiciones, así que por favor revisen la lista en el boletín de grapevine y piense si usted sería una opción, o alguien que usted conoce podría serlo. **"Te pido que cuestiones quién está en la mesa y quién no está en la mesa, y que pienses en esas voces que no están siendo representadas cuando estás tomando decisiones"** (James Halliday).

Bendigo que los viajes de verano sean seguros junto con sus familias en este año 2022. Mi meta como Presidente de FFC-CHA es mantener la declaración de misión a la vanguardia de esta organización, que es **"representar una voz unida en nom**bre de todos los niños, promover y alentar el cuidado infantil familiar profesional de calidad a través de la educación, la legislación, la defensa, la mentoría, el cuidado y el amor."

Lois Kendrick, FFCCHA Presidente



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Credential Scholarship News By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

12 scholarships were awarded this quarter (March 2, 2022 – June 30, 2022) \$3885

 NAFCC Self Study \$315: Dameka Coleman, Shamara Washington
 NAFCC New Accreditation: Annette Anderson, Judy Morris
 NAFCC Reaccreditation \$325: Sheree Alexander, Ydelsa Curbelo, Edie Mae Dilworth Mills, Andrea Shawn Grace, Rhonda Noel,

Patricia Oliver, Juana Rodriquez, and Lawanda Thomas.

When applying for a scholarship, make sure you thoroughly read the scholarship form and send ALL requested documents.

Applications are available NOW in this issue of The Grapevine or online. Questions? Contact me at 561-445-7333 or aright933@aol.com



April & June Meeting News Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

The **April 30, 2022 Quarterly Full Board Meeting** was held via Zoom. Several motions were approved, the first being election of Wendy Corso-Ruud for a 2nd term as Membership Officer for July 2022 - June 2024. The second approval was for the Executive Director, Tammy Tener, to sign the ERC agreement (1 year contract). We approved the complimentary rooms list for the June 2022 conference, as well as to to partner and sign an agreement with Rebekah L. Reneke of Flamingo Early Learning Services.

The **June 26**, **2022 General Meeting** began at 9:00AM in-person at conference. Several first timers in attendance were welcomed. We approved Kissha Ballard for a second term as Treasurer, July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024. We also approved to pay Family Childcare Experts (Donna Fowler and Patricia Dischler) to put together all data collected from sessions into a professional brief for FFCCHA to use for advocacy. Also approved travel, hotel and registration for 3 active board members to attend the NAFCC Conference in CA.

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Members of FFCCHA who serve on other Boards / Councils

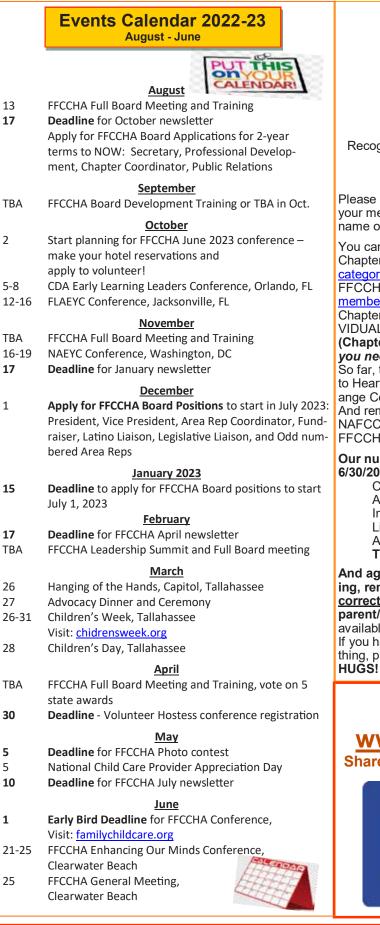
Lynn Gibson – Pinellas County License Board Family Child Care Rep

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



Summer Membership News Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

Congratulations to our SUMMER Chapter Membership-Drive Winners!!

Broward FCCA (April) Heart to Heart FCCA (May) Putnam County FCCA (June)

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*.

You can renew your CHAPTER membership online going to our Chapter Membership link: <u>https://familychildcare.org/product-</u> <u>category/chapter-memberships/</u> If your Chapter is **not listed**, go to FFCCHA memberships <u>https://familychildcare.org/product/ffccha-</u> <u>membership/</u> and select CHAPTER PROVIDER, then write in your Chapter in the NOTE box. Please. please **do not join** as an INDI-VIDUAL provider if you are a **member of a Local Association (Chapter).** You must renew thru your Chapter. PLEASE *call me if you need any help* (561)715-1361.

So far, these CHAPTERS are online! Central Florida FCCA, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Multicultural FCCHA of Orange County, and Putnam County FCCA, and North Florida CCA!! And remember, as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a \$5-off discounted rate. You must join/renew under FFCCHA for the discount.

Our numbers keep growing!! Membership breakdown as of 6/30/2022:

Chapter/Full Providers: 458 Advocates: 25 Individual Members: 52 Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12 Agencies: 1 **Total: 664**

Chapters: 17 Co-Providers: 58 Parent Members: 41

And again, when joining or renewing, 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!!



We are nearly at 900 likes on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!

www.facebook.com/FFCCHA Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:

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TALK OF THE TOWN AREA 21 - Hillsborough County

Dayna has been in operation for 7 years in Tampa, FL. She was licensed in 2016 and received her NAFCC Accreditation and her Gold Seal in 2018, as well as her CDA.

She is a mother of 5 awesome children, 3 girls and 2 boys, with one teenager left at home, and she has 4 beautiful grandchildren that she absolutely loves. She is the youngest of her siblings and was born on New Years Ever, December 31st.

She was motivated to start a FCCH program because of her love for children. While raising her own, she realized that she wanted them to have the best education

available, but knew she had to do her part as a parent. She began teaching them the basics as soon as they could talk. As time went on, Dayna knew she had a heart for children and wanted to help parents that may not have a lot of time. She felt that she could make a difference in all childrens' lives. In her home, they celebrate holidays and birthdays as a family, as well as accomplishments, big and small.

Her child care home is unique because she has the ability to personally work one on one with each of the children in their daily goals, and educates, loves and nourishes the babies. She is a member of FFCCHA and her local chapter, Home Child Care Providers Association of NE Hillsborough County. In January, 2022 she attended Children's Week in Tallahassee with the FFCCHA Legislative Team. Since 2019, she has been selected as part of the NAFCC's Leaders Shaping Leaders program.

She loves decorating, watching HGTV, doing community activities, and just being with her family and friends. Her hobbies are singing, decorating and being an active community parent.

Dayna is a High school graduate, a licensed pharmacy technician, and has completed some college courses in business education. Her biggest achievements are raising her 5 children as a single parent and being a business owner.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from **Areas 24 - 31.** Submissions must be submitted **by August 17, 2022** to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

Support FFCCHA Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

We finally got to see each other at our FFCCHA 30th Annual Conference, where we set up our Green Table to sell new and gently used and items and hold drawings to pick winners, all to help support FFCCHA. We raised over \$1,000 for all the

good things that FFCCHA does for our communities, including scholarships and trainings.

We are asking you to please keep putting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items (such as child care toys, supplies, and home-goods) for future in-person meetings. We would also appreciate your giving back to FFCCHA in other ways, such as donating new gifts and/or gift cards with values of at least \$25.00 for door prizes.

AS ALWAYS, thank you all for stepping up and supporting FFCCHA!

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! <u>http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0392120</u> Benevity.org - We are also registered and eligible to

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 <u>fundraiser@familychildcare.org</u>

Noticias Del Concilio Látino Alma Diaz, Latino Liaison

Hola Proveedoras!

Dayna

Curry

Espero que estén bien con mucha salud y buenos ánimos. Les cuento que nuestra conferencia FFCCHA 2022 fue todo un éxito, los temas de nuestros presentadores estubieron muy interesantes, tubimos muchas proveedoras representando al grupo latino de lo

cual estoy muy orgullosa y agradecida con la gran labor que hicieron. Se trabajó con mucha union, conocimos muchas preveedoras nuevas que vinieron de diferentes condados participando por primera vez, y con el deseo de volver a nuestra conferencia 2023.

Quiero participarles que prontamente estaremos organizando un grupo de red (network) con todas las proveedoras de habla hispana. La idea es que no dejemos de comunicarnos, conocernos y ayudarnos, esto será por medio de Zoom, las proveedoras que asistieron a nuestra conferencia lo pidieron. Yo creo que es una idea fabulosa asi todas se conozcen y estamos más en comunicacióncon los diferentes Cuidados Familiares de Niños en el Hogar.

Recueda que el Concilio Latino está para ayudarte, si tienes alguna idea que quisieras participar o aun ser parte de nuestro grupo latino favor de comunicármelo y lo tomaremos en consideración.

Les deseo muchas bendiciones a todas y que continuen trabajando en esta gran labor que Dios les ha entregado.

Con mucho cariño - *Mm a*





Public Relations News EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

WE NEED YOU AS OUR NEXT PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR!

We are still looking for our Public Relations Chair! Responsibilities will include 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 meeting or training session coming up soon? Create an amazing **DISPLAY TABLE!** You can even use any of our PR materials for virtual meetings and presentations with your ELC, Food Program and your own Chapter Association meeting.

No time to wait?? You can always print directly from our FFCCHA website under the Publications tab <u>https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/</u> Our many items include pull-up stand-up banners, display boards, and brochures and flyers in both English and Spanish. You can also advertise your business in our *Grapevine* Newsletter!



For more info, contact Lois Kendrick, president of FFCCHA, at president@familychildcare.org

Area Rep News Dr. Angela-Perla Almodovar, Area Rep Coordinator



Congratulations to **Patricia Williams** Area Representative of the Year!

Patricia, you have worked hard for this moment, and FFCCHA couldn't be prouder of you. Your determination has paid off, and we hope your success brings many joyful moments.

Job Well Done!

Thank you to all the Area Representatives that attended the FFCCHA Annual Conference. You all proved that creating healthy, fulfilling, successful teams start with individuals who put the team before



themselves. You show dedication and commitment to our association and the field of early child care.

There are openings on our board! If you are interested in becoming an area rep for the Florida Family Child Care Home Association, or would like more information, please contact: <u>arearepcoordina-</u> tor@gmail.com

MENTOR News July 2022 Abbie Bill - Mentor Program Chair

Mentors please make sure you are sending me any updates on your credentials and in service hours needed for each year. If you have any questions on what is needed, contact me.

If you are not a mentor but would like help from a mentor or have questions or concerns about accreditation, please contact me. Mentors are trained to help in many other areas, not just accreditation.

Looking forward to 2023 and anticipating holding the Mentor training at our June

annual conference. Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-445-7333



Chapter News

Congratulations to **Lula Owens** Chapter Representative of The Year!



The Executive Board position of Chapter Representative Coordinator is open! If you are interested in becoming our next Coordinator, please apply now! To get more information, please contact Lois Kendrick, president@familychildcare.org.

Chapter Reps, for now, please forward all paperwork and reports to Lois! Remember to get in touch with your members to connect with them. When signing on new members or renewing previous, <u>PLEASE use the</u> <u>correct and updated</u> chapter membership forms available on the website, click here to print it out: <u>https://familychildcare.org/wp-content/</u> <u>uploads/ChapterMembershipForm2021-04-01WRC.pdf</u>



Congratulations to our very own LYNN GIBSON for receiving



The Best of the Best award These awards celebrate business-

es and organizations in nearly 200 categories, for example, schools, restaurants, shopping, health and wellness, and in services, hairdresser, roofer, travel agent, plumber, and best **HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER**. The top votegetters in each category win the awards. Being named one of the "Best" is an honor, and with more than 135,000 total votes received in all categories, this endeavor is a remarkable display of the love and support this community has for local businesses.

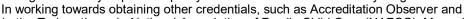
Lynn is our **FFCCHA Legislative Liaison**, so congratulate when you see her. Most well-deserved!!

Florida Family Child Care Home Association is proud to highlight our very own MAYRA MARQUEZ, who was recognized at the FL Department of Education Meeting on July 13, and received an Early Care and Education Teacher recognition.

Mayra opened her home to children in June 2006 as an informal provider in Kissimmee, FL, in Osceola County. Over the past 16 years, she grew her business as the owner/operator of Little Stars, a licensed Large Family Child Care Home. She offers high quality of care, as she has been NAFCC Accredited for the past 12 years and has the Florida Gold Seal recognition. With a SR contract with both the ELC of Orange and the ELC of Osceola counties, she enrolls children of low-income working families. She offered the VPK program for 9 years. Her CLASS score is 6.29. She is a USDA Food Program participant. Since July 2019, she cares for mainly 0 – 3.5 year-olds, as an Early Head Start provider, and an SR provider for school-agers.

Mayra has her national CDA and an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, and is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree with only one course left to enroll in.

Fresh out of high school, Mayra knew the calling and purpose over her life was to impact leaders of tomorrow. She realized that to impact young learners, she had to pivot from the role of an educator to the role of a mentor. She is a FFCCHA certified M.E.N.T.O.R., which allows her to guide and inspire other teachers to obtain the knowledge necessary to provide quality education and service to their young learners.





Train-the-Trainer through National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC), Mayra had the knowledge to guide other providers to pursue accreditation. As an observer, she has an opportunity to know and learn about other programs and the diverse philosophies of each classroom. Serving as a model to local providers as well as on a state and national level has been an honor and a privilege for Mayra. Her home was selected on the Tour of Early Learning Environments when the NAFCC conference was held in Orlando in June of 2014 and 2019.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayra also pivoted as classrooms were being shut down and her enrolled families in her community were unable to receive adequate meals. She began providing grab-and-go meals, and was able to impact her students outside of the FCCH classroom walls, despite enforced closures.

Mayra's assistant teacher is her husband, John Marquez, who has also earned a CDA credential. In serving a lowincome population over the years, they noticed an increasing lack of a father figure in the homes of the children they serve. By having a male educator, they have witnessed an increase in the positive effects of the children's social development and motivation to attend school.

Mayra always asks parent's permission to allow her to do home visits. In those visits, she talks about the educational goals the parents want to accomplish with their children, and provides them with different activities to meet those goals. She shares resources according to each family. Due to COVID ,she did virtual home visits. She encourages families to spend time with their children in this busy world, and plans a nutrition activity once a year with a certified nutritionist, who comes to her home to give a hands-on activity to try new healthy food.



Message from the President, Lois Kendrick: Our FFCCHA 30th Annual Conference was AWESOME!!! A big Shout out to Karan Heister, Conference Coordinator, and her conference team - YES!! The conference was successful, attendees included providers from various locations, we go to network with the exhibitors, presenters, keynote speakers, and even the hotel staff, Matt Mears from Division of Early Learning, DCF, ELC of FL and EHS. Congratulations to ALL who received well-deserved awards, and many thanks to DCF, ELCs in FL, EHS, and other agencies that participated in sponsoring scholarships to Family Child Care providers to attend workshops and pre-conference trainings. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! Now start planning for next year's conference at the same time, same location, June 21-25! We look forward to seeing you there!



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The Department of Children and Families' Office of Licensing and the Department of Education's Division of Early Learning

are proud to announce the release of new courses to further support and offer new resources for early childhood education professionals.

From Department of Children and Families' Office of Licensing:

Trauma-Informed Care for Child Care Program Directors – Hybrid (TICDHI): The goal of this course is to assist child care programs in implementing trauma-informed care for the families they serve. Offered in a hybrid learning environment of both online and instructor-led sessions, child care program directors will form a community of practice to address the principles of trauma-informed care, supports necessary to work with child care personnel and families, and the importance of self-care. For this 40-hour course, 4.0 CEUs may be earned.

From Department of Education's Division of Early Learning:

Building a Strong Foundation for Emergent Literacy (VIEL21): The goal of this course is to present evidence-based research and developmentally appropriate implementation strategies designed to enhance emergent literacy skills and instruction in the preschool classroom. This course is most appropriate for new VPK instructors and/or preschool instructors who are new to early childhood education. For this five-hour online course, 0.5 CEUs may be earned.



Early Literacy With Young Children (YCEL): The goal of this course is to explain the importance of early literacy and provide early childhood educators with an understanding of how to implement the Language and Literacy Domain for children ages birth through three. The course will provide applicable information and activities for educators to implement in the classroom. For this five-hour online course, 0.5 CEUs may be earned.

Mathematics With Young Children (YCMA): The goal of this course is to provide early childhood educators with an understanding of how to implement the Mathematical Thinking Domain for children ages birth through three. The course will provide applicable information and activities for educators to implement in the classroom. For this five-hour online course, 0.5 CEUs may be earned.

Trauma-Informed Care for Early Childhood (TICSR): The goal of this course is to assist early childhood educators in implementing traumainformed care for the families they serve. This will be achieved through defining terms related to stress and trauma, recognizing the signs of trauma impacting children, explaining how trauma affects young children's development and executive functioning, explaining strategies for decreasing stress in early childhood settings, applying tools to help children regulate emotions and behaviors and acknowledging the importance of selfcare for early childhood educators. For this five-hour online course, 0.5 CEUs may be earned.

To enroll in these new courses, log into your <u>Child Care Training Student Account</u>



Differential Monitoring in Family Day Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes

In partnership with the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA), the Office Licensing has started the process of implementing a key indicator system which will allow for abbreviated inspections in Family Day Care Homes (FDCH) and Large Family Child Care Homes (LFCCH). Providers benefit from shorter inspections by maintaining compliance and children in care enjoy a higher degree of health and safety protection.

For a FDCH or LFCCH to qualify for an abbreviated inspection, the provider must be licensed for a period of no less than two consecutive years, the provider must not have any Class I or Class II deficiencies, as defined by rule, for at least two consecutive years, and the provider is not currently under investigation by Child Protective Services. An abbreviated inspection shall only be conducted in lieu of a routine inspection [if above criteria is met], never a renewal inspection.

Please visit the 'News and Announcements' page on our public website <u>www.myflfamilies.com/childcare</u> and to look for upcoming details and information regarding rule workshops and hearings – your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

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FFCCHA Goes to San Francisco!

Florida was represented at the NAFCC conference on June 23-25, 2022 in San Francisco, CA, in-person with a total 7 FFCCHA provider members. Unfortunately, the NAFCC conference was held at the same time as FFCCHA's conference, otherwise, more from Florida would have attended.

Two of the attendees volunteer as NAFCC Reps for Florida. Cynthia Chipp, Region C (Suncoast & SE) and Arleen Lambert. Region D (South) and attended the NAFCC Rep meeting. Annette Eberhardt also volunteers her service on the NAFCC Accreditation Council. Annette was a pre-conference Co -presenter for the NAFCC Observer Training 2-day training. Cynthia Chipp was selected to attend the full day training on Thursday: Getting Ahead of Lead



Poisoning Leaders Network. Annette and Cynthia graduated from the NAFCC Leaders Shaping Leaders inaugural class and were featured Thursday night at the Leaders Shaping Leaders Gallery Walk in the Exhibit Hall. Annette, Arleen, and Cynthia also attended the President's Dinner sponsored by Wonderschool on Thursday night.

Seven (7) FFCCHA members are Florida Gold Seal Providers and were recognized Friday night at the Reception & Accreditation "Toast to Quality" for being NAFCC Accredited. They are, from Hillsborough County: Cynthia Chipp, Annette Eberhart; Miami-Dade County: Arleen Lambert; Palm Beach County: Patricia Oliver, Nichola Giffiths-Butts, Vivene Smith and Monica Turner. Annette Eberhart was also honored and recognized as NAFCC Observer of the Year!

Annette, Arleen and Cynthia also attended the NAFCC Affiliate meeting on Saturday morning with NAFCC Board member, Matt Tapscott, NAFCC Affiliate Delegate.

Everyone had a wonderful time and it was great to learn from all of the keynotes and workshop session presenters and to meet all the Exhibitors, Sponsors, NAFCC Staff, Board members, old and new acquaintances, providers and attendees from all over the nation!

The NAFCC Region Reps in Florida are: A - (Northwest & Northeast) Eva Anderson; B - (Central) Mayra Marquez; C - (Southeast/Suncoast) Cynthia Chipp; and D - (Miami/Monroe) Arlreen Lambert.





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Legislative News

Lynn Gibson, Legislative Liaison

We make a difference when we are united. Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. providers have made some great connections this past year. We have filled our slots for NAFCC positions across the state of Florida and

sent them to the NAFCC conference to be "Our Voice". We have members that joined FLAEYC and NAEYC to work side by side with center owners in making sure "OUR VOICE" is heard in their "One Voice" Advocacy Coalition. You must be a member of FLAEYC to join the One Voice Advocacy Coalition. For

more info go to <u>https://www.flaeyc.org/advocacy/</u> Come to our quarterly meetings via Zoom and let us know what you think we need to be working on, "YOUR VOICE" is so important to us.

This year we saw ARPA funds finally reaching the providers across Florida. FFCCHA was at the table speaking up for our members, the Family Child Care Providers. We were successful and got funds to keep us going. We spoke to legislators in Washington DC and across the nation alongside NAFCC to work with the Department of Agriculture's USDA Food Program to increase reimbursement funds for Family Child Care Homes, again we were successful and got the increase and one more year of tier 1 funding for all providers. We need to stay united to make tier 1 funding for all something we continue to get.

Please let us know if you are interested in being part of a FFCCHA legislative group. We can meet via Zoom and work on making Florida a better place for Child Care! Let us hear from you!

I would love to have at least one person from each chapter joining us to keep us updated on the concerns in your area. Contact Lynn Gibson via email to join <u>Childcarelaws@aol.com</u> and please put "LEGISLATIVE GROUP" in the subject line.

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