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SPRING-a-ling EVERYthing!

President's Message: GREETINGS FFCCHA

The Executive Committee continues to work diligently in every aspect by responding and networking for providers, agencies, scheduling face-to-face and zoom meetings. The Executive Committee is efficiently working to maintain professional strategic planning for FFCCHA members in the long term and is committed to upholding the mission and productivity of this association.

It is great to hear members are seeking volunteer positions that are available. A big thanks to everyone!! Yes, there are still open positions, to get more information and see if you qualify, or to submit your application, email <u>nominations@familychildcare.org</u>.

To all childcare businesses, every day you help the well-being and success of ALL children within your counties. In Observance of **Provider Appreciation Day on May 12, 2023**, we recognize your dedication and high-quality standards of performance in caring for ALL children.

Reminder- Please register early for FFCCHA Conference the information is listed online and check your grapevine newsletter. Looking forward to seeing everyone at "Enhancing Our Minds. In 2023" Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach for the pre-conference training and full conference; June 21-25,2023.

Providers remember if you need additional in-service hours check out the DCF website, through your local ELC professional development training or other agencies.

Members continue to advocate for Family Child Care, families, and children. Please contact Lynn Gibson the Legislative Liaison at <u>childcarelaws@aol.com</u> to find out what YOU can do to help pass laws for Family Child Care in Florida.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" Maya Angelou

May God continue to enrich each of you always

Loís Kendríck FFCCHA President

Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente: Saludos FFCCHA

El Comité Ejecutivo continúa trabajando diligentemente en todos los aspectos respondiendo y estableciendo contactos con proveedores y agencias, programando reuniones cara a cara y por zoom. El Comité Ejecutivo está trabajando eficientemente para mantener la planificación estratégica profesional para los miembros de FFCCHA a largo plazo y se compromete a mantener la misión y la productividad de esta asociación.

Me complace mucho escuchar que los miembros están buscando la disponibilidad de puestos voluntarios. ¡Muchas gracias a todos! Sí, todavía hay una posición abierta, solo envíe su solicitud a <u>nomina-</u> tions@familychildcare.org.

A todas las empresas de cuidado infantil, que ustedes ayudan diariamente a su bienestar y éxito de TO-DOS los niños dentro de sus condados. En observancia del Día de Apreciación del Proveedor Mayo 12, 2023, FFCCHAA reconoce su dedicación y altos estándares de calidad de desempeño en el cuidado de TODOS los niños.

Recordatorio- Regístrese temprano para la Conferencia FFCCHA, la información se encuentra en línea y consulte su boletín "Grapevine". Esperamos ver a todos en "Enhancing Our Minds". En 2023" Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach para la capacitación previa a la conferencia y la conferencia completa; 21-25 de junio de 2023. Proveedoras recuerdan que si necesitan horas adicionales de servicio, visite el sitio web de DCF, a través de su capacitación local de desarrollo profesional de ELC u otras agencias. Los miembros continúan abocándose por el cuidado infantil familiar, las familias y los niños. Por favor comuníquese con Lynn Gibson, del Enlace Legislativo en <u>childcarelaws@aol.com</u> para averiguar qué puede hacer USTED para ayudar a aprobar leyes para el cuidado infantil familiar en Florida.

"He aprendido que la gente olvidará lo que dijiste, la gente olvidará lo que hiciste, pero la gente nunca olvidará cómo los hiciste sentir" Maya Angelou.

Que Dios siga enriqueciendo a cada uno de vosotros siempre.

Lois Kendrick, presidente

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Members of FFCCHA who serve on Early Learning Coalitions

Cynthia Chipp - ELC of Hillsborough Nichola Griffiths/Butts - ELC of Palm Beach Naomi Helligar – ELC of Osceola County Cecil Wilson – ELC of Marion County

Other Boards / Councils

 Tammy Tener, Kissha Ballard, and Arleen Lambert -The FUTURE Project - The Children's Movement
 Kissha Ballard - ERiKSON Institute - Pre-K in Family Child Care Project
 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, and Early Childhood Policy Works Advocacy Fellow

Karen Robinson - 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 By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

9 scholarships were awarded this quarter (January 1-March 8, 2023) \$2225

NAFCC Self Study \$315: Yolanda Evans, Joyce Finley, Jessica Thurmond, Rendy Bethel

NAFCC Reaccreditation \$325: Amanda Wallace

NAFCC Update \$160: Adrienne Donaldson, Barbara Gardner, Katherine Uribe, Deidre Grant

When applying for a scholarship, make sure you thoroughly read the scholarship form and send ALL requested documents. Applications are available NOW! In this

Applications are available NOW! In this issue of The Grapevine or online.



Questions? Contact me at 561-445-7333 or aright933@aol.com



The FFCCHA February 25, 2023, meeting was held in Ocala. Guests were warmly welcomed, and we had a very informative Leadership Summit training, *"Who Moved My Motivation?"* presented in the morning by Cindy Krosky. We enjoyed a net-



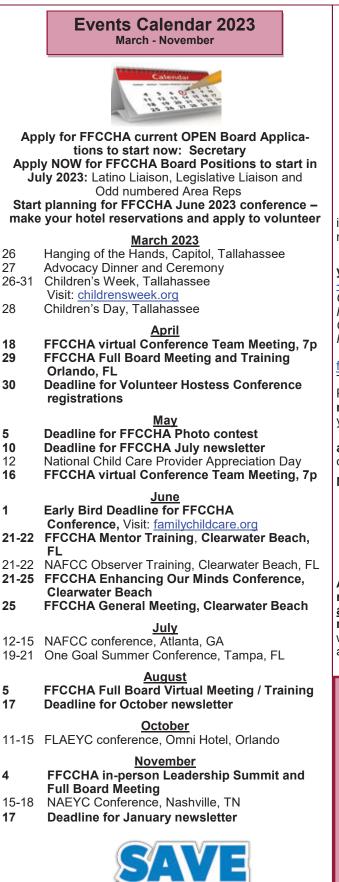
working lunch, which included Area and Chapter Rep groups, and our training continued with the MicroCredentialing education opportunities through Flamingo Learning.

At our quarterly meeting, we approved new officers who begin their positions immediately, including Jennifer Richards as Area Rep Coordinator, Angela-Perla Almodovar as Chapter Rep Coordinator, Annette Eberhart as Professional Development Officer, and Rendy Bethel-Avila as Public Relations Officer.

Other officers approved will start July 1st and include Danish Williams as Fundraising Officer, Gertrude Freeman-Ford as Vice President, and Arleen Lambert as incoming President.

We also held the installation of the newly elected Executive Committee for the Palm Beach County Family Child Care Association which included President Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Vice President Kelisha Buchanan Webb, Treasurer Vivene Smith, and Secretary Jessica Thurmond. (See Photo Below)





SPRING Membership News

Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

Congratulations to our SPRING Chapter Membership-Drive Winners!!

APCID (January) HCCPA of NE Hillsborough (February) North Florida FCCA (March)

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

IMPORTANT:

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 back of this FFCCHA newsletter, The Grapevine.

How easy is it to renew your membership? Easy breezy if you go online!! https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter -memberships/ Members of these chapters can renew online! Central Florida FCCA, FCCA of Jacksonville, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Marion County FCCA, Multicultural FCCHA of Orange County, North Florida FCCA, Putnam County FCCA, Quality FCCHPA, and now South Florida FCCA!!

If your Chapter is not listed, go to FFCCHA memberships https:// familychildcare.org/product/ffccha-membership/ and select CHAP-TER PROVIDER, then write in your Chapter in the NOTE box. Please. please **do not join** as an INDIVIDUAL provider if you are a member of a Local CHAPTER Association. You must renew thru your Chapter. Call me if you need any help (561)715-1361.

As an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) at a \$5-off discounted rate. You must join/renew under FFCCHA for the discount.

Membership breakdown as of 03/13/2023:

Chapter/Full Providers: 483 Advocates: 28 Individual Providers: 55 Agencies: 1

Chapters: 17 Co-Providers: 71 Parent Members: 44

Lifetime/Honorary Members: 12 Total: 711

And again, when joining or renewing, remember to PLEASE use the correct and updated 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 915 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 17 - Orange County

Rosemary Hartage

Rosemary has operated her family child care home since 2009. She has been married to Homer Hartage for 46 years and has 2 adult sons, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. After retiring as a legal secretary for the State of Florida in 2008, she would regularly visit a neighbor who operated a child care in her home. Rosemary opened her FCC when this neighbor encouraged her to start her own business. She is so thankful to have started her family child care because she really enjoys working, caring and teaching children and helping out their parents.

Rosemary believes one of the most unique things about her FCC is that she encourages the children to learn American Sign Language for easier communication. Signing helps with a large part of their learning, such as social/emotional, communication, language, cognitive, physical, and math development. Her older two- and three-year-olds can sign the alphabet, colors, and count, as well as learning new vocabulary words each



month that pertain to their lesson theme, Her parent-clients have informed her that they enjoy having their child show them and their siblings how to sign letters and colors.

A few years after Rosemary became a licensed provider, she expanded as a Large FCC in 2015, working with the Early Head Start Program. She is a member of her local FFCCHA chapter, the Multicultural Family Child Care Association. She has an AS degree from Seminole State College in Early Childhood Education, a Directors Credential, is a Business Leadership Institute alumna, is Nationally Accredited with NAFCC. She has received the Florida Gold Seal, an EHS award for recognition of parents performing the most in-kind hours working with their children on home connections, as well as numerous certificates from EHS and the Food Program.

Rosemary likes to read, especially autobiographies. Teaching the children is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling things that she has done, and she loves when a child understands something and that big smile radiates on their face that says, "now I got it." She truly believes in the quote from Robert John Meehan, which states, "Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding."

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 18 - 23. Submissions must be submitted by May 10, 2023 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

Support FFCCHA Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

At our recent in-person training and meeting in Ocala, we had many gently-used and new child care items donated for the Green fundraising Table, which we sold to raise



over \$500, which helps with scholarships. Please continue setting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items (such as child care toys, supplies, and home-goods) for future in-person events and meetings. Thanks!

Our next in-person meeting will be in April, and local chapters are asked to please donate two (2) new gifts and/or gift cards with values of at least \$25 each for door prizes. Thank you to ELC of Ocala for the grand raffle prize donation, chapters Palm Beach FCCA and Heart to Heart FCCA for your gift card donations and gifts for our door prizes, and to Abbie Bill and Wendy Corso-Ruud for green table donations and for always donating goodies for our door prizes.

Happy Provider **Appreciation Day!** May 12, 2023

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

Saludos a todas las provedoras de FFCCHA deseo que se encuentren bien que esos negocios cada dia crezcan y cojan fuerza. Es para mi un orgullo saber que somos partes de una gran organización látina que cada dia estamos creciendo más y muchas se encuentran en el camino correcto.

Hay un gran número de provedoras que han sido acreditadas y reacreditadas por la NAFFC esto significa que nuestros negocios de familias en casa están siendo reconicidos como los mejores preparados a un nivel nacional y eso si es un orgullo. Recuerden que nuestra asociación estatal provee becas y esta asociada con NAFFC me puedes llamar y con mucho gusto de daré la información.

FFCCHA, tu asociación, esta trabajando junto con el Comité Ejecutivo sin descansar haciendo muchos arreglos y cambios para tu beneficio. Estamos bastante ocupadas con llamadas teléfonicas, inscribiendo nuevas membresias y preparando la conferencia de 2023. Queremos informarte que ya puedes hacer tu reservación de hotel y registrarte para la conferencia, como siempre si deseas ser voluntaria puedes registrarte y obtener una beca. Esta es nuestra pågina web para que puedas entrar y encuentres toda la información que necesites www.familychildcare.org. Te esperamos serán los dias de Junio 23-25, 2023 en Clearwater Beach FL. No te la pierdas, invita a otras será una conferencia inolvidable.

El dia 12 de Mayo se reconoce el dia de la Provedora, gracias por la primera calidad de trabajo que haces y por decir si a la infancia. Con el carino de siempre tu servidora (305)467-2560.







Florida Department of Children and Families

DCF Child Care Updates

Training & Credentials

Coming Soon: New Training System Updates and Course

Spring is here and we have training system updates about to bloom! The training department is excited to release the following training system updates by July 1, 2023:

- Allow multiple course enrollment
- Exam payment required at registration
- Development of exam reminder emails and text messages
- Job Board upgrades that will allow providers and students more options and flexibility related to viewing and searching job postings

In addition, the training and policy units are developing a new course, <u>Staying Compliant with the Top</u> <u>10 Violations (SCTT)</u>. This course will review the most common violations and detail ways to avoid them. The course is also a great opportunity for providers and staff to obtain in-service training hours at the start of the new fiscal year. Once released, the new course will be available on the <u>Child Care</u> <u>Training System</u>.

Save time and bookmark these commonly used links!

CARES Login

Training Verification Tool

Child Care Training System

<u>Training and Credentialing | Florida DCF (myflfamilies.com)</u> For Child Care Providers And Staff | Florida DCF (myflfamilies.com)

Opening a Family Child Care Home Program (OPENH)

The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation is offering a new online course, Opening a Family Child Care Home Program. The goal of this course is to provide individuals with an overview of opening a family child care home program in Florida.

Upon completion of this course, child care professionals will be able to:

- Describe the responsibilities of a family child care provider
- Analyze the need for a family child care home in your area and what services are needed
- Establish goals and a guiding philosophy for your family child care home
- Identify the operational requirements of opening a family child care home
- Develop finance and budget management plans for the program
- Identify elements of program structure that need to be developed that may cause delays in the development of literacy

For this three-hour course, 0.3 CEUs may be earned (if this course is taken in the Training and Registry Portal). To access the course, go to: <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/</u> and select "Training Credentialing."







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April 2023

| FFCCHA Professional Development In-person Training Application Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:00 am to 12 noon The Florida Hotel and Conference Center Room: Legacy North 2 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809 | $\Xi \sim OF \cdot SF$ | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reserve Hotel for April 29 Training and Meeting 12-5pm Lunch Break, Hostess Orientation, Meetings: First Timers, Latino Council, Reps, Full Board | | | | | | |
| Training Registration Fee: \$55 (\$40 scholarships available), FFCCHA members Pay only \$15 (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers). Questions email: <u>training@familychildcare.org</u> or call 813-493-0828 | | | | | | |
| Registration form & payment must be received by April 22, 2023. NO REFUNDS. There are a limited number of scholarships available for this training. APPLY TODAY! | | | | | | |
| Online Payments available! https://familychildcare.org/product-category/virtual-in-service-training | ng/ | | | | | |
| OR mail this completed form and payment postmarked by April 22, 202 with check payable to: FFCCH Inc. to FFCCHA c/o Annette Eberhart 1907 E Bougainvillea Ave. Tampa, FL 33612 | Α, | | | | | |
| Deadline: Must be received by April 22, 2023 | | | | | | |
| Please check here if applying for a training scholarship! Pay only \$15! Please Print: Name: Name of FCC home as listed on License/Registration | - | | | | | |
| Address: | - | | | | | |
| City: County: Phone #: Cell #: | - | | | | | |
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| E-mail Address: | - | | | | | |
| Local Chapter that you are a member of IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE: YOU MUST SUBMIT a REGISTRATION FORM, BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE TRAINING SESSION, and SUBMIT AN ONLINE EVALUATION after training. https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/workshop-evaluation/ | | | | | | |
| PLEASE NOTE: Arrive as early as 7:45am to sign in. Training starts promptly at 8:00 am! | | | | | | |
| Introduction to Autism and Primitive Reflexes in Early Childhood Settings | | | | | | |
| Presenter: Janis Nakagama, M.A.Ed 4 Hou | rs | | | | | |
| Are you an early childhood professional looking to further your knowledge and career? Then you won't want to miss this class on early signs of Autism and Primitive Reflexes! Learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms <i>Autism Spectrum Disorders</i> , and how Primitive Reflexes can impact child development. Additionally, we will explore available interventions and strategies for working with individuals who have these reflexes. We will also discuss how primitive reflexes may be linked to sensory issues and motor difficulties. This class is essential for any early childhood professional looking to make a difference in the lives of children and families. | | | | | | |
| If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process: contact Arleen Lambert at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 813-493-0828 between 9am - 5pm Monday through Friday. | | | | | | |
| The deadline is April 22, 2023. There will be <u>NO</u> refunds after this deadline. If you do not attend this training, the training fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person. | | | | | | |

Public Relations News Rendy Bethel-Avila - PR Officer

WELCOME! WELCOME! to RENDY!

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 pull-up stand-up banners, display boards, and brochures and flyers in both English and Spanish. No time to wait?? Print directly from our FFCCHA website under the **Publications** page <u>www.familychildcare.org</u>

AND.. Yessss! You can even advertise your business in our quarterly *Grapevine* Newsletter!

For more info, contact Rendy, 407-354-0840 or email ravila12@cfl.rr.com



Chapter Rep News Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator



Let's congratulate Perla in her new role as Chapter Rep Coordinator!!

In mid February, the FFCCHA local chapter, South Florida Home Child Care Association,

opted to have their members renew and join online on the FFCCHA website: <u>https://familychildcare.org/</u> product/south-florida-home-child-care-association/

FFCCHA now has 10 local chapters listed under Chapter Memberships <u>https://familychildcare.org/</u> <u>product-category/chapter-memberships/</u> Chapter Reps, remind your members that they can renew their membership online on our FFCCHA website under membership or chapter membership.

On February 25, at the in-person Leadership Summit, 5 Chapter Reps discussed their current successes and challenges. The next Chapter Rep meeting will be in-person on April 29 in Orlando. We will also be meeting for an Appreciation Breakfast on June 24 at 7am at the FFCCHA Conference in Clearwater Beach.

For more information, or if you need any help, please email: chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org or call Perla at (305)321-6735.

MENTOR News April 2023 Abbie Bill - Mentor Program Chair

There will be Mentor training at the June conference in Clearwater Beach. Contact me for further information and an application.

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.

Abbie Bill 561-445-7333 aright933@aol.com



Area Rep News Jennifer Richards, Area Rep Coordinator

Let's give a warm welcome to our new Area Rep Coordinator JENNIFER RICHARDS!!

She is looking forward to working with all the Area Reps in the State of Florida for FFCCHA!

Jennifer met with the Area Reps in-person for Area Rep Development at the Leadership Summit on Feb 25, with discussions on sug-



gested changes, needs, ways to help and assist and keep current members engaged, and recruit new members, and advocate in their communities.

The next in-person meeting will be on April 29 in Orlando, and then at the Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, June 24, at FFCCHA Conference in Clearwater Beach.

Area Reps, please mail OR email your required reports to Jennifer at <u>areacoordinator@familychildcare.org</u>, For more information, or if you need any help, please email: <u>areacoordinator@familychildcare.org</u> or call Jennifer Richards, (386)846-9567.

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Community of Practice

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We are excited to announce that the **2023 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

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FFCCHA Strategic Planning Sessions

The FFCCHA Executive Committee met over the last few weekends to strategize and look at what the future of FFCCHA looks like. We had amazing presenters, Patricia Dischler and Donna Fowler, join us to help rethink our mission statement, our vision, and how to modernize our association.



I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

Nelson Mandeli

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...quality care from providers with love to share

| 2022-23 FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Scholarship Application | | | | | | |
| Florida Family Child Care Florida Family Child Care a FFCCHA chapter provider member and NAFCC member. | | | | | | |
| Applying for: \$160 \$315 \$325 \$ MyFLFAMILIES.COM | | | | | | |
| NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study NAFCC New Accreditation: Application NAFCC Accreditation: Update NAFCC Re-accreditation: Application | | | | | | |
| Note: \$600/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. | | | | | | |
| Name: Email: | | | | | | |
| Name on Family Child Care License: | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address: | | | | | | |
| City: County: | | | | | | |
| Phone: Fax: Cell: | | | | | | |
| Check all that apply: Licensed Large Licensed UVPK CDA UNAFCC 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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| List current leadership roles or participation in FFCCHA: | | | | | | |
| How long have you been a full time family child care provider? | | | | | | |
| List other child care related experience: | | | | | | |
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| What are your future plans in family child care? | | | | | | |
| Briefly explain how receiving this scholarship will benefit you, the children, your parent clients, and/or other providers: | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 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? | | | | | | |
| 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, FFCCHA Certified Mentor, current parent/client from your FCC home, Food Pro- gram 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 561-445-7333 or e-mail her at aright933@aol.com | | | | | | |
| Office verification: Regulation Chapter Member since FFCCHA NAFCC Application Revised 7-2022 | | | | | | |
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| Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. — April 2023 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 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 | vicepresident@familychildcare.org | | |
| Secretary | Open - Apply Now! | | | | secretary@familychildcare.org | | |
| Treasurer | Kissha Ballard | Orlando | 32811 | 407-616-5082 | treasurer@familychildcare.org | | |
| Membership | Wendy Corso-Ruud | Boca Raton | 33431 | 561-715-1361 | membership@familychildcare.org | | |
| Area Rep Coordinator | Jennifer Richards | Daytona Beach | 32114 | 386-846-9567 | areacoordinator@familychildcare.org | | |
| Public Relations | Rendy Bethel-Avila | Orlando | 32819 | 407-354-0840 | ravila12@cfl.rr.com | | |
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| | Contact a Chair if you would like to serve as a member of any of the above committees! | | | | | | |

Passionate about your profession as a family child care provider? Interested in promoting our mission?

Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Area Reps:

Area Representatives: 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 Apply by April 15 for open positions and all odd number Areas for a TWO-Year term. Submit Area Rep applications to: areacoordinator@familychildcare.org

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



Apply NOW for Vacant Executive Committee positions to start immediately: Secretary

Apply by April 15, 2023, for Executive Committee 2-year terms to start July 1, 2022:

Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison

Applications are available at <u>www.familychildcare.org</u> on the "Forms" page under Resources, or contact Temporary Nomination Chair, Arleen Lambert. Applications can be submitted via e-mail, mail, fax, or hand delivered. Questions? E-mail: nominations@familychildcare.org OR call 305-651-9617.

PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night in Clearwater Beach, FL, for our 2023 Conference!! and Get your Name and Family Child Care Home listed in the conference program book!

Here's how: Encourage your parent/clients to participate as a Parent Sponsor of the **FFCCHA conference**. For every \$25 collected, your name (Provider) will be entered in a drawing for a chance for the free night. The winner will be announced at the end of the Full Board Meeting on April 29. There could be more than one winner depending on the amount of funds raised.

Copy **PARENT Sponsor** forms from the January and April issues of the Grapevine newsletter or print forms from Conference Page on the website <u>www.familychildcare.org</u> Give the forms to parents and collect the payments. FFCCHA must receive the payments **POSTMARKED** by April 23rd to be received by the Full Board Meeting to be eligible for the drawing.

For parents entering the photo contest, the deadline to EMAIL photo to the Children's Forum at <u>jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com</u> is **MAY 5, 2023,** and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2023, as well.

Here are some ideas that providers can use to get parents to participate: the provider takes a photo of each child and displays it on a wall at the FCC home and asks parents to make a donation. If the parent makes a \$15 donation or more, then the provider emails the child's photo into the photo contest for the parent. You can also mail the form to all past and current parent clients with a handwritten note asking for a "generous" donation. See more details of the Parent Sponsor/Photo Contest on pages 18 and 19.

If you have questions or want ideas on how to get your chapter members and parents to participate, contact Patricia Williams or email: patriciawilliamsfcch@yahoo.com.

Observer Training Success!

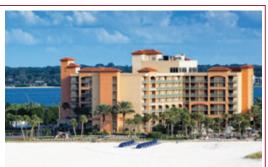
FFCCHA sponsored a NAFCC Accreditation Observer training in Ocala, FL on Feb 23-24. The 2 day course was taught by Maria Luaces from Texas and Annette Eberhart from Florida. Two NAFCC staff joined us as well, Zakenya Neely, Director of Accreditation, and Dezire'e Mattocks, Director of Professional Development. We had thirty two trainees in attendance! The majority were from Florida and 7 other states were represented. We want to thank all who attended!

The next NAFCC Observer Training will be on June 21-22 at the FFCCHA conference in Clearwater Beach, FL. Seating is limited so hurry and apply now to join a network of professional leaders who are committed to moving the Power of Family Child Care forward! Participate in a full 2-day Observer Training and network with like minded professionals from across the field to assist in the career journey of Family Child Care providers! If you are passionate about helping people reach their highest potential in the field of Family Child Care, we encourage you to Apply for NAFCC Observer Training. Applications are required for training attendance.



April 2023





| Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc 31st Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023 "Enhancing Our MindsIn 2023" Location: Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard Clearwater Beach, FL 33767 |
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| Please use this Link to submit: Call for Exhibitors, Sponsors, Ads & Donations |
| Business Name: Website: |
| Contact Person Name: Title: |
| Business Address: |
| City: State: Zip Code: |
| Business Phone Email: |
| Note: Unless notified otherwise, all information listed above for Exhibitors will be in the Conference Program Book. |
| Service/Product: Signature: |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and be an EXHIBITOR on June 22-24: Each space includes: ONE 6-foot skirted table & one chair - Thurs Set-up 2-5pm & Opening 6-9pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-3:30pm (times may change) #of tables X \$= \$ plus 2 door prizes (\$25 value each) Deadlines: Early Bird \$175 if payment received by Jan. 23, 2023 Jan 1 - April 30: \$200, If space available, after May 1: \$250, after June 1: \$300 WiFi: □yes □no Electric order request: □yes □no |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and ADVERTISE in the conference program book: Email ads in color in jpg format. Deadline: <u>April 15, 2023</u> □ Business Card \$50 □ ¼page \$75 (3½"x5") □ ½page \$125 (7½"x5") □ ¾ page \$175 (7½"x7") □ Full page \$225 (7½"x10" |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and DONATE in-kind ITEMS: (describe) Door Prizes (\$25 minimum value) Grand Prizes (\$100 value or more Centerpieces (30) for Luncheon Tables for prizes) Gifts (50) to recognize Nationally Accredited (NAFCC) Providers |
| Yes! We would like to insert Promotional Items (300) into Conference Bag (no flyers, catalogs) □ \$200 Contact us by May 13, 2023, to send to address below. Describe: |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and RESERVE SPACE on the Resource Sharing Table: □ \$75 Contact us by May 13, 2023 and send to address below. Describe |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and CONTRIBUTE a MONETARY LEVEL of SPONSORSHIP: Curious Minds: \$250 Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500 Creative Minds: \$500 Innovative Minds: \$2,500 Caring Minds: \$1,000 The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more MIND MATCH to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ levels include: Program book listing and On-site signage. \$1,000 or more includes one exhibit table and program book advertising at various sizes according to Sponsor Level. |
| Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS & SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST: Image: Constraint of the second s |
| Deadlines: Jan. 23, 2023 for listing in Conference Brochure, Feb 17 for April listing in <i>The Grapevine</i> newsletter, May 1 for listing in Conference Program Book, June 1 for listing at the conference |
| Make check payable to: FFCCHA Mail to: FFCCHA, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434 Need more information on HOW to ENHANCE Minds? Exhibitor Chair: Arleen Lambert, 305-793-4011 arleenlambert@gmail.com |
| Other contacts: Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-689-3046 <u>conference@familychildcare.org</u> Tammy Tener, Executive Director, 407-234-3473 info@familychildcare.org |

| Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2023 Conference Registrations June 21-25, 2023 "Enhancing Our MindsIn 2023" | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Location: Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach | | | | | | |
| Approved applicants applying for a scholarship will be required to volunteer 3 hours | | | | | | |
| 2023 Conference Volunteer Scholarship Form 2023 Aplicacion de Voluntarios de Becas de Conferencia | | | | | | |
| Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements | | | | | | |
| Be a current provider member of FFCCHA (keep valid thru June 30,2023) operating as a FL registered or licensed provider Or be a current Co-provider member of FFCCHA (keep valid thru June 30, 2023) Complete and submit this scholarship form along with the \$35.00 fee. Attend a virtual OR in-person volunteer orientation before going to conference. Details will be emailed after application has been received. Attend the entire conference day(s) that you applied for and turn in a completed conference evaluation. Wear an Orange Apron (supplied by FFCCHA) over your attire when serving your 3 volunteer hours (no tank tops or short shorts). Sign-in at conference and fulfill your 3-hour volunteer duties as assigned, return hostess paper, and sign-out. Turn in a completed conference evaluation. | | | | | | |
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Legislative News

Lynn Gibson – Legislative Liaison

As I write this newsletter article, I am happy to report that after years of informing agencies such as DCF, DEL, and the ELC's about the needs and concerns of Family Child Care Providers we have had them confirm they hear and agree with us on many things. Years of speaking up during Florida's Legislative session, walking the halls of conferences to make sure that support was spread across the child care field



and not just on the Family Child Care side we have a bill in both the Senate and House side that speaks to many of our concerns.

Senate Bill 990 by Senator Grall was filed on Feb 21st, while **House Bill 1021** by Representative McFarland was filed on Feb 22nd. They have very similar language and I have high hopes of these bills making it through with only a few minor changes.

One important change for Large Family Child Care Homes is the protection to home owners insurance. By amending s. 627.70161 F.S. insurance companies can no longer deny, cancel, or refuse to renew a policy for residential property insurance solely on the basis that the policy holder or applicant operates a family day care home or large family child care home.

We also see the removal of the requirement to obtain signatures for the influenza brochure and the distracted driver flyer in these bills. This removes two items of paperwork that could cause a provider to be out of compliance during inspections.

FFCCHA will be in Tallahassee advocating on your behalf during 2023's Children's Week. Keep supporting your state association and we hope to see you all at our conference this year!

Don't be a DISTRACTED ADULT!

Semi-annually in the months of <u>April</u> and September, child care providers are to provide families with guidance for preventing accidents or incidents related to distractions when getting in and getting out of a vehicle.

A change in daily routine, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, cell phone use, and simple distractions are some things parents experience and can be contributing factors as to why children have been left unknowingly in vehicles...

For more information, and to obtain a copy of the "When life happens... Don't be a DISTRACTED ADULT" brochure, click on this website link: https://myflfamilies.com/sites/default/files/2023-02/distracted-adult.pdf

CPR/First Aid Training - FREE

The Florida Department of Children and Families and Division of Early Learning are excited to announce a FREE Pediatric First Aid & CPR Certification Training opportunity! This instructor-led virtual training opportunity is available for child care personnel with a valid DCF student ID. The American Heart Association approved training includes the pediatric First Aid and CPR course, a skills assessment with manikins, and upon completion, a certification that is valid for two years.

Multiple training sessions will be offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Spaces are limited and all course work must be completed by June 15, 2023. To register, complete the interest form on this website: <u>https://cprfloridadcf.paperform.co/</u> You will need your DCF student

ID for registration. You can find your student ID at the top of your training transcript. If you have any questions, email <u>cpr@utopiahcc.com</u> or call 407

-962-0299. This training is supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5) Grant Number 90TP0068-03-02 from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Child Care. PEDIATRIC CPR Flyer.pdf

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Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care Home Association 2023 Conference!

Provider Information

| First Name: | Last Name: | Phone: () |
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| Address: | City: | Zip: County: |
| E-Mail: | Chapter Name: | |
| Family Information | | |
| Child's First Name: | Last Name: | Age: |
| Donation Amount | | |
| \$5 - Display photo at 20 |)23 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2023). | |
| \$10 - Display photo at 2 | 2023 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must sub | omit two forms by March 10, 2023). |
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| Other donation amount | t: \$ | |
| 2. Cut out the white heart in | nstructions website: www.familychildcare.org in color or print in black a the middle of the hands. Place a photo of your child behin child color or decorate the heart. | |
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Care Home Association permission to publish submitted photographs. You understand that photos will NOT be used in any other content without your written consent and the photos will NOT be released or sold to any third party. Your signature warrants that you are over the age of 18 and competent to contract in your name and/or sign on behalf of your minor child as listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _

Parents - Send your child to the Beach for only \$5!

FFCCHA needs assistance from parents of young children to support our annual statewide conference, "Enhancing Our Minds in 2023" in Clearwater Beach. The total \$ amount of donations from parents and what they are able to sponsor collectively will be listed in the conference program book. If your child's photo or artwork is submitted on forms along with donations, then it will be displayed at the conference and/or Capital. Provider names from family child care homes that submit \$25 or more in parent donations will be listed in the conference program book.

and let them "Hang in Tally" with the Governer for \$-10!

For a **\$15 donation**, your child can also **enter a photo contest** for the hand-shaped heart FFCCHA Conference Logo for "Enhancing Our Minds in 2024." Note: Parent or child(ren) name will not be printed on conference marketing materials.

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

- 1. E-mail entries must contain a hi-resolution color photograph uploaded in compliance with the Contest requirements, in JPEG format with picture dimensions at least 1800 x 1200 pixels and 300 dpi. Send to: **jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com**.
- 2. Entries that contain photographs (digital) that do not comply with the specifications or any other requirements stated herein will be automatically disqualified.
- 3. All Entries become the property of Sponsor, and none will be acknowledged or returned. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, or misdirected entries.
- 4. Entries that contain inappropriate images such as but not limited to nudity will be disqualified.
- 5. Entries that contain any type of advertising or logo images will be disqualified. This includes visible clothing brands.
- 6. Child(ren) must currently be in care at a family child care home of a provider member of FFCCHA.
- 7. Parent or legal guardian must sign and submit a photo release.
- 8. Deadline for photo submissions is May 5, 2023.

Tips for making sure your photo qualifies for the contest:

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

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PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING

June 21-22 (additional fee required)

Wednesday, June 21

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

IE! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1) by Lois Kendrick and Eva Anderson For experienced providers who like working with other adults to Mentor, Educate, Nurture, Train, Observe and Role Model. This is the first part of the 12-hour Florida peer M.E.N.T.O.R program for family child care providers to become a certified Mentor. This part is also open to support staff that mentor family child care providers. Applicants must be accepted into the program prior to attending this class. Contact Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or FLMentorpgm@aol.com for qualifications and an application. Applications are due by May 1, 2023.

NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training (Part 1) by Annette Eberhardt & Team Join a network of professional leaders who are committed to moving the Power of Family Child Care forward! Participate in a full 2-day Observer Training and network with likeminded professionals from across the field to assist in the career journey of Family Child Care providers! If you are passionate about helping people reach their highest potential in the field of Family Child Care, we encourage you to Apply for NAFCC Observer Training Applications are required for training attendance.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Play, the Vehicle That Takes Children to School Success by Dr. Pamela Phelps Find out information that will help to arrange, scaffold and assess the play of young children. When adults understand the behavior of children and assess that behavior, they can plan and implement experiences that support children's development. All of the discussions will be connected to the state standards.

Thursday, June 22

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training (Part 2) This is the second part of the 2 day training.

Second Helping Module 1: The Provider by Eva Anderson

The newly revised course focuses on YOU, the family child care provider/educator and nurturer/caregiver person. The most important relationship of all is the one we have with ourselves which affects all other relationships in our lives. Gain an understanding of the selfesteem challenges that nurturers face and how powerfully it governs our actions and choices. Learn the skills needed to make significant changes to improve your own quality of life. Discover how to turn your nurturing qualities inward and replenish your "cup" before it becomes "empty". New book included.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mentor I Certification (Part 2) This is the second part of the 12-hour training.

Encouraging Self-Regulation Skills by Dr. Pamela Phelps

Find out information to help you to better understand the behavior of young children and discover ways to help them develop social skills and behaviors. Self-regulation skills are the key to school success and you will learn information to support this development.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fun Ball Movements for Improved Brain-Body Functioning by Janis Nakagama Do children in your care have sensory, physical, behavioral, and/or academic challenges? Discover why they may have these challenges, and more importantly, learn fun and simple movements with Yoga Balls (and other balls) to help children reset their brain-body connections- which ultimately leads to improved outcomes physically, behaviorally, and academically! Good for all ages!

The Wonderful World of Dr. Suess by Dawn Espinosa

Dr. Seuss makes us think of everything rhyming! Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and many other favorites! Fill up with fun activities and ideas to enhance your lesson plans and classroom centers. Be inspired to bring literature to life through exploration of Dr. Seuss' imagination.

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- Parent Involvement
- Contracts & Policies
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- FCCPC & CDA
- Workshops in Spanish every session! Sign Language and More!
- How to Handle Challenging Behaviors

KEYNOTES & SPECIAL GUESTS



Cari Miller is the Chancellor for Early Learning, directing the Florida Department of Education's Division of Early Learning. This includes working with 30 Early Learning Coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to deliver high-quality child care and early learning programs throughout Florida. Cari previously served as DOE's Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement, implementing comprehensive and cohesive literacy policy and initiatives. Visit www.floridaearlylearning.com



Hue T. Reynolds is the Director of the Office of Licensing within the Florida Department of Children and Families in Tallahassee. She has worked in the public and private sectors in policy, communications, public relations, and web development. She has previously worked for the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Health, Education, Management Services, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

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Maryann "Mar." Harman is the founder of the internationally respected Music with Mar.™ program. Her passion is combining brain research with music activities that help children develop in all areas including language, cognitive, social and motor skills. With over 40 recordings, her music has won two Parents' Choice Awards and a John Lennon Songwriters Award. Check out her new book, Building Brains with Music. Visit www.musicwithmar.com



Rachel Giannini has an extreme enthusiasm for all things early childhood. She is an early childhood advocate, and a video blog host. She splits her time as a public speaker, early childhood commentator, and curriculum designer. She is the star of Spy School on Hellosaurus, and host of the hit podcast Teachers, Toddlers, and Tissues. Rachel has over 15 years of hands-on early childhood classroom experience and is the preschool teacher featured in the documentary, No Small Matter. Visit https://www.rachelgiannini.com







Dr. Pamela Phelps is the creator of the Creative Preschool Model Program, author of the Beyond Centers and Circle Time Curriculum and Vice President of The Creative Center for Childhood Research and Training (CCCRT). She is recognized internationally as a consultant on early childhood education. She regularly conducts workshops for educators and parents on play, environments, behavior management, and numerous other topics related to young children. Visit https://www.cccrt.org/



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