

# Florida Family Child Care Home Association

"Quality Care from Providers with Love to Share"

www.familychildcare.org

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to represent a united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage professional family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love.

## **About FFCCHA**

- 1993 established and **incorporated** as a professional trade organization promoting professionalism among all family child care (FCC) providers in Florida
- 1994 issued group nonprofit status 501(C)(3) and group sales tax exemption
- 2001 established a peer M.E.N.T.O.R. certification program
- 2008 granted affiliate membership by our national organization National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- 2014 **Hosted** the **3**<sup>rd</sup> **national conference** (NAFCC 98, 06), host to the **International** conference IFDCO (06) held in conjunction with NAFCC, host Tour of Homes
- 2018 celebrated the 25th birthday of FFCCHA at annual state conference!
- 2019 Hosted 4 Tours of FCC Homes at the National NAFCC conference in Orlando, FL
- 2023 17 local chapters with 650 members total, 31st<sup>th</sup> conference June 21-25

### **Our Objectives and Purpose**

- ✓ **To promote** the development of *high-quality* educational programs and operational procedures which will enable the family child care provider to more effectively furnish a safe, nurturing and creative environment for the children they serve.
- ✓ To foster the development of local association chapters.
- ✓ **To encourage** and support the education of parents, businesses, corporations and the communities of Florida in general, concerning quality home child care.

**To participate** with policy-making agencies (city, county, state and federal) to work for changes, modifications, and implementation of standards necessary to provide high quality child care for all children.

#### Florida Facts

- **2,586 total Family Child Care Homes**: registered (567) licensed (2,019) large licensed (401) and military (27). FCC homes offer the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten-VPK (41), Early Head Start–EHS (71), School Readiness–SR (1,354) and participate on the USDA Child Care Food Program (1,589). Children served: VPK(250), EHS(344) SR(12,172).
- Overall, **25,600** of our youngest, most impressionable **children** are being cared for and educated in regulated family child care homes!
- There are 150 Gold Seal and NAFCC (nationally) Accredited family child care homes 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation!

#### **Our Goal**

To give the highest quality of early care and education to Florida's youngest citizens. To achieve this, we offer high quality training and education to Family Child Care Home providers.



