

# THE GRAPEVINE

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Blessings for you and me in 2023!

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## President's Message:

***Happy New Year 2023 !!***

I am grateful once again to say **Happy New Year 2023** to the awesome members of this state association, and to our Executive Board. The year 2022 was very busy as we maintained daily operations, networked with agencies, addressed concerns with providers, and met deadline dates, and we look forward to another busy 2023 year, doing our business at full capacity.

FFCCHA would like to say how grateful everyone is and how remaining a member has opened a new world of great friendships and opportunities. Thank You Members for your continued membership, participating in professional development trainings, quarterly meetings, attending conference, and volunteering wholeheartedly.

**Reminder!** The FFCCHA Leadership Summit will be in-person on Saturday, February 25th, 2023. Please check your Grapevine newsletter for details. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, and thank you in advance for registering early!

Providers, there is another round of ARPA grants, please check your provider portal, emails, and watch for deadlines for submitting your information. Hurricane Ian did affect many providers in various areas, causing flooding, roof damage, loss of materials, etc. and I was affected as well. We will all bounce back up and move forward.

***"Believe in yourself, you can do it, you can, and you will get through this, search within yourself, and you will find strength and hope for tomorrow"*** Esty. Be vigilant in dealing with contractors and do your research.

Members, do not forget FFCCHA has a social media page and follow if you haven't already; let us know your likes, and share what is going on in your area. There is still time to apply for volunteer positions to be filled - just APPLY!! And, always know FFCCHA is here for YOU, please continue to communicate.

***"We wish you a season that's better than your dreams, filled with peace, good will and hope, firelight that gleams, overflowing with holidays spirit, good food, holiday laughter; And when it's done, we hope that you live happily ever after!!!!"*** (Joanna Fuchs)

God's Blessing upon each one of YOU!!!

Lois Kendrick

FFCCHA President

## Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

***¡ Feliz Año Nuevo 2023 !***

Estoy agradecida una vez más al decir **Feliz Año Nuevo 2023** a los increíbles miembros de esta asociación estatal y a nuestra Junta Ejecutiva. El año 2022 estuvo muy ocupado, ya que mantuvimos las operaciones diarias, nos conectamos con agencias, abordamos las inquietudes con los proveedores, cumplimos con las fechas límites, y esperamos otro año 2023 ocupado, ayudando a los negocios a plena capacidad.

FFCCHA desea expresar lo agradecidas que estamos con todos Uds. y cómo permanecer como miembro ha abierto un nuevo mundo de grandes amistades y oportunidades. Gracias miembros por continuar con su membresía, participar en capacitaciones de desarrollo profesional, reuniones trimestrales, asistir a conferencias y ofrecerse como voluntarios de todo corazón.

**¡Recordatorio!** La reunión de Liderazgo de FFCCHA será en persona el sábado 25 de febrero de 2023. Consulte su boletín informativo de *Grapevine* para obtener más detalles. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos, y gracias de antemano por registrarse temprano!

Proveedores, hay otra ronda de subvenciones de ARPA, por favor consulte el portal del proveedor, los correos electrónicos y esté atento a la fecha para enviar su información. El huracán Ian afectó a muchos proveedores en varias áreas, causando inundaciones, daños en el techo, pérdida de materiales, etc. yo también fui afectada. Todos nos recuperaremos y avanzaremos. ***"Cree en ti mismo, puedes hacerlo, puedes, y superarás esto, busca dentro de ti mismo, y encontrarás fuerza y esperanza para mañana"*** Esty. Esté atento al tratar con contratistas y haga su investigación.

Miembros, no olviden que FFCCHA tiene una página de redes sociales y síguenos si aún no lo ha hecho; háganos saber sus gustos y comparta lo que está sucediendo en su área. Todavía hay tiempo para solicitar puestos de voluntarios para ser llenados, **¡solo APLICA!** Y, siempre recuerde que FFCCHA está aquí para USTED, por favor contine comunicándose.

***"Les deseamos una temporada que sea mejor que sus sueños, llena de paz, buena voluntad y esperanza, luz de fuego que brille, rebosante con espíritus festivos, buena comida, llenos de risas; Y cuando terminen, ¡¡¡esperamos que vivas feliz para siempre!!!!"*** (Joanna Fuchs)

¡¡¡La bendición de Dios sea sobre cada uno de USTEDES!!!

Lois Kendrick



## THE GRAPEVINE

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### Credential Scholarship News

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

12 scholarships were awarded this quarter  
(October 1 - December 15) \$3.075

**NAFCC New Accreditation** \$325: Gwendolyn Carr, Dameka Coleman  
**NAFCC Reaccreditation** \$325: Claudia Aguilar, Tina Ali, Sherry Banks-McDowell, Kelene Robinson, Monica Turner, Miranda Washington

**NAFCC Update** \$160: Cynthia Bedford, Barbara Gardner, Yasbel Lopez Acevedo, LaTonya Richardson, Vivene Smith

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.



### November Meeting News

Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

The FFCCHA November 5, 2022 meeting was called to order 12:28pm.

Motion to approve the Executive Board's recommendation to add Registration/Volunteer Intake paid position as an added stipend to Abbie Bill was approved, position to start November 1, 2022.

Motion to appoint Renie Roach as Area Representative 8/9 was approved.

Inspiring Quotes: *"The scariest moment is always just before you start,"* by Stephen King



### 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 FLAECY representing Family Child Care

### Legislative News

Lynn Gibson, Legislative Liaison

**What can you do to help pass good laws for Family Child Care in Florida?** With 2023 being an odd year, Florida will begin their session on March 7, 2023. Even years begin earlier in the month of January, so we need to get started on necessary bills that pertain to Child Care now.

FFCCHA is gathering support for changes to a current statute that already exists but needs to have language added to it. This update would help protect Large Family Child Care Homes across the state of Florida from being shut down due to their home owner insurance being cancelled.

Please help us work on this needed legislation now, and ask your local chapter to get involved.

**All providers can help with this**, so please contact me for information on helping support ALL Family Child Care Providers across the state of Florida. Email me at [Childcarelaws@aol.com](mailto:Childcarelaws@aol.com) and put **Large Family Home Owner Insurance** in the subject line.

You will be added to a group email and asked to join in on a zoom call so that you understand the necessary steps we must take to get this moving forward.

Thank you for helping us keep children in safe environments across the state of Florida.



## Events Calendar 2023

January - October



### January 2023

**\*\* Apply NOW for FFCCHA OPEN Board Applications**  
for 2-year terms: Secretary, Professional Development,  
Chapter Coordinator, Public Relations

**\*\*Apply for FFCCHA Board Positions to start in July 2023:** President, Vice President, Area Rep Coordinator,  
Fundraiser, Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison, and Odd  
numbered Area Reps

**\*\*Start planning for FFCCHA June 2023 conference – make  
your hotel reservations and apply to volunteer**

- 17 FFCCHA virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Latino FFCCHA Network meeting
- 31 Deadline to apply for FFCCHA Board positions to start July 1, 2023

### February

- 4 FFCCHA EC Development Training
- 11 Latino FFCCHA virtual training in Spanish
- 17 Deadline for FFCCHA April newsletter
- 20 FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting 7pm
- 21 FFCCHA Conference Team ZOOM Meeting, 7pm
- 23-24 NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training, Ocala 8am-5pm
- 25 FFCCHA Leadership Summit and Full Board In-Person meeting, Ocala

### March

- 4 Latino FFCCHA Network meeting
- 6 Deadline for FFCCHA Parent Choice Awards
- 13 Deadline for FFCCHA Outstanding NAFCC Accredited Provider Award
- 18 FFCCHA virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Deadline for FFCCHA Essay Awards: Hall of Fame, AHAP, Outstanding Chapter
- 26-31 Children's Week, Tallahassee - Visit: [childrensweek.org](http://childrensweek.org)
- 26 Hanging of the Hands, Capitol, Tallahassee
- 27 Advocacy Dinner and Ceremony
- 28 Children's Day, Tallahassee

### April

- 18 FFCCHA virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 29 FFCCHA Full Board Meeting, Orlando, vote on 5 state awards
- 30 Deadline for Volunteer Hostess conference registrations

### May

- 5 Deadline for FFCCHA Photo contest
- 10 Deadline for FFCCHA July newsletter
- 12 National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day
- 16 FFCCHA virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm

### June

- 1 Early Bird Deadline for FFCCHA Conference, Visit: [familychildcare.org](http://familychildcare.org)
- 21-25 FFCCHA Enhancing Our Minds Conference, Clearwater Beach
- 21-22 FFCCHA Certified Mentor Training, Clearwater Beach, FL
- 21-22 NAFCC Observer Training, Clearwater Beach, FL
- 25 FFCCHA General Meeting, Clearwater Beach

### July

- 11-13 Build Initiative Conference, Anaheim, CA
- 12-15 NAFCC conference, Atlanta, GA
- 19-21 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa, FL

### August

- TBA FFCCHA Full Board Meeting and Training
- 17 Deadline for October newsletter

### October

- TBA CDA Early Educator Leadership Conference, Houston, TX
- 11-15 FLAEYC conference, Omni Hotel, Orlando

## Winter Membership News

Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

### Congratulations to our WINTER Chapter Membership-Drive Winners!!

North Florida FCCA (October)  
Brevard Sunshine FCCA (November)  
Quality FCCA (December)

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**.

You can renew your CHAPTER membership online by going to our Chapter Membership link: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter-memberships/> If your Chapter is **not listed**, go to FFCCHA memberships <https://familychildcare.org/product/ffccha-membership/> and select CHAPTER 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. PLEASE **call me if you need any help (561)715-1361**.

These CHAPTERS are online so you can renew now! Central Florida FCCA, FCCA of Jacksonville, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Marion County FCCA, Multicultural FCCA of Orange County, North Florida FCCA, Putnam County FCCA, and Quality FCCA!! Look out for Brevard Sunshine coming on board soon!! 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 12/15/2022:

Chapter/Full Providers: 473	Chapters: 17
Advocates: 26	Co-Providers: 70
Individual Providers: 52	Parent Members: 43
Agencies: 1	
Lifetime/Honorary Members: 12	
<b>Total: 694</b>	

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!! WOOHOO!!

[www.facebook.com/FFCCHA](https://www.facebook.com/FFCCHA)

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**facebook®**

## TALK OF THE TOWN

### AREA 7 - Duval County

## Patricia Williams



Patricia has been caring for children for over 24 years, opening her own child care home nearly fifteen years ago. She is the proud mother of 3, the late Valine Thomas, William Thomas, and the late Altamese "Meme" Thomas, who was born with special needs. Patricia is also a bonus mom to Elijah George, Samantha Wright, and Cassandra Royal. She is the proud grandmother of 20. She has been caring for and nurturing children from a very young age, has a strong faith in the Lord and believes that He gave her the wisdom and strength to move forward in life to pursue and achieve her dream of opening her own licensed family child care home. Patricia began caring for children with special needs because of her late daughter Altamese "Meme," who was born with special needs. A parent asked Patricia to care for her own son with special needs when the parent saw how Patricia cared for her Meme. Patricia decided to obtain the necessary credentials to open a licensed day care home that would not only take care of children with special needs, but to expand in caring for children of all ages.

Patricia is licensed through DCF and has earned many awards and certificates, including NAFCC Accreditation for Family Child Care, credential for Level 1 renewal from the Florida Child Care and Education Program Director, and the Gold Seal Quality Care Program from Florida Department of Education Division of Early Learning. She was recognized by the Council for Professional Recognition, was the Rep of the Year and a Parent Choice Award from the Florida Family Child Care Home Association, a certificate for having no health and safety violations from 2013-2019, and received a 4-Star rating from the Guiding Stars of Duval County.

In spite of all the challenges Patricia has endured during her lifetime, she will always have a love for those she calls her "children." She's always being complimented on the way she cares for and protects the children. She has said what she does "is for the children" and looks forward to many more years caring for her children at the Patricia Williams Large Family Childcare Home (PWLFCCH) beyond the 24 years that she has already been caring for children.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from **Areas 10 - 17.**

Submissions must be submitted **by February 17, 2023** to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at [ruud3@aol.com](mailto:ruud3@aol.com) Thank you!

### Support FFCCHA

Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

Just want to wish everyone a **Happy New Year!** Thank you ALL for supporting FFCCHA and our members!



Remember, there are ways you are encouraged to give back to FFCCHA. At our in-person meeting in February 2023, we will have our Green Table all set up to sell items to support our FFCCHA. So please help out by setting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items (such as child care toys, supplies, and home-goods).

Also for the February meeting, 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. We'll see each other again soon, so please 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](http://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](mailto:Gertrude.freeman@yahoo.com)

### Noticias Del Concilio Latino

Alma Diaz, Latino Liaison

### Feliz Año 2023!

Mi mejor deseo para este año es que sus negocios florezcan y que su conocimiento crezca. Que sus pensamientos sean positivos y sus fuerzas renovadas cada día. No se cual haya sido tu experiencia en el 2022 si fué positiva, llena de triunfos y metas cumplidas si fué así te felicito continua hacia delante con otras en el camino. Si fueron negativas entonces aprende de ellas y trata de mejorarlas los fracasos son también metas que te enseñan y te hacen mejorar tus caminos.

Este año 2023 necesitamos como asociación latina crecer más unidas que antes. Muchas de las membresías se han dejado caer y no han sido renovadas, recuerda que pierdes beneficios al no estar activa, si no sabes si estás activa llámame y la renovamos. Si conoces de proveedoras que quieran ser miembros de nuestra asociación FFCCHA puedes referirlas y con mucho gusto les haremos una llamada. Ya estamos trabajando en nuestra conferencia anual para Junio 21-25, 2023, que será en Sheraton Sand Key Resort 1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach FL. Estás haciendo planes con tiempo? No te la pierdas.

Recuerda que estoy aquí como siempre, recibe mi cariño estoy a tus ordenes. Muchas bendiciones!



*Alma*





**FFCCHA Professional Development  
IN-PERSON EVENT  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT REGISTRATION  
Saturday, February 25, 2023  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



**Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, 2300 SW 17 Road, Ocala, FL 34471 (2 miles East of Exit 350 and I-75)**  
**Registration Fee: \$89.00 (\$70.00 scholarships available) LUNCH INCLUDED**  
**Pay only \$19** if you are a FL Registered OR Licensed family child care provider OR co-provider FFCCHA member

Registration form & payment must be **received by February 17, 2023. NO REFUNDS.**  
**There are a limited number of scholarships available for this training. APPLY TODAY!**

**Online Payment is available and strongly recommended!**  
<https://familychildcare.org/product-category/leadership-summit-meeting-hotel/>

This registration form will also need to be completed and emailed to [arleenlambert@gmail.com](mailto:arleenlambert@gmail.com)

OR mail this form and payment to: **FFCCHA c/o Arleen Lambert, 19811 NW 7Ave, Miami, FL 33169**  
**Postmarked by Feb 15, 2023. Make check or money order payable to: FFCCHA, Inc.**

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA Vice President (305) 793-4011 or [arleenlambert@gmail.com](mailto:arleenlambert@gmail.com)

**Deadline: Must be received by February 17, 2023**

**Please Print:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of FCC home as listed on License/Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter that you are a member of \_\_\_\_\_

**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE:**

YOU MUST BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE TRAINING SESSION , SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM, PAYMENT, and  
 an ONLINE EVALUATION AFTER TRAINING found at <https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/workshop-evaluation/>

PLEASE NOTE: Arrive as early 7:30- 7:45 to sign in. Training starts promptly at 8:00 am!

**Keynote: “Who Moved My Motivation?”**

**Presenter: Cynthia Krosky, CSP, LCSW, President of Achieving Corporate Excellence, Inc.**

Does it feel like it takes more energy to get yourself motivated to meet deadlines or follow up and follow through? Is your motivation susceptible to catching the “why bother bug”? The good news is you aren’t alone. The sad news is you are not alone. Organizations like the FFCCHA don’t run alone, they need each person stepping up and holding themselves accountable to be fully present, and to complete paperwork in a timely manner so that deadlines are adhered to.

*If you need accommodation because of a disability to participate in the childcare training process: contact FFCCHA at least two weeks prior to the first training date at (305) 793-4011 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Note: Returned checks will be assessed \$47 in additional fees.*

Deadline February 17, 2023, **NO REFUNDS** after this date. Training fees are non-transferable. Confirmation will be emailed to you by 02/20/2023.



## Florida Department of Children and Families

### DCF Child Care Updates

#### Top 5 Tips for Provider Payments

To help ensure successful provider payments, please follow the below tips:

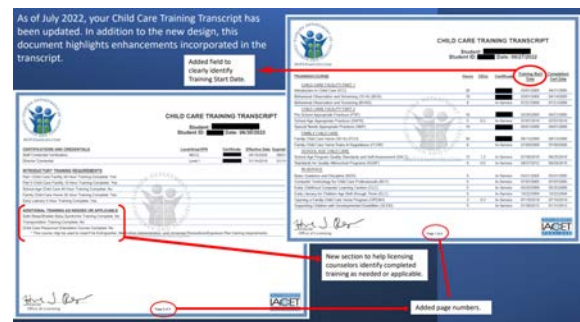
1. Send completed forms. Without the Renewal Licensure Fee Invoice or Administrative Fine Invoice forms, payment cannot be processed correctly and most likely will be returned.
2. Put the license number on the check or money order.
3. Make sure the payment is for the correct amount.
4. Do not send applications with payment. They will be returned.
5. Do not send mail via FedEx or UPS, as they will not deliver to the PO Box.

#### New Transcript

The Child Care Training Transcript was updated in July. In addition to a new design, the transcript now features the below enhancements:

- Field for Training Start Date
- Page numbers
- Additional Section for Training as Needed or Applicable
- Watermark, boarder, and landscape orientation design

If you need help with navigating the new transcript, a guide has been developed to provide a sample of the new transcript. [This guide](#) can also be found on the DCF website on the Training and Credentialing page under "Credentials."



#### Differential Monitoring Check-in

##### What is a Key Indicator Inspection?

A Key Indicator inspection is a type of abbreviated inspection where a set of rules are measured. These rules have been statistically proven to demonstrate full compliance with all child care rules. Rules that pose the greatest risk of harm to children, if violated, are also measured. In addition, five additional randomly selected rules will be measured.

Effective July 8, 2022, the new abbreviated inspection process was implemented for eligible child care facilities, followed shortly by the implementation of the new process for eligible family day care homes/large child care homes on July 28, 2022.

To date, 843 abbreviated inspections have been completed for facilities and 63 abbreviated inspections for homes.

For more information, visit our [News and Announcements webpage](#).

#### 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: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/> and select "Training Credentialing."



## Public Relations News

**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 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 [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)

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

For more info, contact Lois, president of FFCCHA, at [president@familychildcare.org](mailto:president@familychildcare.org)



## MENTOR News January 2023

Abbie Bill - Mentor Program Chair

There will be MENTOR training at the June 2023 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.

Questions? E-mail [flmentorpbgm@aol.com](mailto:flmentorpbgm@aol.com) or call 561-445-7333, Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair



## Chapter Rep News



**CONGRATULATIONS  
to the CHAPTER REP  
of the Quarter!!**

**Michelle Pugh**

Hello to all Chapter Reps! Please submit YOUR Quarterly Reports in a timely manner. Remind your members that they can renew their membership online on our FFCCHA website under membership or chapter membership. When sending paper renewals by mail, please make sure you always have the updated forms which are available online at [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) under forms.

Chapter Reps are required to mail OR email reports to [chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org](mailto:chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org). For chapter information, please email or contact Lois Kendrick FFCCHA President at 239-337-7188.

Reps, when signing on new members or renewing previous members, PLEASE use the **correct and up-dated** chapter membership forms available on the website <https://familychildcare.org/wp-content/uploads/ChapterMembershipForm2021-04-01WRC.pdf>

For more information, or if you need any help, please email: [chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org](mailto:chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org)

## Area Rep News

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Area Rep Coordinator

Dr Angela-Perla, FFCCHA Area Rep Coordinator, along with the Area Rep of Miami-Dade County, Danish Williams, got together during the holidays, bringing the joy of Christmas through the Marine's **Toy for Tots** Program. They helped the many children attending programs located in low-income areas sending a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

Receiving Presents Encourages Gratitude: most importantly, gift-giving and gift-getting is a simple but effective way to teach young children about gratitude, about appreciating what they receive, and about being thankful. Children learn to express thanks for all gifts, big or small, and they learn to appreciate the thought behind the gift.







## Get your program full and save time with Wonderschool

<https://wonderschool.com>

### Growth opportunities for providers



#### Streamlined Record Keeping

Online enrollment and attendance tracking eliminates paperwork and ensures compliance with licensing.



#### Website & Marketing

Easy-to-build, beautiful website - connect with new families and build your online presence.



#### 24/7 Support

24/7 expert training & support for you and your unique program.



#### Financial Tools

Digitally monitor your financial stability and track your expenses.



#### Parent Engagement & Communication

Communicate instantly with interested families and share daily updates with enrolled families.



#### Community of Practice

Connect with other child care providers & leaders - we are stronger as one!

### What's Wonderschool?

Sign up for the child care management platform that allows providers to manage business tasks and grow revenue.

Through our licensing support, peer and expert coaching, website and marketing tools, and enrollment & business software, all providers get the support they need to run high-quality, sustainable childcare programs.

### Benefits

Providers save time on many of the day-to-day administrative tasks needed to run their program. The platform also supports providers with growing new enrollments and getting paid on time through listings on our popular child care finder marketplace and automated invoicing.

### Join today for free!

Visit <https://accounts.wonderschool.com/signup>





We are excited to announce that the **2023 Florida's HEROes 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. [Click here](#) to submit an interest form or go to:

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

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or give us a call at 1-877-FL-TEACH



### NAFCC 33rd Annual Conference

### *"The Future Starts With Us"*

### 2023 Annual Conference

### Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel & Convention Center

A special group rate of \$189 per night, plus tax, is available at the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel & Conference Center. Room reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Guests may cancel without penalty until May 14, 2023. A non-refundable one night's room & tax deposit will be taken on May 15, 2023.

Rooms are subject to availability.



In-person Pre-Conference Workshops: July 12, 2023

Main Conference Dates: July 13 - 15, 2023

To Register: click on link <https://nafcc.org/conference/>

### FFCCHA Officers in the News

The Future Project is all about imagining a new early learning future in Florida. The Children's Movement of Florida and partners are developing a comprehensive roadmap for early learning, looking beyond the current political reality and focusing on the needs of young children and their families.

The Steering Committee members of The Future Project met up in person for the first time in Orlando on December 9-10, 2022. These members, including FFCCHA's Executive Director, Tammy Tener, Vice President, Arleen Lambert, and Treasurer, Kissha Ballard, with the President of The Children's Movement of Florida, Madeleine Thakur, pictured below.



Steering Committee Retreat

**The Future Project:  
Imagining a New Early Learning  
Future in Florida**

### FFCCHA Officers in the News

Climate change is imperiling our children's health, security, and future. We are working to put young children at the center of the world's climate change strategies and response plans, make parents the most effective advocates for these strategies, and incubate policy instruments and investments to support the development of climate-resistant childhoods.

Our very own FFCCHA President, Lois Kendrick represented family child care providers on the Early Years Climate Action Task Force, "Addressing the Impact of Climate on Young Children."

For more information, please visit <https://www.capita.org/climatechange>



### 2023 NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training

This training is being offered in partnership with FFCCHA

**Join a network of professional leaders who are committed to moving the Power of Family Child Care forward!**

You will have the opportunity to 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 today. Applications are required for training attendance.

Seating is limited to **30 eligible applicants** on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Submission Deadline: January 26, 2023, if you need a hotel room,** contact [FFCCHA Vice President](#) for hotel sleeping room block information \$149/night

**Submission Deadline: February 2, 2023, if you are driving each day and do not need a hotel sleeping room.**

**Observer Training Room Location: Courtyard by Marriott**

3712 SW 38th Ave  
Ocala, FL 34474

Please read all of the information below to see if you are eligible at this time.

#### NAFCC Observer Job Description:

##### What does a NAFCC Observer do?

A NAFCC observer completes an on-site and/or virtual observation of accreditation operational practices that align with the accreditation quality standards. Key responsibilities include:

- \* Respect and understand the NAFCC Accreditation process and its history and observation procedures and process.
- \* Observe the applicant and the application of their skills and operation practices in their FCC environment.
- \* Use the Observer Workbook to accurately document the application of the quality standards.

For more details on requirements and description, please click on this link: <https://nafcc.org/observer-training/>

#### NAFCC Observer Eligibility Requirements:

NAFCC values the role of an Observer as a critical link in the accreditation process.

##### Minimum requirements for observer applicants:

- \* Be a member of the National Association for Family Child Care
- \* Be at least 21 years old
- \* Must commit to a full 2 day training held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- \* Possess technical knowledge and tools to conduct observations virtual and in-person
- \* Able to conduct a minimum of 3 observations per year
- \* Available to travel (up to 100 miles or more if necessary) to conduct observations

**Please click here to apply for your Observer Training seat today:**

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/YoDudE4ip5hIafQAqc78GNc>



**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 [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org). 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 [jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com) is **MAY 5, 2023**, and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2023, as well.

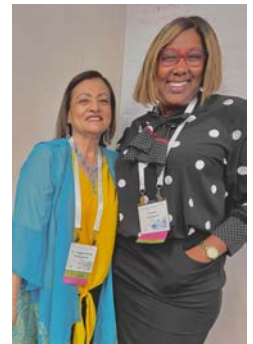
**Here are some ideas** that providers can use to get parents to participate: the provider takes a photo of each child and displays it on a wall at the FCC home and asks parents to make a donation. If the parent makes a \$15 donation or more, then the provider emails the child's photo into the photo 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 21 and 22.

If you have questions or want ideas on how to get your chapter members and parents to participate, contact Patricia Williams or email: [fundraiser@familychildcare.org](mailto:fundraiser@familychildcare.org)

## 2022 Early Educators Leadership / CDA Conference

The 2022 Early Educators Leadership Conference "**Leading Career Pathways to Equity**" from the Council for Professional Recognition (CDA) was an occasion for decision makers and participants in early childhood to gain knowledge, learn new skills, and network with colleagues to expand the field of early childhood education.

CDA Credentials began in 1971, a common commitment to equity in education which brought a group of progressive early childhood leaders together. They wanted to improve the level of early childhood education and make sure that all our country's young learners had competent teachers who could do more than "babysit" infants. In 1975, the first CDA was awarded. With federal funding, the CDA Consortium and then Bank Street College administered the CDA. Much has changed since 1971, but one thing has stayed the same: the ongoing mission to increase the ranks of qualified early childhood professionals in every continent, country, and county. The core of the CDA conviction has remained that all young children have a basic right to equity in education.



### Why the CDA

- Provides a clear, direct route to competence in early childhood profession.
- The CDA is the only competency-based, national credential recognized in all U.S. states and territories, the District of Columbia, community colleges and the U.A. Armed Forces.
- The CDA is based on a wide range of research.
- The CDA is the only credit-yielding, national credential that articulates to associate degree in most community colleges around the country.
- The CDA is the only national, multi-language credential that assesses educators in the language of their daily work.



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2023

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
<b>President</b>	Lois Kendrick	Ft. Myers	33916	239-337-7188	president@familychildcare.org
<b>Vice President</b>	Arleen Lambert	Miami Gardens	33169	305-651-9617	vicepresident@familychildcare.org
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>				secretary@familychildcare.org
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kissha Ballard	Orlando	32811	407-616-5082	treasurer@familychildcare.org
<b>Membership</b>	Wendy Corso-Ruud	Boca Raton	33431	561-715-1361	membership@familychildcare.org
<b>Area Rep Coordinator</b>	Angela "Perla" Almodovar	Doral	33178	305-321-6735	aperla3541@aol.com
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>				
<b>Chapter Coordinator</b>	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>				chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
<b>Latino Liaison</b>	Alma Diaz	Hialeah	33018	305-467-2560	latinoliason@familychildcare.org
<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>				
<b>Fundraising</b>	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	fundraiser@familychildcare.org
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>	Lynn Gibson	Seminole	33777	727-397-6982	childcarelaws@aol.com
<b>Executive Director, Asst. Conference &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>NON-BOARD POSITIONS</b>				
	Tammy Tener	Crystal River	34428	407-234-3473	info@familychildcare.org
<b>Finance Manager</b>	Sande Harper	St Petersburg	33710	727-345-0299	sharper3601@aol.com
Area #	Counties	Area Representatives – Full Board			
1	Escambia	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Marcella Espinosa-Copeland	850-458-2486	mcella1821@aol.com
2	Santa Rosa	Eva Anderson	Navarre 32566	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
3	Okaloosa, Walton	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	Tallahassee 32305	850-877-3885	area5rep@familychildcare.org
6	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union	<b>Open</b>			
7	Duval	Patricia Williams	Jacksonville 32209	904-403-8948	Pdt62@comcast.net
8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Renie Roach		904-436-5799	renieroach@yahoo.com
10	Alachua	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Lyria Allen	352-339-2188	lyrialoving@bellsouth.net
11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Tammy Tener	407-234-3473	tenerfcc@gmail.com
12	Marion	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com
13	Flagler, Volusia	Jennifer Richards	Daytona Beach 32114	386-846-9657	Jjrichards23@gmail.com
14	Lake	<b>Open</b>			
15	Seminole	<b>Open</b>			
16	Brevard	Joyce Burks	Cocoa 32922	321-292-2159	JoyceBurksChildCare@gmail.com
17	Orange	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Kissha Ballard	407-616-5082	Ballardkissha@gmail.com
18	Osceola	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Mayra Marquez	407-350-4239	mmlatinoliason@gmail.com
19	Pasco, Hernando	<b>Open</b>			
20	Polk	Fariha Zuberi	Orlando 32837	407-361-0130	montessori.home@yahoo.com
21	Hillsborough	Annette Eberhart	Tampa 33612	813-493-0828	annettee05@gmail.com
22	Pinellas	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Lynn Gibson	727.397-982	childcarelaws@aol.com
23	Manatee	<b>Open</b>			
24	Sarasota	<b>Open</b>			
25	Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte	<b>Open</b>			
26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	<b>Open</b>			
27	St Lucie	<b>Open</b>			
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Mary Morris	Palm Beach 33409	561-832-0472	msmlm57@msn.com
29	Palm Beach	Kelisha Buchanan Webb	Palm Beach 33410	561-805-4304	neicykelistlcc@comcast.net
30	Broward	<b>Open</b>			
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Danish Williams	Miami 33147	305-693-8815	danishwilliams@hotmail.com

**Interested in serving as an Area Representative?**  
**Contact aperla3541@aol.com OR call: 305-321-6735**



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2023

Area	CHAPTER NAME	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
5	North Florida FCC Assoc. (7 members)	Charlene Thornton	850-980-2824	LSLCKids@yahoo.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville (27)	Lucinda Hightower	904-300-3466	1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association (9)	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com	Rotates cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association (23)	Deserie Dickson	352-789-6836	Dezplayland50@yahoo.com	Ocala
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC (61)	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association (6)	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co (28)	Rendy Bethel-Avila	407-354-0840	ravila12@cfl.rr.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (36)	Gretchen Murphy	813-340-0445	gretchenm3@verizon.net	Temple Terrace
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association (23)	Robin Dean	813-205-4432	nanaslearningpost@gmail.com	Riverview
22	FLEXx Production Southside CCA (8)	Dorothy Jenkins	727-895-7101	Blueeyes33701@yahoo.com	St. Petersburg
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc (62)	Michelle Pugh	727-215-0946	mrp701@aol.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County (17)	Victoria Morgan	941-251-6431	mslilvick@aol.com	Bradenton
29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc (65)	Open			
30	Broward County FCC Association (7)	Phyllis Grant	954-873-2747	grant589@bellsouth.net	Lauderhill
30,31	APCID of Hialeah (70)	Sisi Molina	786-444-7853	sisi.molina@yahoo.com	Hialeah
31	South Florida Home CC Association (36)	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	kkbbabyinn@aol.com	Miami
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County (26)	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com	Kendall

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS (NON-BOARD POSITIONS)

Advisory	Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com	Latino Development	Open - Apply now!	
Awards	Renie Roach	904-436-5799	renieroach@yahoo.com	Member Development	Open - Apply now!	
Bylaws	Open - Apply now!			M.E.N.T.O.R.	Abbie Bill	561-445-7333 FLMentorpgm@aol.com
Chaplain	Open - Apply now!			Newsletter Editor	Wendy Corso-Ruud	561- 715-1361 ruud3@aol.com
Chapter Dev	Open - Apply now!			Nomination	Open - Apply now! nominations@familychildcare.org	
Finance	Open - Apply now!			Parliamentarian	Open - Apply now!	
Fundraiser	Al Kendrick	239-470-5616		Credential Scholarship	Abbie Bill	561-445-7333 credentialchair@familychildcare.org
Historian	Open - Apply now!			Social Media	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482 educate71@gmail.com
Hospitality	Lula Owens	904-779-9988	lulafrank@bellsouth.net	Translation	Open - Apply now!	
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR:				KARAN HIESTER	386-957-4482	conference@familychildcare.org
Contact a Chair if you would like to serve as a member of any of the above committees!						

FFCCHA: 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Phone: 954-581-1192

E-mail: info@familychildcare.org

*Passionate about your profession as a family child care provider? Interested in promoting our mission?***Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Area Reps:**

Area Representatives: 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30

Submit Area Rep applications to: areacoordinator@familychildcare.org

**Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Chairs:**

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

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

Public Relations, Professional Development, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Coordinator

**Apply by Jan 31, 2023, for Executive Committee 2-year terms to start July 1, 2022:**

President, Vice President, Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison, Area Rep Coordinator, Fundraising

Applications are available at [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) 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.





## 2022-23 FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

Requirements: Must be a Florida Licensed Family Child Care Provider,  
a FFCCHA chapter provider member and NAFCC member.



Applying for: ☐\$160 ☐\$315 ☐\$325 ☐\$\_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: ☐Licensed ☐Large Licensed ☐VPK ☐CDA ☐NAFCC Accredited since \_\_\_\_\_

Local FFCCHA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter President: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of your local chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

List current leadership roles or participation in your chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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? ☐Yes ☐No

Please **submit this application along with 2 letters of recommendation (dated within past 6 mos.)** from any of the following: Child Care Agency, Early Learning Coalition, local FFCCHA Chapter, FFCCHA Certified Mentor, current parent/client from your FCC home, Food Program sponsor, Training Instructor, Licensing, Community or State College.

**Also include a copy of your current NAFCC Membership Card OR receipt of purchase.**

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

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

**Questions? Please call Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or e-mail her at [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com)**

Office verification:

Regulation \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Member since \_\_\_\_\_ FFCCHA \_\_\_\_\_ NAFCC \_\_\_\_\_ Application Revised 7-2022





### 2023 Parent Choice Award

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to: FFCCHA Parent Choice Award**

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**OR** e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Please **type PARENT CHOICE** in the subject line

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 6, 2023**

## PARENTS!! Nominate YOUR Provider for the Parent Choice Award!

Do you think your family child care provider is a very special person and goes above and beyond your expectations? If so, then please submit a short essay of 300 words or less titled:

***My Provider is Outstanding...*** and describe in detail how, what, or why.

Be sure to include the full name and complete contact information (address/phone/email) of the provider member and the full name of the parent and signature of parent submitting the essay. A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website <https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/>

Note: The **Parent Choice Award** is given to **3 outstanding FFCCHA provider members** nominated by a parent. The three winners will be recognized at the FFCCHA Conference Luncheon on Friday, June 23rd in Clearwater Beach. Each provider-winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach during the 2023 FFCCHA Annual conference. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We also encourage the provider to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.



### 2023 Outstanding Accredited Provider Award

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to: FFCCHA Accredited Award**

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**OR** E-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Please type **ACCREDITED PROVIDER ESSAY** in the subject line

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 13, 2023**

## NAFCC Accredited Providers: Apply for an Award!

Accredited Providers must submit a short essay of 300 words or less titled:

***My Accredited Program is Outstanding...*** and describe specific details

of what makes your program unique and outstanding. Be sure to include your full name and complete contact information and the name of your local FFCCHA chapter. A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website <https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/>

Note: The **Outstanding Accredited Provider Award** is given to one FFCCHA provider chapter member currently accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The winner will be featured at our table-display and recognized at the FFCCHA conference during the General Session on Saturday, June 24th, in Clearwater Beach. The winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach during the 2023 FFCCHA Annual conference. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We encourage providers to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.





## 2023 Annual Essay Awards

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to:** FFCCHA Awards

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 23, 2023**

or e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Type **ESSAY AWARD** in the subject line of the email

Questions? Call Renie Roach 904-436-5799

The following awards will be presented at the June 2023 conference at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach. Select one: (Please submit a separate form with Essay for each award)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate Hall of Fame | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Chapter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Hall of Fame | <input type="checkbox"/> AHAP-Agency Helping Association Prosper |

Please Print:

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FFCCHA Member Name Submitting Essay:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Submitting Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT a 300 word essay describing specific examples of how and why the person or organization you nominate is outstanding, fits the description, and is well-deserving of the annual award.**

### AHAP - AGENCIES HELPING ASSOCIATIONS PROSPER

The AHAP award is **given to an organization** such as an Agency, Coalition, Food Program, College, etc. that has **given support and helped your local chapter association** above and beyond their regular services.

### OUTSTANDING FFCCHA CHAPTER

The Outstanding Chapter award is **given to one local FFCCHA chapter** that is doing extraordinary things. It could be a parent involvement event, an outstanding membership drive, or maybe your association made a big difference by being involved with your local coalition or special activity. The chapter event must have taken place between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. They will need to submit a chapter display board spotlighting the event at the conference and **will receive one comp hotel night** at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach.

### FFCCHA – FAMILY CHILD CARE HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame awards are the most prestigious awards given by FFCCHA, Inc. This award is given to a FCC Provider and an Advocate (non-provider) in the state of Florida that exemplifies Family Child Care. Each has separate qualifications. The winners must submit an 8 x 10 photo for the conference Hall of Fame display board.

#### Qualifications:

**PROVIDER HALL OF FAME** - The **Provider must promote the state association - FFCCHA, Inc.** throughout the state of Florida and have outstanding leadership qualities such as: a professional role model, positive character, integrity, and be a mentor to all providers. They must be a member of FFCCHA for at least 3 years.

**ADVOCATE HALL OF FAME** - The Advocate is a **non-provider who is very supportive, promotes the state association of FFCCHA, Inc.** and promotes family child care as a profession.







## Call for Workshop Presenters

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023  
***“Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023”***  
Location: Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach  
1160 Gulf Boulevard Clearwater Beach, FL 33767



Workshop Proposal Applications will **ONLY** be accepted via this link [Click here to submit](#)

**Deadline: February 23, 2023**

All **workshop sessions** will be **75 minutes** (1.25 hours) with 30 minute breaks in between each workshop (15 minutes right before and after workshop is allowed for set up and break down)

**All set up, handout copies, and visual aid expenses are the responsibility of the Presenter.**

Accepted workshops entitle **ONLY** the **PRIMARY PRESENTER** to a **free** conference **registration**. **ALL** co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for **submitting a conference registration form in the spring** and making their own travel and hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred. Hotel rooms go quickly so make your reservations **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

**Submissions must include ALL of the following information** ([click link](#) OR email us for link to submit)

☐ English Track      ☐ Spanish Track

**Short Title (2-3 words):** \_\_\_\_\_ for use on the “At-a-Glance page” in program.

In order to provide a **variety of workshops**, please indicate which **category your workshop** relates to:

☐ Curriculum    ☐ Health/Safety/Nutrition    ☐ Special Needs    ☐ Leadership Skills    ☐ Business Practices    ☐ VPK  
☐ Legislation, Advocacy    ☐ Behavior Challenges, Social/Emotional    ☐ Parent Involvement    ☐ Credentials  
☐ EHS-Early Head Start    ☐ Infant/Toddler    ☐ Preschool    ☐ School-Age    ☐ STEM    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop format:** ☐ Lecture    ☐ Discussion    ☐ Loud/noisy    ☐ PowerPoint    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please specify if using a PowerPoint.** If so, we will assign you to a room with a screen and table with power cord. **You must supply your own computer and projector.**

**Preference for workshop time:** ☐ Friday, June 23    ☐ AM or ☐ PM      ☐ Saturday, June 24    ☐ AM or ☐ PM

**Please explain any type of unusual circumstances, room set up or special request.**

**Resumé** must contain name, contact info, educational background or credential, work history, previous workshops presented, years in child care, and professional affiliations, associations, or organizations

**Note:** Please list contact information, workshop title, and description **as you want it printed** in the Conference program book. However, FFCCHA has right to edit all submissions.

**Primary Presenter** Name, Professional Job Title, Educational Level

**Secondary Presenter(s)** (if applicable) Name, Professional Job Title, Educational Level and all contact info

**Address** of Primary Presenter: Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

**Phone, Cell Phone and Email** of Primary Presenter (and Co-presenter if applicable)

**Spanish workshop Presenters** must submit Title, Description, and outline in **both** English and Spanish.

**Title of Workshop** that clearly and concisely describes its content

**Workshop Description for Program book** (*50 words or less*)

**Outline and concise description of topic, listing outcome objectives and method of evaluation**

**Please submit workshop applications via **LINK ONLY**, email your resume only to both contacts below:**

Need more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds?** Contact Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator

via e-mail: [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org) or call 386-957-4482 or cell 386-689-3046

Tammy Tener, Executive Director & Conference Assistant 407-234-3473 [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)

**[www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)**

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## Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2023 Conference Registrations

Becas de Voluntarios para Conferencia de FFCCHA

"Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023"

June 21-25, 2023

Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

Approved applicants applying for a scholarship will be required to volunteer 3 hours.



**Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:** Click here [2023 Call for Volunteers/Aplicación de Voluntarios de Becas para Conferencia](#) or email us for link

### 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.

**Payment options:** online credit card payment <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/> check or money order payable to FFCCHA – NO Refunds. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee  
Mail to: FFCCHA Volunteers, Abbie Bill, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

**Deadline: April 30, 2023** Qualifying applications will be dated as received and selected on a first come, first serve basis until all scholarships have been awarded. All providers will be notified when received as to their acceptance status. All applications received by the deadline will be entered in a drawing for a prize.

### Select the Type of Registration you are applying for:

- ☐ Full conference (Thur pm-Fri-Sat-Sun am) ☐ Friday (8am-5pm only)  
☐ Sat Special (8am-5pm only) ☐ Sat-Sun am conference

Print Clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of FCC Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first conference? \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: ☐ Registered ☐ Licensed ☐ Large Licensed ☐ VPK ☐ NAFCC Accredited  
☐ NAFCC Observer ☐ CDA ☐ EHS (Early Head Start) ☐ Director Credential ☐ College Degree, Type \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate your first 1st and 2nd preferences in volunteering (however, no guarantees)

\_\_\_\_ English workshop hostess \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Table worker \_\_\_\_\_ Set-up Thur 2-5p  
\_\_\_\_ Provider Celebration Sat 7-10pm \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish workshop hostess \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Table worker  
\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Sat 5pm \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How will receiving a scholarship to this conference will benefit your child care? \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I understand that if I do not attend the full conference or fulfill my three hours as a volunteer, my scholarship will be voided, and I will be responsible for the full cost of my registration.

*If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the childcare training process; contact, Tammy Tener, Executive Director at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 407-234-3473 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Calls can be received Monday - Friday.*

**Questions? Contact Abbie Bill at (561) 445-7333 or via e-mail: [registration@familychildcare.org](mailto:registration@familychildcare.org)**

**Other contacts: [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org) or [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)**

**Conference scholarships go quickly, so, don't be left out! Send completed form today!**

Office use only: Cash/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Received date: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_ Verified membership/exp date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc  
31st Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023

### "Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023"

Location: Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard  
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767



Please click [here](#) [Call for Exhibitors, Sponsors, Ads & Donations](#)  
or email us to **REQUEST A LINK** to submit this information

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 your donation of **2 door prizes (\$25 value each).** **Deadlines:** *Early Bird \$175 if payment received by Jan 23, 2022;* Jan 24 - April 30, 2023: \$200; if space available, after May 1: \$250; after June 1, 2023: \$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: April 15, 2023**

☐ **Full page** \$225 (7½"x10")

☐ **¾ page** \$175 (7½"x7")

☐ **½ page** \$125 (7½"x5")

☐ **¼ page** \$75 (3½"x5")

☐ **Business Card** \$50

**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 and 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**

☐ **Creative Minds: \$500**

☐ **Caring Minds: \$1,000**

☐ **Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500**

☐ **Innovative Minds: \$2,500**

☐ **The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more**

☐ **MIND MATCH to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

All MIND sponsorship 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:**

☐ Keynote Speakers ☐ Award Plaques ☐ Program Book

☐ 300 Bags

☐ Provider Celebration Night

☐ Leader Recognition ☐ Audio Visual

☐ Appreciation Luncheon

☐ Name Tags

☐ Parent Choice Awards

**DEADLINES:** Jan 23, 2023 for listing in Conference Brochure (not Program); **Feb. 17** for April listing in *The Grapevine* 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](mailto:arleenlambert@gmail.com)

Other contacts: Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-689-3046 [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)

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**FFCCHA**

**June 21-25, 2023**

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**Wednesday-Thursday Pre-Conference**

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**Friday Luncheon Keynote**

**with FFCCHA Awards and Workshops**

**Saturday Keynote**

**"Discovering Your Identity as a Provider"**

**Debbie Mays, the Modern Day Miss Tizzy**

**Concilio Latino y Talleres en Español**

**Provider Celebration on Saturday Night!**

**Sunday Keynote**

**with FFCCHA General Meeting**

**Visit [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) for more conference updates!**

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**Call 727-595-1611 to reserve your hotel room today**



*Enjoy... invigorating morning walks in the sand; inspiring, motivating workshops during the day; and*

*relaxing evening of beautiful sunsets on the Gulf*





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

**Provider Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount**

- ☐ \$5 - Display photo at 2023 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2023).  
☐ \$10 - Display photo at 2023 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by March 10, 2023).  
☐ \$15 - Enter photo contest (See photo instructions on back of this form and submit photo separately by May 5).  
 Also includes display at both conference and Capitol (2 forms must be submitted by March 10, 2023).  
☐ Other donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Assembly and Submittal instructions**

1. Print out hands from our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) in color or print in black and white on bright green, orange or yellow paper.
2. Cut out the white heart in the middle of the hands. Place a photo of your child behind the hands, tape in place and fold on the dotted center line **OR** have your child color or decorate the heart.

**Photo Release**

By signing this form, you, the parent/guardian of the person(s) photographed, hereby give the Children's Forum and the Florida Family Child 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 Governor 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](mailto: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.

**Mail your forms and donations to: FFCCHA, Inc., 1526 W 15th St. Jacksonville, FL 32209**

**Call: 904-403-8948 or email: [Patriciawilliamsfcch@yahoo.com](mailto:Patriciawilliamsfcch@yahoo.com) if you have any questions**

**Spanish version available on our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)**





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Mail in application or register online at  
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**FFCCHA Conference**  
**“Enhancing Our Minds”**

**June 21-25, 2023**  
**Sheraton Sand Key Resort**  
**Clearwater Beach, FL**

[Reserve Your Hotel Room Online](#) or for individual reservations by phone, please call Sheraton Sand Key Resort 727-595-1611. Hotel Deadline is May 19, 2023, at 5:00pm for conference rate. Conference rate is \$202/night. One night will be charged at the time of reservation.

[2023 Hotel](#) Flyer – Sheraton Sand Key Resort,  
1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach, FL

Early Bird Registration Deadline is June 1st,  
2023 (Fee increases on June 2) Register NOW!  
<https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>

