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FALL-IN FOR CHILDREN!

October 2023

President's Message:

Fall is upon us, and I find myself reflecting on the amazing experiences and accomplishments that FFCCHA has had this year. I remember attending my first state conference and being completely impressed by the dedication and hard work of the family child care providers who were leading the charge.

Today, I want to challenge all of our provider members to continue carrying the torch of excellence. As family child care providers, it is our responsibility to prepare the next generation of great citizens and to shed light on the quality of care in family child care home programs. I hope you know just how significant you are in the fabric of early child care.

As small business owners and educators, your impact on the local economy is truly important. FFCCHA understands that providing affordable child care and high-quality child care are synonymous. As the state association, we are committed to providing you with the information, resources, training, advocacy, and partnerships you need to operate and manage your business successfully. Let's continue to raise the bar on quality in family child care and shape the future of early child care.

As Booker T. Washington once said, **"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."**

Sincerely,

Arleen Lambert

FFCCHA President



Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

A medida que el otoño se acerca, me encuentro reflexionando sobre las increíbles experiencias y logros que FFCCHA ha tenido este año. Recuerdo haber asistido a mi primera conferencia estatal y haber quedado completamente impresionada por la dedicación y el arduo trabajo de los proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar que lideraban.

Hoy, quiero desafiar a todos nuestros miembros proveedores a que continúen llevando la antorcha de la excelencia. Como proveedores de hogares familiares, es nuestra responsabilidad preparar a la próxima generación de grandes ciudadanos y ser luz sobre la calidad de la atención en los programas de cuidado infantil en el hogar familiar. Espero que sepas lo significativo que eres en la fabricación del cuidado de la primera infancia.

Como propietarios de pequeñas empresas y educadores, su impacto en la economía local es realmente importante. FFCCHA entiende que proporcionar cuidado infantil accesible y cuidado infantil de alta calidad son sinónimos. Como asociación estatal, estamos comprometidos a brindarle la información, los recursos, la capacitación, la defensa y los asociados que necesita para operar y administrar su negocio con éxito. Sigamos elevando la barra de la calidad en el cuidado infantil familiar y demos forma al futuro del cuidado infantil temprano.

Como dijo una vez Booker T. Washington: **"El éxito debe medirse no tanto por la posición que uno ha alcanzado en la vida si no por los obstáculos que se han superado"**.

Sinceramente,

Arleen Lambert, FFCCHA Presidente



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Credential Scholarship News

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

2 Scholarships were awarded this quarter
(July 1 - September 30, 2023) \$475

NAFCC Self Study \$315: Tameka Mann
NAFCC Update \$160: Kelly Patterson

WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW!!

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.

**August Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Acting Secretary

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, the Primitive Reflexes training was presented by Janis Nakagama. This training was very informative and interesting and can be applied to all ages and stages. Following the training, the FFCCHA Full Board Meeting was called to order at 1:20pm. Two First-timers were in attendance: Sonji Mitchell of Area #17 Multi Cultural FCCA, and Neomi Thompson from Area #21 Hillsborough County.

The Nominations Committee recommendation for Chapter Development Chair was tabled for the next Full Board meeting. Mayra Marquez was appointed as the Nominations Committee Chair. Cynthia Durr is our new Chaplain as well as the Area Representative for Area #13 Flagler/Volusia Counties. Meeting adjourned 2:42pm

Upcoming meetings and trainings are: November 4, 2023 in-person in Orlando; February 3, 2024 virtual zoom; April 2024 in-person TBA; and August 3, 2024, virtual.

**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

Members of FFCCHA who serve on 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

NAFCC CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS
July 24 - July 27, 2024

Creating our Gateway to THRIVE!

Events Calendar 2023-24

October - August

***Start planning** for FFCCHA June 2024 conference – make your hotel reservations now before we sell out!

***Apply** for FFCCHA current **OPEN** Board Applications to start now: **Secretary, Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison and OPEN Area Reps and Chair positions**

October

- 1 FFCCHA October Membership Drive Starts - prizes for Recruiting 1st time NEW provider members
- 11-12 NAFCC Observer Training, Omni Hotel, Orlando
- 11-15 FLAEYC conference, Omni Hotel, Orlando
- 23 Registration Deadline for the FFCCHA Nov 4 Leadership Summit

November

- 4 FFCCHA in-person Leadership Summit and Full Board Meeting
- 15-17 NAEYC Conference, Nashville, TN
- 17 Deadline for January newsletter

December

- Apply NOW** for FFCCHA Board Positions, and Even number Area Reps, to start in July 2024: Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Professional Development, Chapter Coordinator, Public Relations

January 2024

- 15 Deadline to Apply for FFCCHA Board positions
- 24 Deadline for FFCCHA Call for Conference Workshop Proposals
- 25-26 FFCCHA hosts NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training, Orlando

February

- 3 FFCCHA Training & Full Board Meeting
- 17 Deadline for April 2024 newsletter
- 25-29 Children's Week, Tallahassee; Visit: childrensweek.org
- 25 Hanging of the Hands, Capitol, Tallahassee
- 26 Advocacy Dinner and Ceremony
- 27 Children's Day, Tallahassee

March

- 4 Deadline for FFCCHA Parent Choice Award Nominations
- 11 Deadline for FFCCHA Outstanding Accredited Provider Award Nominations
- 18 Deadline for FFCCHA Essay Award Nominations

April

- 1-5 Week of the Young Child
- TBA Full Board Meeting/Training (in-person)

May

- 10 Deadline for July 2024 Newsletter
- 10 National Provider Appreciation Day
- 24 Deadline for Hotel Reservations for FFCCHA Conference
- 25 Early Bird Deadline for Conference Registration

June

- 26-30 FFCCHA Enhancing Our Minds 2024 Conference, Clearwater Beach
- 30 FFCCHA General Meeting, Clearwater Beach

July

- 17-19 One Goal Summer Conference, Hilton, Tampa, FL
- 24-27 NAFCC Conference, St. Louis, MO

August

- 3 FFCCHA Training and Full Board Meeting, Virtual
- 17 Deadline for November 2024 Newsletter

Fall Membership News

Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

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

Congratulations to our FALL Chapter Membership Drive Winners!!

Palm Beach FCCA (July)
FCCPA of Jacksonville (August)
Heart to Heart (September)

IMPORTANT:

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

So far, these 11 CHAPTERS are online! *Brevard Sunshine FCCA, Central Florida FCCA, FCCA of Jacksonville, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Marion County FCCA, Multicultural FCCA of Orange County, North Florida CCA, Putnam County FCCPA, Quality FCCHPA, and South Florida HCCA!!*

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

And remember, as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a discounted rate (\$5 off).

Our numbers keep growing!! Membership breakdown as of 9/30/2023:

Chapter/Full Providers: 555	Chapters: 18
Advocates: 31	Co-Providers: 68
Individual Members: 54	Parent Members: 21
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12	
Agencies: 1	
Total: 760	

And again, when joining or renewing, remember to PLEASE use the correct and updated individual/parent/chapter membership forms available on website. If you have questions or need anything, please give me a shout!! **HUGS!**



We are up to 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 29 - Palm Beach County

Nichola Griffiths-Butts



Nichola Griffiths-Butts was born on the beautiful Island of Jamaica, and migrated to the United States with her mother in 1993. She has three beautiful children, two boys and a girl, as well as a grandson, and she loves them all dearly. In saying that, she is a wife, a mother, and a grandma.

Nichola was motivated by her grandmother when she came to the United States, who at the time, was called a babysitter, who cared for children whose families worked in the agriculture field. Nichola and her cousin raced home just to go and help their grandmother with the children. This helped determine what exactly she wanted to do when she graduated from high school. She knew that deep in her heart she could care for children just like her grandmother did. Her mother was fully supportive giving her the go-ahead to do her research and work toward her goal. She bought a house and met providers along the way who helped her get started. She was also motivated while trying to find childcare for her first born, finding limited spaces, and having to go on a waiting list. She would sometimes miss work, staying home as there were no openings in the child care homes where she wanted her child to attend.

Nichola is an Educator who supports families, and always tells her parent-clients that once their children enter her Large Family Child Care home, they are a part of her family. She holds a special place in her heart for the children and families that she serves, and has been in operation since August 2003, and is still going strong. She runs a licensed Large Family Child Care Home and is Nationally Accredited.

Nichola is the President of Palm Beach County Family Child Care Association, as well as the Chapter Rep for FFCCHA. She earned her Associate Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, was awarded Provider of the Year in 2021 from the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, and Provider of the Year 2021-2022 from Lutheran Services of Florida. She is a Notary, an Observer for NAFCC, and serves on the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County Board of Directors representing Family Child Care Homes.

She shares that she has had past parents stop by just to thank her and to tell her about the wonderful job that she's done with their children. These parents also recommend her to other parents, and the teachers at the school where their child now attends tell the parents that their child is smart. One parent told the teacher it's all thanks to Ms. Butts. Nichola loves to dance, travel, and have fun, and is so thankful that the parents can see what their child accomplishes while being in her care.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from **Areas 1 - 7**.

Submissions must be submitted **by November 17, 2023** to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

Support FFCCHA Danish Williams, Fundraising

Sending out a warm HELLO to keep in touch with our members and those who support us. Thank you for always being there to help our fundraising efforts.

Please continue supporting FFCCHA by weeding through your closets or child care homes and putting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items, such as toys, supplies, and/or home goods. These items will be available to purchase at our in-person meetings at the Green Table. Proceeds raised go toward supporting scholarships, speakers, and FFCCHA.

Remember, Chapters are asked to donate two new items and/or gifts cards valued at least \$25.00 each for in-person door prizes. See you all soon, and until then, please stay safe and keep God first.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Danish at 305-495-5029 or email her at fundraiser@familychildcare.org



Noticias Del Concilio Latino Open Position APPLY NOW,



Como todas uds. saben, he sido la representante de Latino Liaison por 4 años, en los cuales concluyeron en Junio 2023.

Necesitamos que una líder como tu, con buenas capacidades de liderazgo que aplique para esta posición, yo estaré dispuesta para capacitar y ayudar. Nuestra asociación FFCCHA necesita de ti y nuestras proveedoras latinas también.

Si hay preguntas, llámame.

Public Relations News

Rendy Bethel-Avila, Public Relations

Having a meeting, workshop, or training session in your area coming up soon? We now have large and small display boards as well as brochures and other professional resources. FFCCHA display Boards are in Spanish and English.



You can use any of our PR materials for virtual meetings and presentations with your ELC, Food Program and your own Chapter Association meeting.

No time to wait?? You can print directly from our FFCCHA website under the Publications tab <https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/>

Do not forget to take advantage of advertising your business in our quarterly Grapevine newsletter! For more info, call Rendy at 407-354-0840 or contact publicrelations@familychildcare.org

MENTOR News October 2023

Abbie Bill -- MENTOR Program Chair

All Family Child Care Providers - If you 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. (such as setting up your child care indoor or outdoor environment, contracts and policies, marketing, obtaining your CDA, handling difficult situations, etc.)

If you are interested in becoming a FFCCHA Certified Mentor, please contact me for more information about requirements and notification about the next available training.

FFCCHA Certified Provider 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. Abbie Bill 561-445-7333 aright933@aol.com

**Chapter Rep News**

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator



Congratulations!
Myrna Wright
Chapter Rep of the Quarter from
FCCA of Jacksonville Chapter

Congratulations to new Chapter
United Professional Childcare Providers of South Florida in Palm Beach County

I would like to thank all the Chapter Reps who are working so hard to bring all of their chapter members current and for bringing in new members. Remember, during the month of October, we are having a HUGE Membership Drive, giving great prizes to those who bring in brand-new members to our Association! Let's make new friends and grow our Chapter Memberships. Questions, please contact me at (305)321-6735.

FFCCHA in the News

Congratulations to our very own **Lynn Gibson** whose Family Child Care Home, **Lynn's Tender Touch Daycare**, was recognized as **Best of the Best** - People's Choice Award for the Tampa Bay Times.



Lynn's Tender Touch won **FIRST** Place in the "Daycare" category and Top 3 in the "Preschool" category (Aug 2023). **WAY TO BE, LYNN!!**

2023 Categories Won

● Winner: Daycare

● Finalist: Preschool

Area Rep News

Jennifer Richards, Area Rep Coordinator

Congratulations!
Mary Morris
Area Rep of the Quarter
(Area 28 Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier)
Thank you for your dedication to family childcare!

FFCCHA wants to thank all Area Reps for doing an excellent job in building positive relationships in their local areas. Area Reps will continue to promote FFCCHA by hosting Meet and Greets to educate non-members providers and community leaders about the mission and vision of our state association.

For the Area Reps who have not already signed up to serve on one of FFCCHA's committees, please do so now before the New Year. Remember, Teamwork is the key to success.

We are currently looking for Area Representative for the following vacant areas: 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 and 31. Area rep positions are for 2 years. All even-numbered areas are open now, and we are accepting applications.

If you like working as an advocate in your local community, share information with peers and child care partners, this is the perfect job for you. Please contact me (386) 846-9567 or email jjrichards23@gmail.com.





**FFCCHA Professional Development
In-person Leadership Summit / Training
& FULL Board Meeting
Saturday, Nov 4, 2023 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
(Lunch included)**



Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

[Hotel Reservation Link for FFCCHA Leadership Summit Group Rate – Deadline October 13](#)

Training Registration Fee: **\$99** (\$75 scholarships available)
FFCCHA members **Pay only \$24** (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers)
Email form to: training@familychildcare.org Questions: email or call 813-493-0828

Online payment available: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/leadership-summit-meeting-hotel/>

OR Make check payable to: **FFCCHA, Inc.**

Please submit this completed form by email or with payment to: **FFCCHA c/o Annette Eberhart**
1907 E Bougainvillea Ave.
Tampa, FL 33612

Deadline: Must be received by October 23, 2023

Please Print:

Name: _____

Name of FCC home as listed on License/Registration _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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 EVALUATION** after training.**

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

Empowering Leaders, Strengthening Associations

Presenter: Arleen Lambert, M. Ed., FFCCHA President

Join us as we focus on building our state and local chapter associations. Learn all about utilizing Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) for FFCCHA's Strategic Plan for the future. In doing so, we can re-shape the landscape of family child care homes and create opportunities for growth and development. By sharing knowledge and collaborating to elevate individuals into leadership positions, we can bolster the foundation of FFCCHA. Learn how to engage membership and create a presence in our local communities. We will review and utilize FFCCHA by-laws, handbook, Robert Rules of Order, and much more. "Knowledge is the key to a successful association."

Note: If you need accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training: contact Annette Eberhart at least 2 weeks prior to the training date at 813-493-0828 between 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday.

The deadline is October 23, 2023. NO refunds after this deadline. If you do not attend this training, the fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person.



2023-2024 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, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

PLEASE PRINT:

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 aright933@aol.com

Office verification:

Regulation _____ Chapter _____ Member since _____ FFCCHA _____ NAFCC _____

Application Rev 7-2023

FFCCHA 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Accomplishments/Achievements



July 1 – September 30, 2022

Mayra Marquez recognized at State DOE meeting on July 13, Kissimmee
 Full Board **virtual meeting** "*Loss is a Four Letter Word*" and 39 scholarships for training (Aug 13)
 Lynn Gibson's family child care home, Lynn's Tender Touch Daycare, was recognized as Best of the Best - People Choice for the Tampa Bay Times in the "Daycare" category (Aug 22).
 Latino Liaison, Alma Diaz presents at NARA conference, Palm Springs, CA (Sept 20, 2022)

October 1 – December 31, 2022

Latino **Training**, virtual "*Program Positivo Triple P*" (Oct 22), 12 scholarships
 Full Board virtual **meeting and training** "*Creating a Positive Environment: Attention to Detail Encourages Self-Regulation*" (Nov 5), 43 scholarships
 Virtual Training "*Your Child Never Acts Right! Understanding How to Recognize and Properly Address Mental Health and Illness in Young Children*" (Dec 15) 44 scholarships

January 1 – March 31, 2023

4 Members & Executive Director attend in-person **Children's Week**, Non-profit One Voice Sponsor (Jan 30-Feb 1)
 Executive Committee **Board Development** Virtual (Feb 4) and in-person (Mar 4) and member training "*Understanding a Diagnosis of Conduct Disorder or Unspecified Mood Disorder*" (Mar 9)
 Annual in-person **Leadership Summit** "*Who Moved My Motivation?*", 46 registration scholarships, (Feb 25)

April 1 - June 30, 2023

Full Board meeting/In-person training "*Introduction to Autism and Primitive Reflexes in Early Childhood Settings*" (April 29) 35 scholarships and 1 virtual training "*Introducing ASQ-3 Ages & Stages Questionnaires*" (May 17) 25 scholarships
 Hosted in-person state **conference** "*Enhancing Our Minds in...2023*" in Clearwater, **121 scholarships, 300 attend!**
Awarded a yearly total of \$9,335 in scholarships to 34 providers towards NAFCC Accreditation
Awarded yearly total of 237 partial registration scholarships at 8 statewide Virtual in-service trainings

And FFCCHA represents YOU and YOUR profession by:

Representing Family Child Care on LEGISLATIVE Issues – Feb. visit Legislators in Tallahassee
Representing Family Child Care at STATE Conferences - Executive Director & Conference Coordinator attends in-person One Goal Summer conference, Tampa (July) and ED attends **FLAEYC** Leadership Advocacy Day and conference (Oct)
Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL Conferences – VP and members attend in-person National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Conference June 2022 in San Francisco)

“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at STATE MEETINGS

- Vice President (Arleen Lambert) on Forum's Advocacy Team -met virtual & in-person July 2022-Feb 2023
- ED, Vice President (Arleen Lambert) & Treasurer (Kissha Ballard) met in-person & virtually (Sept 2022-June 2023) on THE FUTURE PROJECT led by The Children's Movement
- Executive Director attended **FL HEROs ECE Recognition** Stakeholder Committee Zoom (Sept 15, 2022)
- Executive Director participates on weekly **Early Learning Consortium** zoom calls as needed (Consortium consists of Children's Movement, Children's Forum, Children's Trust, FL Alliance of Children's Services Councils & Trusts, United Way Florida, AELC, Head Start, FLAEYC and FFCCHA. In-person (July 2022 & June 2023)
- Executive Director and Legislative Liaison attend several **FLAEYC Advocacy Chapter** virtual meetings
- Executive Director & a Past Pres attend in-person Children's Forum Advisory meeting, Tampa (July 19, 2022)
- Executive Director attends virtual meetings ARPA (Aug 23, 2022)
- Chapter Rep (Robin Dean) on panel of PreK Least Restrictive Environment Collaborative Meeting, Orlando (June)

“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL MEETING

- Kissha Ballard on panel "PreK in Family Child Care Project (PKFCC) Kickoff Webinar" (July 14)
- President (Lois Kendrick) on panel on the Early Years Climate Action Task Force Webinar (Dec 12)
- Executive Director and Legislative Liaison attend Virtual **NAEYC Public Policy Forum** (Feb)
- Member, Annette Eberhart serves on **NAFCC Accreditation Council** (monthly since Aug 2020)
- NAFCC Region Reps met virtually with NAFCC all year (NW & NE: Eva Anderson, Central: Mayra Marquez, Suncoast & SE Cynthia Chipp, South: Arleen Lambert)



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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!

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. — October 2023

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
President	Arleen Lambert	Miami Gardens	33169	305-793-4011	president@familychildcare.org
Vice President	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	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
Chapter Rep Coordinator	Angela "Perla" Almodovar	Doral	33178	305-321-6735	chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
Public Relations	Rendy Bethel Avila	Orlando	32819	407-354-0840	publicrelations@familychildcare.org
Latino Liaison	Open - Apply Now!			305-467-2560	latinoliason@familychildcare.org
Professional Development	Annette Eberhart	Tampa	33612	813-493-0828	training@familychildcare.org
Fundraising	Danish Williams	Miami	33147	305-495-5029	fundraiser@familychildcare.org
Legislative Liaison	Open - Apply Now!			727-397-6982	LynnGibson childcarelaws@aol.com
Executive Director, Asst. Conference & Contracts	NON-BOARD POSITIONS				
	Tammy Tener	Crystal River	34428	407-234-3473	info@familychildcare.org
Finance Manager	Sande Harper	St Petersburg	33710	727-345-0299	sharper3601@aol.com
Area #	Counties	Area Representatives – Full Board			
1	Escambia	Open	Temporary: Marcella Espinosa-Copeland	850-458-2486	mcclla1821@aol.com
2	Santa Rosa	Eva Anderson	Navarre 32566	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
3	Okaloosa, Walton	Open	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	Open	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	Open			
7	Duval	Patricia Williams	Jacksonville 32209	904-403-8948	Pdt62@comcast.net
8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Renie Roach	St Augustine 32092	904-392-5366	renieroach@yahoo.com
10	Alachua	Open	Temporary: Lyria Allen	352-339-2188	lyrialloving@bellsouth.net
11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	Open	Temporary: Tammy Tener	407-234-3473	tenerfcc@gmail.com
12	Marion	Open	Temporary: Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com
13	Flagler, Volusia	Cynthia Durr	Daytona Beach 32114	386-258-6603	cbrownsugarmd@aol.com
14	Lake	Open			
15	Seminole	Open			
16	Brevard	Joyce Burks	Cocoa 32922	321-292-2159	JoyceBurksChildCare@gmail.com
17	Orange	Sonji Mitchell	Orlando 32808	407-936-8358	sonjip@hotmail.com
18	Osceola	Open	Temporary: Mayra Marquez	407-350-4239	mmlatinoliason@gmail.com
19	Pasco, Hernando	Open			
20	Polk	Fariha Zuberi	Orlando 32837	407-361-0130	montessori.home@yahoo.com
21	Hillsborough	Open			
22	Pinellas	Open	Temporary: Lynn Gibson	727-397-982	childcarelaws@aol.com
23	Manatee	Open			
24	Sarasota	Open			
25	Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte	Open			
26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	Open			
27	St Lucie	Open			
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@gmail.com
30	Broward	Open			
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Open	Temporary: Danish Williams	305-495-5029	danishwilliams@hotmail.com

Interested in serving as an Area Representative?

Contact Jennifer Richards areacoordinator@familychildcare.org OR call: 386-846-9567

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – October 2023

Area	CHAPTER NAME	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
5	North Florida FCC Assoc. (11 members)	Charlene Thornton	850-980-2824	LSLCKids@yahoo.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville (27)	Myrna Wright	904-477-2965	Jbear_226@yahoo.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association (11)	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com	Rotates cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association (27)	Marjorie Wheeler	352-299-7203	marjoriejanae19@gmail.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 (8)	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FFCCHA of Orange Co (41)	Stephanie Minus	407-373-5090	elementzofbusiness@gmail.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (43)	Gretchen Murphy	813-340-0445	gretchenm3@verizon.net	Temple Terrace
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association (28)	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 (66)	Michelle Pugh	727-215-0946	mrp701@aol.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County (19)	Victoria Morgan	941-251-6431	mslilvick@aol.com	Bradenton
29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc (69)	Nichola Griffiths-Butts	561-506-4739	nicholagriffiths@yahoo.com	Royal Palm Beach
29	United Professional CCP of So Florida	Cynthia Bedford	561-644-8151	Cbedford@bellsouth.net	Palm Beach
30,31	Broward County FCC Association (8)	Phyllis Grant	954-873-2747	grant589@bellsouth.net	Lauderhill
30,31	APCID of Hialeah (79)	Sisi Molina	786-444-7853	sisi.molina@yahoo.com	Hialeah
31	South Florida Home CC Association (37)	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	kklbbabyinn@aol.com	Miami
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County (27)	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com	Kendall

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (NON-BOARD POSITIONS)

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ASSISTANT 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, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31

Apply by Jan. 15 for open positions and all odd number Areas for a 2 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 Officer Positions to start immediately:

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Apply by January 15 for Executive Committee Board: 2 year terms

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

Applications are available at www.familychildcare.org on the "Forms" page under Resources or contact:

Nomination Chair, Mayra Marquez. Applications can be submitted via e-mail, mail, fax or hand delivery. Questions?

E-mail: nominations@familychildcare.org OR call: 407-452-2967





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



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ENHANCE MINDS and be an **EXHIBITOR** on **June 27-29**:

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MIND MATCH to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount

Deadlines: Dec 13, 2023 for listing in Conference Brochure, Feb 17 for April listing in *The Grapevine* newsletter, May 1 for listing in Conference Program Book, May 24 for listing at the conference

Make check payable to: FFCCHA **Mail to:** FFCCHA, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

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You will have the opportunity to participate in a full 2-day NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training and become a Certified NAFCC Accreditation Trainer. You will 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 13, 2024**, for Registration/Payment on Link <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/UKz6wJPG5C14k9sL>

Hotel Deadline: **January 2, 2024**, for hotel sleeping room block at \$149/night.



Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2024 Conference Registrations “Enhancing Our Minds...In 2024” June 26-30, 2024

Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
Approved applicants applying for a scholarship will be required to volunteer 3 hours.



Click on one of these links for the forms:

[2024 Conference Volunteer Scholarship Form](#) [2024 Aplicación de Voluntarios de Becas para Conferencia](#)

Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. Be a current **provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2024) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2024)
2. Complete and **submit this scholarship form** along with the **\$50.00 fee**.
3. **Attend** a virtual OR in-person volunteer **orientation before going to conference**. Details will be emailed after application has been received.
4. **Attend** the entire conference day(s) that you applied for and turn in a **completed conference evaluation**.
5. **Wear** an Orange Apron (supplied by FFCCHA) over your attire when serving your 3 volunteer hours (no tank tops or short shorts).
6. **Sign-in** at conference and **fulfill your 3-hour volunteer duties as assigned**, return hostess paper, and **sign-out**.
7. 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, 2024 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 only ONE Type of Conference Registration you are applying for (check ONE only):

☐ Friday-Saturday-Sunday ☐ Saturday-Sunday ☐ Saturday Special (8am-5pm only) ☐ Friday only (8am-5pm)

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Name: _____ Primary Language: _____ Secondary Language: _____
 Signature _____ County: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Local Chapter: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Name of FCC Home: _____ Email: _____

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 benefit your child care? Only write on the lines below:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

- ♦ I understand that if I do not attend the type of registration applied for above **or do not 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 child care 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

Other contacts: conference@familychildcare.org or info@familychildcare.org

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

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Online/Cash/Ck# _____ Received date: ____/____/____ Receipt# _____ Verified membership/expiration date: ____/____/____

The Benefits of Second Helping Advanced Enrichment Courses for Family Child Care Providers!

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Coming soon in 2024! Get ready to elevate your training skills with Reach for the Stars Consulting and Training's highly anticipated Re-Certification Training program. Designed exclusively for all previously Second Helping Trainers, this transformative opportunity will empower you to reach new heights in your career. Stay tuned for more exciting details to follow. If you're a dedicated trainer seeking re-certification, don't miss out on this incredible chance to enhance your expertise.

For more information about this exceptional program, contact Eva Anderson at infosecondhelping@gmail.com



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FFCCHA October Membership Drive (October 1 - 31, 2023)



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The Main Goal of this Drive:
To Increase the number of Family Child Care
Provider MEMBERS

CONTEST #1 is for **BRAND NEW, FIRST TIME FCC Home Provider Members**
Recruit 10 or more **NEW FCC Provider Members** that have never been a member in the past.

PRIZE: \$150 discount on hotel room at FFCCHA quarterly meeting or conference

CONTEST #2 is for **ALL CURRENT FCC Home Provider Members**

The provider member who recruits **THE MOST FCC Provider renewals and new members**, must recruit at least 10 renewals or new members.

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Card **donated** by Discount School Supply and others

Every member who joins or renews her/his membership in the month of **OCTOBER** will receive a 20% OFF promo code for Discount School Supply (20% offer expires Dec 31)

Winners will be announced on November 4th at the FFCCHA Leadership Summit in Kissimmee, FL

Membership Application on next page 15!!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



JOIN TODAY!



Florida Family Child Care Home Association
Membership Application
www.familychildcare.org



Providers are encouraged to join FFCCHA through their local chapter to receive more benefits.
 Visit our website for local chapter contact information.

<https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter-memberships/>

Check your address area of your Grapevine newsletter to see when your membership expires.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of FCC Home as listed on License/Registration: _____

License or Registration #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Area #: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Type of Memberships:

_____ Family Child Care Provider \$30.00 _____ Parent/Client \$10 (FFCCHA only)

_____ Co-Provider \$30 (works 40 hrs. or more/month in a Family Child Care home)

Note: Co-Providers must also submit form certifying that they meet co-provider requirements.

_____ Alumni \$30 (former family child care provider member of FFCCHA)

_____ Advocate \$15 (non-provider, sub, employee) _____ Agency/Business \$55

_____ Chapter and FFCCHA \$50 (Chapter Name: _____)

In addition, to one of the FFCCHA memberships above, join the *National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)* for a \$5 savings. FFCCHA is an affiliate of NAFCC. Visit www.nafcc.org for more information.

_____ NAFCC Individual Membership \$40 (rate for FFCCHA members) _____ Chapter, FFCCHA and NAFCC \$90

_____ Yes, I would like to help FFCCHA and contribute my resources, time, expertise, and/or volunteer to serve on a committee or at an event, please contact me.

Signature: _____

Questions? Contact: Membership Officer (561) 715-1361 or membership@familychildcare.org

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Please make check or money order payable to: **FFCCHA, Inc.**

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Legislative News

Position Open - Apply Now

The Florida Legislative Session begins early this year, starting January 9 and ending March 8. Children's Week in Tallahassee begins February 25 with Hanging of the Hands in the Capitol Rotunda. February 26 is the Advocacy Dinner and February 27 is Children's Day at the Capitol Plaza.

For more information about these events, visit: <https://childrensweek.org/>

If you would like to submit hand prints for display at the Capitol, then visit <https://childrensweek.org/events/celebration-of-the-hands-2024/> for details on how to submit hands postmarked before February 12th. **If you would like to attend these three events** with FFCCHA members, please contact FFCCHA President, Arleen Lambert.

The position of **FFCCHA Legislative Liaison** is currently vacant. If you are interested in this position, please apply or contact Mayra Marquez at nominations@familychildcare.org for more information.

LEGISLATION

DCF TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING UPDATES

**Payment Required at Exam Registration**

Payment for exams is now required to complete exam enrollment. To secure a desired exam session and complete registration, payment must be made during the last step of the exam enrollment process. For more information on child care training, exams, and credentials visit <https://www.myflfamilies.com/childcaretraining>.

Online Course Enrollment

The online course enrollment process has been enhanced to allow students to select and enroll in multiple courses within different training areas in one checkout. In addition to this time-saving improvement, the online course enrollment process has the following additional enhancements:

- New instructions clearly explaining online course costs, access timeframes, CEUs, and more.
- An easy to follow 3-step checkout process.
- The ability to view all training areas on one screen and select multiple courses within any training area.
- A visual indicator to highlight courses that have already been completed.

Within a student [training account](#), click "Online Courses Enroll" from the main menu. A [guide](#) has been posted on the Training & Credentialing webpage to assist with the new process.

Helpful Website Updates

Did you know DCF continually updates the Child Care Training & Credentialing webpage to help meet customer needs? Please see the below recent updates we'd like to highlight:

- 1. Easy URL:** We have custom URLs so you can quickly find the Child Care home page and the Training & Credentialing webpage. You can type these easy to remember URLs in your web browser:

www.myflfamilies.com/childcare and www.myflfamilies.com/childcaretraining

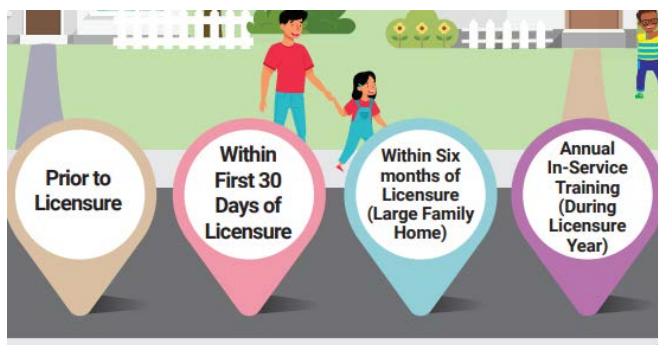
PRO TIP: share these URLs and bookmark to save these webpages for direct access.


- 2. Direct link to Child Care Training Account:** We have added a feature box to easily find the link to the training account login page.



PRO TIP: bookmark and save the [training account login page](#) so you can directly login without having to visit the DCF website first.

- 3. Family and Home Training Roadmap:** This is a guide for personnel who need to complete training requirements for large family child care home operators, family day care home operators, and family day care home substitutes working 40 hours or more a month. Page two of the guide can be completed by personnel to track their progress (see full map on the website).

PRO TIP: click on this link for the [guide](#) (to print copies or share electronically) with home operators who need help navigating training requirements.






**Florida Head Start**
State Collaboration Office

Early Head Start (EHS) and Florida Family Child Care




Family Child Care homes and Head Start work together to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to children and families across the state of Florida.



The benefits to children and families are clear.

- ♥ Deep and meaningful connections between children, families and teachers
- ♥ Increased family and school connections
- ♥ Head Start Program Performance Standards benefit all children



Head Start looks forward to a continued and robust relationship with FFCCHA and the members it serves to best support children, families, and owner/operators

The Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office is a proud sponsor of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA) conference.



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Saturday Keynote

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Mr. Nigel Smith

Concilio Latino y Talleres en Español

Provider Celebration on Saturday Night! With DJ "Mr. Nigel" Smith

Sunday Keynote

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June 26-30, 2024



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Use this link: [2024 Call for Workshop Proposals](#)

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

And please remember to email your resume to: info@familychildcare.org