

# THE GRAPEVINE

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Spring-a-Ling Ding!!

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## President's Message:

### Happy Spring!!

The Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA) is growing and supporting local members. We're happy to announce Tasheba Berry as the new Legislative Liaison, and Dr Angela-Perla Almodovar is continuing a second term as the Chapter Rep Coordinator. We appreciate all providers who joined the Nomination and Bylaws committees for their valuable contributions.

Recently, Executive Committee members and providers visited Tallahassee for Children's Week. They met with several child care agencies to discuss topics that affect family home providers throughout Florida. "The Hanging of the Hands" in the Rotunda was a highlight of the trip. We invite providers who haven't been to Children's Week in Tallahassee to join us next year. Let's work together to educate local leaders on the importance of family child care.

We're excited about the upcoming FFCCHA Conference and encourage providers to register as soon as possible. The conference is an opportunity for professional development, networking opportunity, and learning new strategies. This year we are hoping to see many new faces.

We are looking forward to our upcoming in-person quarterly meeting on April 27th in Ocala. It's always a pleasure spending time with fellow family child care providers. If you haven't made your hotel reservations, please do so now!!!

Sincerely,

Arleen Lambert

FFCCHA President

## Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

La Asociación de Hogares de Cuidado Infantil Familiar de Florida (FFCCHA) está creciendo y apoyando a los miembros locales. Estamos contentos de poder anunciar a Tasheba Berry como la nueva Enlace Legislativa, y la Dra. Angela-Perla Almodóvar continúa su segundo término como Coordinadora Representante de Capítulo. Agradecemos a todas la proveedoras que se unieron a los comités de nominaciones y estatutos para sus valiosas contribuciones.

Recientemente, los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo y los proveedores visitaron Tallahassee para la Semana de los Niños. Se reunieron con varias agencias de cuidado infantil y discutieron temas que afectan a las proveedoras de servicios el cuidado infantil en casa en toda la Florida.

"Colgamos las manos en la ciudad de Tallahassee en la Rotonda" y fue uno de los momentos más destacados del viaje. Invitamos a las proveedoras que no han participado en la Semana del Niño en Tallahassee que se unan el próximo año. Trabajemos juntos para educar a los líderes locales sobre la importancia del cuidado infantil familiar.

Estamos entusiasmados con la próxima Conferencia de la FFCCHA, animamos a las proveedoras a que se registren lo antes posible. La conferencia es una oportunidad para el desarrollo profesional, una oportunidad para establecer contactos y aprender nuevas estrategias. Este año esperamos ver muchas caras nuevas. Esperamos con ansias nuestra próxima reunion trimestral en persona el 27 de abril en Ocala. Siempre es un placer pasar tiempo con otras proveedoras de cuidado infantil familiar. Si usted no ha hecho sus reservas de hotel, ¡hágalo ahora!

Arleen Lambert, FFCCHA Presidente



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**Members of FFCCHA who serve on Early Learning Coalitions**

- Annette Eberhart** - 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** - The FUTURE Project - The Children's Movement
- Angela Perla Almodovar** - MDC Advisory Board, Early Childhood Initiative of America (Board Member), Early Childhood Training Institution (Board Member), Mariposas con Propósito Inc. (Board Member)
- Annette Eberhart** - FICCIT Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants & Toddlers
- 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
- 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

**Credential Scholarship News**

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

**28 Scholarships were awarded this quarter (January 1 - March 31, 2024) \$7,445**

**NAFCC Update \$160:** Regina Bernice Butler, Cynthia Chipp, Mary Smith, Annette Eberhart, Rene Jones, Wonza Smith, Patricia Williams, Dell Ann Jamieson, Faire Moore

**NAFCC Re-Accreditation \$325:** Victoria Morgan, Joyce Wright, Kelisha Buchanan, Dayna Curry, Barbara Gardner

**NAFCC Re-Accreditation \$275:** Chauntrell Knox, Adrienne Donaldson

**NAFCC New Accreditation \$275:** Gertrude Freeman Ford

**NAFCC Self Study \$315:** Sheretta Joseph, Idella Green

**NAFCC Quality Ambassador Training \$325:** Latonya Richardson, Jennifer Richards, Chauntrell Knox, Adrienne Donaldson, Nichola Griffiths Butts, Gertrude Freeman Ford, Sylvia Castillo, Zipporah Morris Scott

**New funds will be available July 1, 2024**

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



**February Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Acting Secretary

**Essential Self-Care Skills for Caregivers: Overcome, Overwhelm and Increase Your Joy** was the training held prior to our quarterly meeting, with presenter: Dawn James. Dawn explained how Self-Care is an important part of our well being.



**MEETING MINUTES**

The FFCCHA Full Board Meeting was called to order, Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 12:22pm with quorum met.

Motion passed to accept Dr. Angela-Perla Almodovar in her continued Chapter Rep Coordinator position for a second term, beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, with waiver approval.

Motion passed to accept Tasheba Berry as the Legislative Liaison, to start immediately and to continue through June 30, 2025, with the waiver approval as well. The Nominations Committee had members sign up to participate, as well as the By Laws Committee had members sign up to participate. The Meeting was adjourned 3:00PM

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

*Creating our Gateway to THRIVE!*



**National Association for Family Child Care Conference**

Hyatt Regency St. Louis @ the Arch (\$169/night)  
315 Chestnut Street St. Louis, Missouri 63102

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/STLRS/G-NFFC>

NAFCC Conference Registration  
(\$359 member rate in April)

<https://nafcc.org/conference/conference-registration/>



**Events Calendar 2024**

April - November 2024

- \* **Start planning** for FFCCHA June 2024 conference – make your hotel reservations!
- \* FFCCHA current **OPEN Board Applications to start now: Secretary, Latino Liaison, and OPEN Area Reps and Chair positions**
- \* **Apply NOW** for FFCCHA Board Positions and Even number Area Reps to **start in July 2024:** Secretary, Membership, Treasurer, Professional Development, Public Relations

**April**

- 1-5 Week of the Young Child
- 6 College of Central Florida 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Conference, Ocala Keynote: Rachel Giannini
- 27 **FFCCHA In-Person Full Board Meeting/Training Volunteer Orientation, Orlando**
- 30 **Deadline for Volunteer Scholarships for Conference Registration**
- 30 **Deadline for Essay Awards and State Nominations**

**May**

- 5 **Deadline for Photo Contest for Child-Inside Heart**
- 10 National Provider Appreciation Day
- 24 **Deadline for Hotel Reservations for FFCCHA Conference**
- 26 **Early Bird Deadline for Conference Registration**
- 31 **Deadline to Vote for State Awards**

**June**

- 26-30 **FFCCHA Enhancing Our Minds 2024 Conference, Clearwater Beach**
- 26 Second Helping Training the Trainer Re-Certification Clearwater Beach
- 26-27 ME! MENTORing Essentials and Mentor Certification Clearwater Beach
- 26-27 NAFCC Accreditation QAT (Quality Ambassador Training) 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**

**September**

- TBA **FFCCHA Executive Committee Leadership Training**

**October**

- 17 **Hotel Deadline for FFCCHA Nov 9 Leadership Summit**
- 16-17 NAFCC Observer Training at FLAEYC Conference, Orlando
- 16-20 FLAEYC conference, Omni Hotel, Orlando

**November**

- 6-9 NAEYC Conference, Anaheim, California
- 9 **FFCCHA Leadership Summit & Full Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL**



**Spring 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 Spring Chapter Membership Drive Winners!!**

*Heart to Heart FCCA (January)  
FCCA of Jacksonville (February)  
Palm Beach County FCCA (March)*

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

**Remember, Chapter Reps must now renew/join chapter members ONLINE!! Thank you!**

14 CHAPTERS now have memberships available to join/renew online! *Brevard Sunshine FCCA, Central Florida FCCA, FCCA of Jacksonville, NE Hillsborough CCPA, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Marion County FCCHA, Multicultural FCCHA of Orange County, North Florida CCA, Palm Beach County FCCA, Putnam County FCCPA, Quality FCCHPA, South Florida HCCA and United Professional CC of South Florida!!*

**Chapter members** may renew **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/> 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. And remember, as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at \$5 off.

**Our numbers are keeping steady!! Membership breakdown as of 03/31/2024:**

Chapter/Full Providers: 442	Chapters: 18
Advocates: 33	Co-Providers: 73
Individual Members: 59	Parent Members: 28
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12	
Agencies/Alumni: 3/2	
<b>Total: 670</b>	

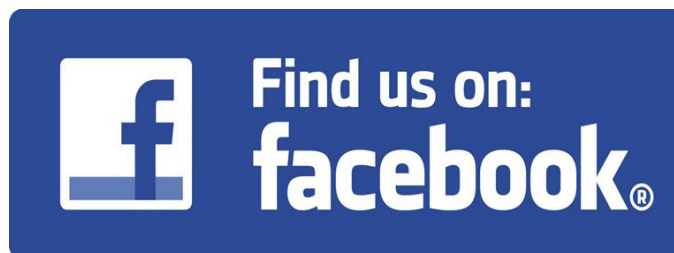


And again, if joining or renewing by mail, remember to **PLEASE** use the correct and updated individual/parent/chapter membership forms available on website. Any questions, please give me a shout 561-715-1361 !! **HUGS!**

**We are up to 982 likes on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!**

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

**Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:**





FCCHA Professional Development
In-Person Training
Saturday, April 27, 2024
8:00 am to 11:00 am

Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
2300 SW 17th Rd. Ocala, FL 34471



Training Registration Fee: \$60 (\$30 scholarships available). Lunch is included in the fee.
FFCCHA members pay only \$30 (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers)

Please select ONE Panera Bread lunch option:

- Mediterranean Veggie sandwich Turkey & Cheddar Cheese sandwich
Grilled Chicken & Avo BLT sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Mediterranean Salad

Questions email: annettee05@gmail.com 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 with payment to: FFCCHA c/o Annette Eberhart
1907 E Bougainvillea Ave.
Tampa, FL 33612

Deadline: Must be received by April 23, 2024

Form with fields for Name, FCC home, Address, City, Zip, County, Phone #, Cell #, E-mail Address, and Chapter.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE, YOU MUST SUBMIT a REGISTRATION FORM, BE PRE-SENT 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!

"Creating Magic: Leadership Building for Family Child Care Associations"
Presenter: Patrica Dischler

FFCCHA has many leaders on their board and within their membership, and understanding how each can support the growth of the organization will unlock the magical potential of FFCCHA. Join us for an interactive session on building leadership skills that will help both you and FFCCHA to grow.

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 April 23, 2024, NO refunds after this deadline.

**TALK OF THE TOWN  
AREA 10 - Alachua County**

**Maria  
Rapallo**



Maria Papallo has been happily married to her wonderful husband, Gregg Papallo, for 30 years. They have two grown daughters, and their family is very small and loving. For the past forty-three years, she has been working in the field of child care. She ran a child care facility for almost twelve years and worked in many afterschool programs before starting her own family child care on October 31, 2001. Together with her husband, she opened and began operating Maria Papallo Large Family Daycare Home and has been in business for almost 23 years.

As a child care owner, Maria's aim is to provide quality child care while building lasting relationships with the families she serves. Her program is unique because she teaches the children American Sign Language and Spanish. She believes it's important to teach children new languages as it helps them become great communicators, which promotes diversity and inclusion. She loves contributing to her community in a positive way.

Maria has been a member of the FFCCHA state association for ten years and a member of the Marion County local association from Ocala, and is working with other family child care providers in Alachua County to start a new FFCCHA Chapter. She attends many annual conferences to gain new child development insights, and networks with other providers.

Every year, she goes cruising to refresh and rejuvenate. She has her FCCPC, and is a Business Leadership Institute graduate. In 2010, she received the North Florida Exceptional Child Care Provider Award, which she is very proud of. She loves working with children and cannot imagine doing anything else but family child care.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 18 - 23. Submissions must be submitted by **May 10, 2024** to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

**Support FFCCHA**  
Danish Williams, Fundraising

Spring Greetings to all of our FFCCHA members and friends!!



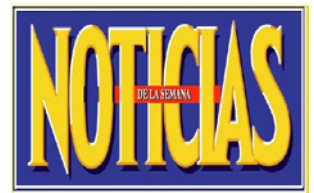
Although I don't have anything new to report right now, as always, we thank you for supporting the FFCCHA Fundraising team.

We will be setting up the Green Table at the meeting on April 27, 2024, so please remember to bring clean new or gently used items for the table for selling and raising funds. Stay safe and much love.

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

Quiero recordarles que la posición Latina aún continua vacante y necesitamos llenarla lo más pronto posible. No permitamos que nuestro grupo latino que con tanto esfuerzo se ha mantenido desaparezca, necesitamos tu ayuda FFCCHA necesita de tu apoyo aplica hoy. Les recuerdo que las aplicaciones para las becas de acreditación pueden ser encontradas en nuestra página web <https://familychildcare.org>. Nuestra conferencia 2024 se aproxima y ya puedes hacer tu reservación en hotel Sheraton



**[Book your hotel for FFCCHA 2024 Annual Conference.](#)**

Las aplicaciones para aplicar para la beca como voluntaria en nuestra conferencia tiene un costo de \$50.00, <https://familychildcare.org/product/volunteer-application-for-scholarships/> y somete la foto de tu niño para la competencia.

Queremos ver que tus aplicaciones sean enviadas y que sean reconocidas en nuestra conferencia.

Mientras la posición Latina no sea tomada puedes llamarme para cualquier pregunta al (305)467-2560 o enviarme un mensaje a latino-liaison@familychildcare.org.

Con mucho cariño, *Alma*

**Legislative News**

Tasheba Berry, Legislative Liaison

FFCCHA members went to The Capital for **Children’s Week!**

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, we participated in The Hanging of the Hands and set up FFCCHA display table on the third floor of the Capitol Building.

On Monday, Feb 26, we visited The Children’s Forum, Gold Seal and TEACH Staff, we had the opportunity to see their new location before they moved in, and we visited DCF and DEL to discuss the changes that are occurring across the state. That evening we had the pleasure of attending the Children’s Week Advocacy Dinner as we connected and reconnected with others.

On Tuesday Feb 27, we headed to the Capitol Building to meet with House Representative McFarland to discuss HB 635 that focuses on Homeowner insurance for Large Family Homes. We proceeded to the Senate side of the Capitol to ‘ASK’ for their support with HB 635. They listened but *WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO!* We were able to enjoy the Children’s Day activities as well.

Wednesday morning, Arleen, Tammy, and Tasheba attended the Early Learning Leaders Breakfast at The Women’s Club of Tallahassee.

We encourage all family child care business owners to reach out to your local state representative, get involved in the local community and find ways to **use your Voice for Change.**

FFCCHA Children’s Week Team:

Arleen Lambert, Lynn Gibson, Tammy Tener, Deborah Dodson, Kelisha Buchanan Webb, Ketania Gill, Tasheba Berry, Gertrude Freeman Ford, Aleta Ford, Annette Eberhart, Dr. Angela-Perla Almodovar, and Dr. Charlene Thornton



**PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night in Clearwater Beach for our 2024 FFCCHA Conference!!**

and Get **YOUR** Name and Family Child Care Home listed in the conference program book!



**Here’s how for Providers:** Encourage your parent/clients to participate as a Parent Sponsor of the **FFCCHA conference.** For every \$25 collected, your FCC/Provider name 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 27. There could be more than one winner depending on the amount of funds raised.

For a small donation, **PARENTS** can enter their child(ren) in our photo contest for the hand-shaped heart FFCCHA Conference Logo for “Enhancing Our Minds in 2025.” Just copy the **PARENT Sponsor** forms from the January and April issues of the Grapevine newsletter or print forms from Conference Page on the website <https://familychildcare.org/product/photo-contest/> Give the forms to parents and collect the payments. FFCCHA must receive the payments **POSTMARKED** by April 23rd to be received by Full Board Meeting to be eligible for the drawing.

For **Parents** entering the photo contest from the website, the deadline to EMAIL photo to the Children’s Forum at [jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com) is **MAY 5, 2024**, and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2024, 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 17 and 18.

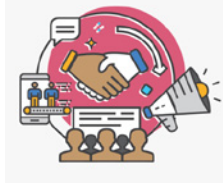
If you have questions or want ideas on how to get your chapter members and parents to participate, contact Patricia Williams  
[PatriciaWilliamsfcch@yahoo.com](mailto:PatriciaWilliamsfcch@yahoo.com)



**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](mailto:publicrelations@familychildcare.org)

**MENTOR News - April 2024**

Abbie Bill -- MENTOR Program Chair

We are looking forward to our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Clearwater Beach. We have seven family child care providers taking FFCCHA Certified Menor Training. There are a few openings left. If you wish to apply the deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, so please contact me for more information or an application.

**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.)

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 or [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com)



**Chapter Rep News**

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator



**Congratulations!**

**Cynthia R Brown**

Chapter Rep of the Quarter  
from HCCPA of NE  
Hillsborough County

I value the efforts everyone put into the recruitment of new members. I know each of you put in a significant amount of additional time into this undertaking.

Our association thrives because of the hard work and determination of chapter representatives like you. Thank you for your diligent work and commitment to our state association. Be proud of your efforts because the association is proud of you!

**Top Ways to Increase Membership for FFCCHA Association:**

- Get Help from Current Members.
- Ask Members for Recruitment Ideas.
- Include Members' Testimonial on your meetings.
- Provide Incentives for Referrals.
- Create a Recruitment Committee.

**Remember, Chapter Reps must now renew/join chapter members ONLINE!! Thank you!**

If you have any questions, or need clarification, please contact me at (305)321-6735.



**Area Rep News**

Jennifer Richards, Area Rep Coordinator

**Congratulations!**

**Fariha Zuberi**

Area Rep of the Quarter  
(Area 20, Polk County)

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 nonmembers providers and community leaders about the mission and vision of our state association. I'm asking every Area Rep who has not already signed up to serve on one of FFCCHA's committee, so step up and join a committee, because *NO one can do EVERYthing, but EVERYone can do something!*

We are currently **looking for Area Representatives** for the following vacant **areas: 1,3,4,6,11,12,14,15,18,19, 22,23,24,25,26,27,30 and 31**. Area Rep terms are for two years. If you would like more information on job duties please feel free to reach out to me anytime. All even numbered areas are open now, and we are accepting applications. If you

like working as an advocate in your local community, please share information with peers and child care partners, this is the perfect job for you.

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](mailto:jjrichards23@gmail.com).

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – April 2024

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
<b>President</b>	Arleen Lambert	Miami Gardens	33169	305-793-4011	president@familychildcare.org
<b>Vice President</b>	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	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>	Jennifer Richards	Daytona Beach	32114	386-846-9567	areacoordinator@familychildcare.org
<b>Chapter Rep Coordinator</b>	Angela "Perla" Almodovar	Doral	33178	305-321-6735	chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
<b>Public Relations</b>	Rendy Bethel Avila	Orlando	32819	407-354-0840	publicrelations@familychildcare.org
<b>Latino Liaison</b>	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>			305-467-2560	latinioliasion@familychildcare.org
<b>Professional Development</b>	Annette Eberhart	Tampa	33612	813-493-0828	training@familychildcare.org
<b>Fundraising</b>	Danish Williams	Miami	33147	305-495-5029	fundraiser@familychildcare.org
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>	Tasheba Berry	Hollywood	32201	954-464-3134	info@tashebaberry.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
<b>Area # Counties Area Representatives – Full Board</b>					
1	Escambia	<b>Open</b>			
2	Santa Rosa	<b>Open</b>			
3	Okaloosa, Walton	<b>Open</b>			
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	<b>Open</b>			
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	Tallahassee	32305	850-877-3885 matlinef@aol.com
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	St Augustine	32092	904-392-5366 renieroch@yahoo.com
10	Alachua	Lula Owens		904-779-9988	Lulafrank@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	Cynthia Durr	Daytona Beach	32114	386-258-6603 cbrownsugarmd@aol.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	Sonji Mitchell	Orlando	32808	407-936-8358 sonjip@hotmail.com
18	Osceola	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Mayra Marquez	407-350-4239	mmlatinoliasion@gmail.com
19	Pasco, Hernando	<b>Open</b>			
20	Polk	Fariha Zuberi	Orlando	32837	407-361-0130 montessori.home@yahoo.com
21	Hillsborough	Shannon Richardson	Tampa	33617	813-770-3507 changis03@yahoo.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 neicykelistcc@gmail.com
30	Broward	<b>Open</b>			
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	<b>Open</b>	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. – April 2024

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 FCCHA of Orange Co (41)	Stephanie Minus	407-373-5090	elementzofbusiness@gmail.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (43)	Cynthia Brown	813-766-4682	robinsontrainingconsultant@yahoo.com	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 (4)	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)	Daysi Moran	786-797-8684	daysimordan81x@gmail.com	Hialeah
31	South Florida Home CC Association (37)	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	klbbabyinn@aol.com	Miami
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County (27)	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	904-392-5366	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	Cynthia Durr	386-258-6603	cbrownsugarmd@aol.com	Newsletter Editor	Wendy Corso-Ruud 561-715-1361 ruud3@aol.com
Chapter Dev		Open - Apply now!		Nomination	Mayra Marquez nominations@familychildcare.org
Finance		Open - Apply now!		Parliamentarian	Open - Apply now!
Fundraiser		Open - Apply now!		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!

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, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31

Apply by March 15 for open positions and all odd number Areas for a 2 year term.

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 Officer Positions to start immediately:**

Secretary, Latino Liaison

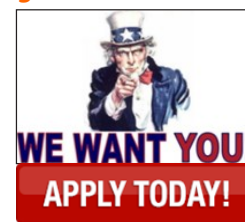
**Apply by March 1 for Executive Committee Board: 2 year terms**

Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Professional Development, Public Relations

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

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

### Reimagining the Future for Florida's Youngest Learners

Article from USA TODAY

*The future is bright for early learning in Florida.*

Click here for full article [USA Today Article March 2024](#)

A new advisory board has been formed to lead the making of the Roadmap to strategize and implement recommendations to make this a reality for Florida, including FFCCHA's own Kissha Ballard of Kissha's Little Ones Child Care and Executive Director, Tammy Tener.



### Chapter 7 in the News

by: Myrna Wright

The Family Childcare Home Association of Jacksonville is on the move!

We gathered together after the holidays to socialize and find strategies for new members and fund-raising. We raffled a gently used kid's table and chair set for our February fundraising event. Thank you to all who came out to offer your expertise!



### Chapter 31 in the News

by: Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator

*Task them with simple chores!*

Children who learn how to help early on, will become more independent as they grow older.

This is the way Ms. Danish Williams, of the Miami-Dade Chapter, encourages self help skills for children.



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## 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)**

*Print with black or blue ink ONLY*

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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:

Online/Cash/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Received date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_ Verified membership/expiration date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



# Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.  
32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, June 26-30, 2024

## "Enhancing Our Minds...In 2024"

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

Pay Online: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>

Please use this Link to submit info: [Call for Exhibitors, Sponsors, Ads & Donations](#)

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Unless notified otherwise, all information listed above for Exhibitors will be in the Conference Program Book.*

Service/Product: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and be an **EXHIBITOR on June 27-29:**  
Each space includes: ONE 6-foot bare table & one chair - **Thurs** Set-up 2-5pm & Opening 6-8:00pm,  
**Fri** 9am-11:30 1:30-5:30pm, **Sat** 9am-3:30pm (times may change) \_\_\_\_\_ # of tables X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plus 2 door prizes (\$25 value each) Deadlines:** Early Bird: Jan 1 - April 30: \$250, If space available, May 1: \$300  
after May 25: \$350 **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, 2024  
\_\_\_\_\_ Business Card \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page \$175 (3 1/2"x5") \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page \$250 (7 1/2"x5")  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 page \$350 (7 1/2"x7") \_\_\_\_\_ Full page \$500 (7 1/2"x10")

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **DONATE in-kind ITEMS:** (describe)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Door Prizes (\$25 minimum value) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Prizes (\$100 value or more) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Centerpieces (30) for Luncheon Tables for prizes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts (50) to recognize Nationally Accredited (NAFCC) Providers \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to insert **Promotional Items** (300) into Conference Bag (no flyers, catalogs)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Contact us by May 15, 2024, to send to address below. Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **RESERVE SPACE on the Resource Sharing Table:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Contact us by May 15, 2024 and send to address below. Describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and CONTRIBUTE a **MONETARY LEVEL of SPONSORSHIP:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Curious Minds: \$250** \_\_\_\_\_ **Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Creative Minds: \$500** \_\_\_\_\_ **Innovative Minds: \$2,500**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Caring Minds: \$1,000** \_\_\_\_\_ **The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **MIND MATCH** to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS & **SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST:**  
 Keynote Speakers  Award Plaques  Program Book  300 Bags  
 Leader Recognition  Provider Celebration Night  Appreciation Luncheon  
 Audio Visual  Name Tags  Parent Choice Awards

**Deadlines: Jan. 1, 2024 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**

**Other contacts: Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-689-3046 [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)**  
**Tammy Tener, Executive Director, 407-234-3473 [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)**

*Revised 1-24*



*Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care Home Association 2024 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 2024 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2024).
- \$10 - Display photo at 2024 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by February 14, 2024).
- \$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 February 14, 2024).
- 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 2024" 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 2025." 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, 2024.

**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**

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# FFCCHA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

Enhancing Our Minds...in 2024

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Pre-Conference June 26-27 • Conference June 28-30

## PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING

June 26-27 (additional fee required)

Wednesday, June 26

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

**ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1)** by Lois Kendrick and Mayra Marquez  
For experienced providers who like working with other adults to **Mentor, Educate, Nurture, Train, Observe and Role Model**. This is the first part of the 12 hour Florida peer M.E.N.T.O.R program for family child care providers to become a certified Mentor. This part is also open to support staff that mentor family child care providers. **Applicants must be accepted into the program prior to attending this class.** Contact Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or [FLMentorpgm@aol.com](mailto:FLMentorpgm@aol.com) for qualifications and an application. **Applications are due by May 1, 2024.**

**NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 1)**

by Michael Bachman and Annette Eberhart

If you are passionate about helping people reach their highest potential, join a network of professional leaders who are committed to moving the Power of Family Child Care forward and become a Certified NAFCC Accreditation Trainer. Network with like-minded professionals from across the field to assist in the career journey of Family Child Care providers. Fee includes a NAFCC Accreditation Self-Study Guide.

**Trainer Recertification for Second Helping** by Eva Anderson

Invitation only for past trainers to recertify and update materials. Email [infosecondhelping@gmail.com](mailto:infosecondhelping@gmail.com) for application.

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

**Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior**

by Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro and Robyn Atkinson

Are you ever stumped by what to say and do when a child has done something hurtful, impulsive, disruptive, or disrespectful? Discover four simple and effective steps to help transform a difficult moment into one where everyone can learn and grow. Help children (ages 2-8 yrs) learn about their feelings and gain self-control by using the mnemonic: Feelings, Limits, Inquiries, Prompts.

Thursday, June 27

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

**NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 2)**

by Michael Bachman and Annette Eberhart

This is the second part of the 2-day training.

**Second Helping Module 4: The Children** by Eva Anderson

This revised course focuses on the children and the importance of having a solid foundation in child development and using developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) in your family child care home. Gain valuable insights and skills in creating both a nurturing and educational environment for children resulting in exceptional relationships and improved outcomes for children. New book included.

8:00 a.m. - Noon

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

**Hands, Hearts & Minds Play** by Dr. Walter Drew and Pamela Hinson, FCC Provider

Participants will construct knowledge and create action plans using the Drew's Discovery Blocks and open-ended materials to make connections with children's learning and environment. This hands-on training focuses on STEM, art, emergent literacy, and narrative storytelling based on the play experience.

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

**Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements** by Janis Nakagama

Uncover the root causes of physical, behavior and academic hurdles and, most importantly, acquire knowledge of enjoyable movements that are designed to improve children's brain-body connections. Suitable for ALL age groups!

**CLASS Strategies and Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers**

by Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro and Robyn Atkinson

The most brain development happens before the age of three. During these early years, children are most receptive to learning new things through the modeling of behaviors and language. Discover strategies and activities to promote optimal brain development while using CLASS as a guide.

## WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Legislative & FCC Rules Update
- Tax Information & Updates
- Insurance & Liability
- NAFCC Accreditation, Gold Seal
- Parent Involvement
- Contracts & Policies
- Marketing Your Home
- FCCPC & CDA
- Workshops in Spanish every session!
- VPK in Family Child Care
- School Age Activities
- Sing, Dance & Play, Early Literacy
- Curriculum for FCC Homes
- Equity, Diversity and Disabilities
- Nutrition, Preventing Obesity
- Infant and Toddler Activities
- How to Handle Challenging Behaviors
- Sign Language and More!

## KEYNOTES & SPECIAL GUESTS



**Cari Miller**, the Chancellor for Early Learning, directing the Florida Department of Education's Division of Early Learning. This includes working with 30 Early Learning Coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to deliver high-quality child care and early learning programs. She is a Governor's appointee for the Council for Early Grade Success. Cari previously served as DOE's Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement, implementing literacy policy and initiatives. Visit [www.floridaearlylearning.com/](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/)



**Dr. Walter Drew**, co-founder of the Institute for Self Active Education and coauthor of "From Play to Practice: Connecting Teachers Play with Children's Learning," has over 40 years of play leadership training experience including the NAEYC Play, Policy and Practice Interest Forum, and the Florida AEYC PLAY Chapter. Dr. Drew promotes play as awakening creativity, strengthening early childhood professional practice, and generating hope and optimism to improve mental health across the human lifespan. Visit: [ISAEplay.org](http://ISAEplay.org) [drdrewsblocks.com](http://drdrewsblocks.com)



**Nigel Smith** studied voice, multiple instruments, and began performing in several R&B, jazz, gospel and vocal groups, winning several awards. In 2004, Nigel began visiting schools and preschools in North Carolina and beyond as Mr. Nigel's Music, sharing his passion for educating children through music with over 2,500 children every week. "Mr. Nigel & Friends" takes this joy and musical excellence to an even larger audience by reaching out to the whole family with "The Ultimate Family Experience." Visit: [www.mrnigelandfriends.com](http://www.mrnigelandfriends.com)



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



**Marica Cox Mitchell**, Vice President of Early Childhood for the Bainum Family Foundation, leading the foundation's efforts in supporting healthy growth and development of young children and the well-being of their families through direct service and advocacy. Previously, she worked as the Deputy Executive Director of Early Learning Systems at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), encompassing public policy, advocacy, accreditation, and the Power to the Profession. Visit [www.bainumfdn.org](http://www.bainumfdn.org)



**Francia Wisniewski** serves as Director of Membership and Community Engagement for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). She has 25 years of experience in nonprofits, education, and organizing. Originally from Colombia, her journey began as an educator in South America. Her passion for equity drives Francia's mission to enrich family child care through education, advocacy, and empowering providers' voices to secure millions to support family childcare workforce structures across multiple states. Visit [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org)



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

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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

- ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1)
- NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 1)
- Trainer Recertification for Second Helping

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

- Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior

## Thursday, June 27

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

- Mentor I Certification (Part 2)
- Hands, Hearts & Minds Play

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

- NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador (Part 2)
- Second Helping Module 4: The Children

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

- Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements
- CLASS Strategies & Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers

6:00 p.m.

- Opening Ceremony *Apertura de Ceremonia*

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Registration & Exhibits Open *Registro de Asistentes y Exhibiciones Abiertas*

8:00 p.m.

- First-Timer Orientation *Orientación para los que asisten por primera vez*

### PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!

*Infants and Children under 16 are NOT allowed in Workshops, Keynotes, Friday Luncheon, and Sunday Annual Meeting.*

## Friday, June 28

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Registration *Registro de Asistentes*

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

- Concurrent Workshops *Talleres Concurridos*

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Exhibits Open *Exhibiciones Abiertas*  
Exhibits Closed from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. *Exhibiciones cerrados*

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- All Conference Luncheon / Awards / Keynote:  
**Cari Miller and Francia Wisnewski** *Almuerzo, Conferencista y Galardones*

### Continuing Education Units (CEU)

*are available for pre-conference training and workshops for an additional fee.*

## Saturday, June 29

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- Registration *Registro de Asistentes*

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- General Session / Keynote: **Nigel Smith**  
*"The Super Power in You"*

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Exhibits Open

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Concurrent Workshops

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Concilio Latino

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Closing Session Keynote: **Dr. Pamela Phelps**  
*"Releasing the Power of Play" Sesión de Clausura*
- Prizes & Evaluations *Premios y Evaluaciones*

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. **Midnight** NOTE: Children permitted 8pm-9pm only

- Provider Celebration! **Dancing & Fun with Nigel Smith**  
*¡Celebración para Proveedoras con Baile! Solo se permiten niños de 8:00 -9:00.*

### PAMPER YOURSELF DURING THE CONFERENCE!

*Get a complimentary chair massage in the Exhibit Area on Friday and Saturday!*

## Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Complimentary Breakfast *Desayuno de Cortesía*
- Annual General Meeting *Reunión General Anual*
- General Session Keynote: **Marica Cox Mitchell**
- Full Board Installation *Instalación de Miembros del Comité*
- More Prizes!! *¡Más Premios!*

# CONFERENCE HOTEL



## Sheraton Sand Key Resort - 1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach, FL

**Room Rate** (does not include tax or gratuity: \$205 per room per night (double, triple or quad occupancy). There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate.

**For hotel reservations call 727-595-1611.**

**Deadline is May 24, 2024**

To book your room directly use this link: [Book your 2024 Hotel Reservation NOW!](#)

## DON'T MISS OUT! DO NOT MISS OUT!

**Friday, June 28 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**ALL Conference Luncheon, Keynote & Awards**

## Concilio Latino

**Sabado, Junio 29 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Expresen sus preocupaciones y compartan sus ideas.**

## Provider Celebration!

### Nigel Smith

**Saturday, June 29 - 8 p.m. - Midnight**

(Family time 8-9pm, Adults only after 9pm)

Born into a musical family, Mr. Nigel takes his joy and musical excellence to fully engage his audience with top-notch entertainment for all ages! [www.mrnigelandfriends.com](http://www.mrnigelandfriends.com)



Everyone is welcome to attend, network, share, dance, listen and enjoy!  
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**We look forward to working together!**

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

**State Trainings and Full Board Meetings** February 3, March 2, April 27, August 3, and November 9, 2024. All members and guests are welcome. Training and meetings may be virtual or on location. Training Scholarships are available for FCC provider and co-provider members.

**National Provider Appreciation Day** Friday, May 10, 2024. For more information, visit [www.providerappreciationday.org](http://www.providerappreciationday.org)

**NAFCC Annual Conference** "Creating Our Gateway to THRIVE!" July 24-27, 2024, St. Louis, Missouri. For more info, visit <https://nafcc.org/conference/>

**One Goal Summer Conference** July 17-19, 2024, Tampa, FL - For more information, go to [www.onegoalsummerconference.org](http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org)

**FLAEYC Annual Conference** October 15-20, 2024, Orlando, FL - For more information, go to [www.flaeyc.org](http://www.flaeyc.org)

For more information about this event, contact  
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**Enhancing Our Minds...in 2024**  
 Pre-Conference June 26-27 • Conference June 28-30

**Sheraton Sand Key Resort 1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach, FL 33767**

For hotel reservations call 727-595-1611 or use this link [FFCCHA Group Rate Hotel Reservations](#) Deadline is May 24, 2024



## Registration Form (print)

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first FFCCHA conference?  Yes  No County: \_\_\_\_\_ FFCCHA Area #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Child Care Provider (check all that apply)  Registered  Licensed  Large Licensed  VPK  NAFCC Accredited  NAFCC Observer  CDA  
 EHS (Early Head Start)  Director Credential  College Degree

Scholarships toward Conference registration are available to Florida provider members who volunteer. Apply for Conference Volunteer Scholarship by April 30!

## Pre-Conference Training - June 26-27, 2024

Day	Time	Training	Cost
Wednesday, June 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> ME! Mentoring Essentials * Part 1	\$99
		<input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training Part 1	\$325
		<input type="checkbox"/> Trainer Recertification for Second Helping	\$350
Thursday, June 27, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior	\$79
		<input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training Part 2	—
		<input type="checkbox"/> Second Helping Module 4: The Children	\$99
Thursday, June 27, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor I Certification * Part 2	\$99
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hands, Hearts & Minds Play	\$79
		<input type="checkbox"/> Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements	\$79
Thursday, June 27, 2024	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS Strategies and Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers	\$79

\*To become a Certified Mentor OR Accreditation Trainer, you must attend both sessions and submit a pre-qualifying application.

Pre-Conference Total

## Conference - June 28-30, 2024

DESCRIPTION	FFCCHA Members	Non-Members	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three Day Conference Registration</b> (includes Thursday Night, Exhibit Hall, all day Friday with Luncheon, all day Saturday with DJ night, and Sunday Keynote with Continental Breakfast)	\$199	\$234	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Friday - Are You Prepared?</b> (includes Infant, Child and Adult CPR, AED and Basic First Aid certificate, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. only)	\$45	\$55	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One Day - Friday only</b> (includes Friday luncheon)	\$149	\$184	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Two Day - Sat. &amp; Sun. only</b> (includes Saturday night DJ and Sunday keynote)	\$149	\$184	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One Day - Saturday Special</b> (8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. only)	\$119	\$154	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hostess/Volunteer Scholarship Registration</b> (must have submitted application by April 30)	\$50	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NAFCC Individual Membership</b> (save \$5 thru FFCCHA)	\$40	\$45	
<b>FFCCHA Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<b>Type of Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Provider (\$70) <input type="checkbox"/> Agency (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual FCC Provider (\$40) <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (\$10)		
<b>Additional Friday Luncheon Guest Ticket</b> Guest name(s): _____ (must be pre-purchased by June 10, 2024)	\$55 per person	\$55 per person	
<b>Conference Total</b>			
<b>Total Due (Pre-Conference Total + Conference Total)</b>			

Credit card payment available on our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)

**No Refunds** - Make check or money order payable to FFCCHA

All onsite registrations will be an additional \$20. **Returned checks** are assessed a \$47 fee.

For registration questions, please call 561-445-7333 or email [registration@familychildcare.org](mailto:registration@familychildcare.org)

Mail completed registration to: FFCCHA • 9207 Edgemont Lane • Boca Raton, FL 33434

**DEADLINE: MAY 26, 2024** (after this date, you **must** register online or onsite)



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