



# Florida Family Child Care Home Association

“Quality Care from Providers with Love to Share”

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## Our Mission

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

## About FFCCHA

- 1993 - established and **incorporated** as a professional trade organization promoting professionalism among all family child care (FCC) providers in Florida
- 1994 - issued group **nonprofit status 501(C)(3)** and group sales tax exemption
- 2001 - established a **peer M.E.N.T.O.R.** certification program
- 2008 - granted **affiliate membership** by our national organization – National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- 2014 - **Hosted** the **3<sup>rd</sup> national conference** (NAFCC 98, 06), host to the **International Conference IFDCO (06)** held in conjunction with NAFCC, hosted Tour of Homes
- 2018 - celebrated the **25<sup>th</sup> birthday of FFCCHA at annual state conference!**
- 2019 - **Hosted** 4 Tours of FCC Homes at the National **NAFCC** conference in **Orlando, FL**
- 2024 - **18 local chapters** with **650 members** total, 32<sup>nd</sup> conference June 26-30

## Our Objectives and Purpose

- ✓ **To promote** the development of *high-quality* educational programs and operational procedures which will enable the family child care provider/educator to more effectively furnish a safe, nurturing, creative and loving environment for the children they serve.
- ✓ **To foster** the development of local association chapters.
- ✓ **To encourage** and support the education of parents, businesses, corporations and the communities of Florida in general, concerning quality home child care.
- ✓ **To participate** with policy-making agencies (city, county, state and federal) to work for changes, modifications, and implementation of standards necessary to provide high quality child care for all children.

## Florida Facts

- **2,617 total Family Child Care Homes:** registered (584) licensed (1,591) large licensed (404) and military (38). FCC homes offer the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten-**VPK (40)**, Early Head Start-**EHS (70)**, School Readiness-**SR (1,233)** and participate on the USDA Child Care **Food Program (1,465)**. Children served: VPK(234), EHS(554) SR(9,760).
- Overall, **26,000** of our youngest, most impressionable **children** are being cared for and educated in regulated family child care homes!
- There are **150 Gold Seal** and **NAFCC (nationally) Accredited** family child care homes – **1<sup>st</sup> in the nation!**

## Our Goal

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



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