

Enhancing Our Minds... in 2025

**Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.
33rd Annual Conference**



**June 25 - 29, 2025
Sheraton Sand Key Resort
Clearwater Beach, FL
www.familychildcare.org**

HURRICANE SEASON

June 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025



Hurricane Season is officially underway, and the Department of Children and Families is encouraging you to be prepared. The season began June 1 and continues through November 30. All providers are encouraged to take the time to prepare their families and homes for the season. Additionally, now is a good time to review your program's emergency preparedness plan and ensure all necessary supplies are available. When reviewing your plan, think about activities that occur before/after a storm. Below are some examples.

Before the Storm:

- Coordinate with your licensing counselor to ensure that your contact information is update to date
- Make sure child care personnel (substitutes and employees for Large Family Child Care Home) know your program's Emergency Preparedness policies and procedures
- Have a plan in place for communicating with parents/guardians
- Ensure you have hurricane supplies
- Secure buildings and any outdoor items that are not anchored down

After the Storm:

- Contact your licensing counselor within 24 hours to update them on the operational status of your program
- If your program is without power you may not operate, unless powered by an alternate power source, such as a generator, that is permanently installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and comply with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code 69A-60, F.A.C. The alternate power source and fuel supply shall be located in an area that is not subject to flooding or damage from storm surge
- Childcare programs may re-open/remains open if there is no structural damage, the site has full electrical service, and the water and sewage/septic tank are working properly

Visit www.myflfamilies.com/childcare to view Emergency Preparedness information in the "Providers" section.

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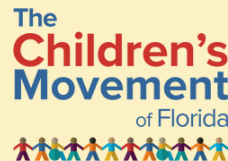
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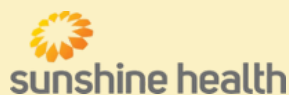
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President's Message

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to our FFCCHA 33rd Annual Conference, a cherished gathering that continues to uplift, inspire, and celebrate the heart of early childhood education: you, our dedicated family child care educators. This year's conference holds a special place in our hearts, as it marks the final time we come together in the beautiful surroundings of Sand Key Resort. Over the years, this location has become more than just a venue, it has been a space of joy, laughter, learning, and powerful connections. We would be remiss not to honor the unforgettable memories and relationships built here. As we prepare to turn the page and chart exciting new paths, we do so with boldness and optimism.

At FFCCHA, we proudly embrace the diverse journeys of our family child care professionals—those who transform their homes into havens of learning and love. For many, this conference is more than professional development; it's a rejuvenating retreat, a moment of renewal, and a reunion with a community that understands and uplifts.

This year's conference promises to be dynamic and impactful. Our inspiring keynote speakers and engaging presenters bring with them a wealth of knowledge to empower you, refocus your passion, and keep you rooted in excellence. The workshops and sessions are thoughtfully curated to help you grow both personally and professionally because we believe that when you thrive, the children in your care thrive too.

So, let us celebrate this moment together honoring the past, embracing the present, and stepping boldly into the future of family child care.



Welcome home.
Arleen Lambert, *FFCCHA President*



Mensaje del Presidente

Es un placer darles la más cordial bienvenida a cada uno de ustedes a nuestra 33ª Conferencia Anual de FFCCHA, un encuentro muy apreciado que continúa elevando, inspirando y celebrando el corazón de la educación en la primera infancia: ustedes, nuestras dedicadas proveedoras(os) de cuidado infantil familiar. La conferencia de este año ocupa un lugar especial en nuestros corazones, ya que marca la última vez que nos reunimos en el hermoso entorno del Sand Key Resort. A lo largo de los años, este lugar se ha convertido en mucho más que una sede; ha sido un espacio de alegría, risas, aprendizaje y conexiones significativas. No podemos dejar de rendir homenaje a los recuerdos inolvidables y las relaciones valiosas que aquí se han forjado.

Mientras nos preparamos para pasar la página y trazar nuevos y emocionantes caminos, lo hacemos con valentía y optimismo. En FFCCHA, abrazamos los diversos caminos de nuestras profesionales quienes transforman sus hogares en refugios de aprendizaje y amor. Esta conferencia representa más que una oportunidad de desarrollo profesional; es un retiro revitalizante, un momento de renovación y un reencuentro con una comunidad que comprende y apoya.

La conferencia de este año promete ser dinámica e impactante. Nuestras oradores principales y presentadores comprometidos traen consigo una gran riqueza de conocimientos para empoderarlos, reenfocar su pasión y mantenerlos arraigados en la excelencia. Los talleres y sesiones han sido cuidadosamente seleccionados para ayudarles a crecer tanto personal como profesionalmente, porque creemos que cuando ustedes prosperan, los niños a su cuidado también lo hacen.

Así que celebremos este momento juntas, honrando el pasado, abrazando el presente y avanzando con firmeza hacia el futuro del cuidado infantil familiar.

Bienvenidos a casa.
Arleen Lambert, *Presidente de FFCCHA*

Conference Announcements

Registration

Attendees, presenters, and exhibitors should visit the registration area located at the Sheraton Key Lobby III, in front of Island Rooms 1 and 2, to pick up their name badge and program booklet. Onsite registration will be available for those who have not registered online.

Don't forget your complimentary bag when retrieving your name badge!

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

CEUs are available for an additional fee.

Visit the Registration Help Desk for more information.

Dining Options @ Sheraton Key

Hours of Operation

Rusty's Bistro

6:30 AM-11:30 AM, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

Mainstay Tavern

12:00 p.m. Weekdays, 12:30 Sat/Sun

Beach Bites Food Truck

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Blue Waters

24 hours

Conference Essentials

To ensure a pleasant experience for all, professionalism is expected. Please...

- Arrive early and exit quietly if you must leave during a session.
- Silence cell phones.
- Wear your name badges as they are required for admission into workshops, general sessions and luncheons
- Network! Get to know those around you.
- Children under the age of 16 are not permitted in workshops, general sessions, Friday Luncheon, or Sunday Breakfast.

Exhibit Hall

Plan a trip to explore all our exhibitors located in the Island Rooms 1 and 2. Stop by to purchase your ticket for our raffle!

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

(closed 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

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

Feel free to sit and relax while waiting for your next workshop.

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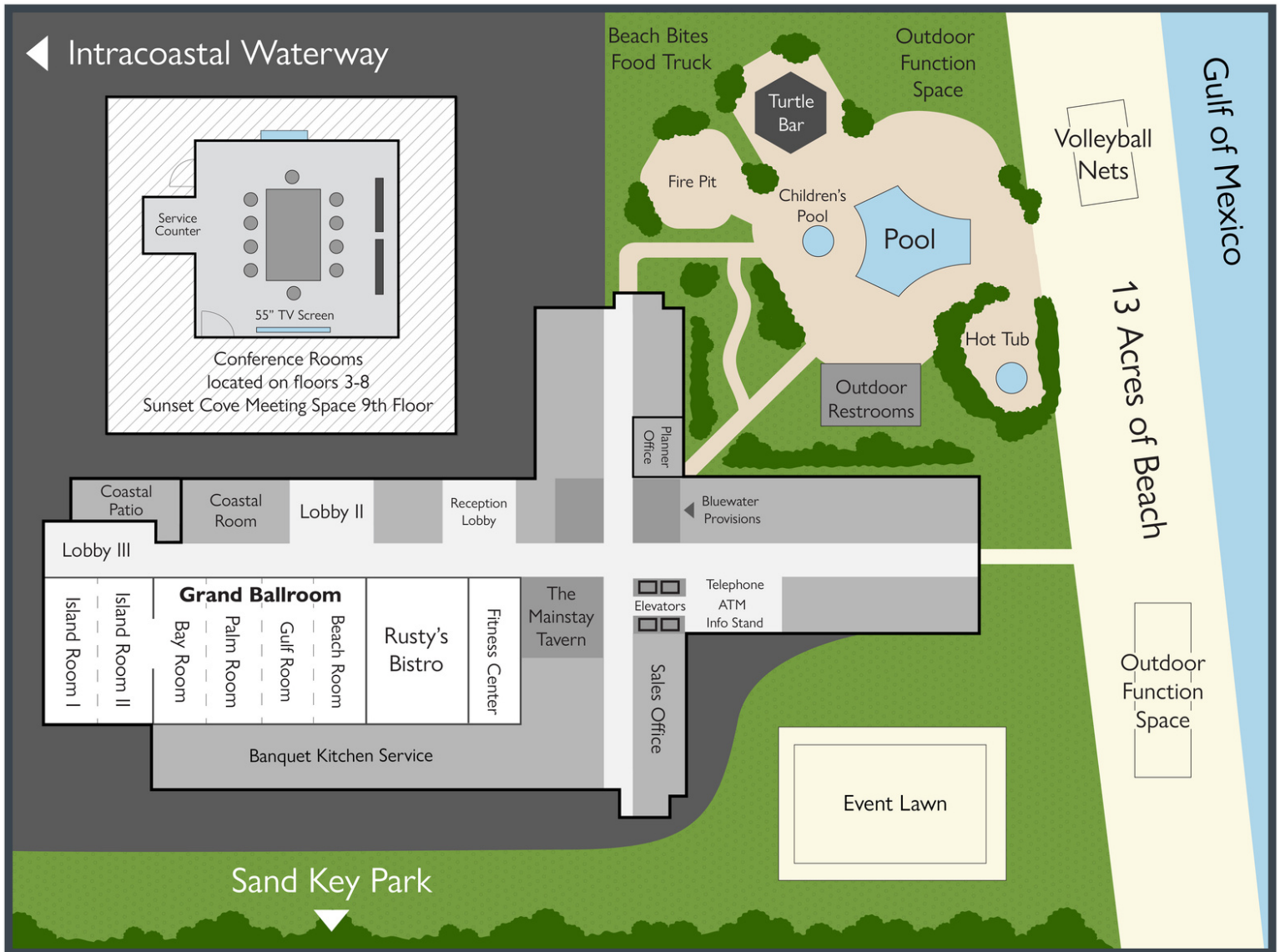
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Special Thanks

A special shout out to our 2025 Conference Team:

Karan Hiester, *Conference Coordinator*
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Renie Roach, *Awards*
Arleen Lambert, *Sunday Meeting*

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Pre-Conference Agenda

Wednesday, June 25

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

ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1)

Lois Kendrick

SUNDIAL

Passionate about guiding and empowering others? Join the first part of the 12-hour Florida peer M.E.N.T.O.R. Program! Become equipped to **M**entor, **E**ducate, **N**urture, **T**rain, **O**bserve and **R**ole Model. **Applicants must be accepted into the program prior to attending this class.**

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Family Child Care CEO: Changing & Defining Your Narrative

Jerletha McDonald

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Join us and be empowered as family child care CEOs to control your narrative and amplify your voice in early childhood education. Learn strategies to highlight your contributions, challenge misconceptions, and advocate using effective storytelling, branding, and tools to reshape public perception and elevate the field of family child care.

Thursday, June 26

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

Mentor I Certification (Part 2)

Lois Kendrick

SUNDIAL

This is the second part of ME! Mentoring Essentials.

Author Study, Story Time, and Activities *based on Mo Willems*

Dawn Espinoza

COQUINA

Mo Willems is best known for his #1 New York Times bestselling picture books, which have been awarded three Caldecott Honors (*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*; *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* and more). Join us to read, share, and discover activities to implement in your own early learning environments.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Strategies for Sensory, Behavioral, and Academic Success

Janis Nakagama

BAY

Caring for children with sensory, behavioral, physical, or academic challenges? This presentation is for you! Join us for valuable tools and strategies to positively impact their lives.

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

Creating a Responsive Classroom with Leo Leonni's Picture Books

Dawn Espinoza

COQUINA

Join us to explore how to create a responsive preschool classroom by integrating Leo Leonni's picture books into your morning circle experiences and daily lesson plans.

Full Conference Agenda

Thursday, June 26

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Opening Welcome Ceremony (*Apertura de Ceremonia*)

Guest: Music with Mar

Hall of Fame Awards

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration (*Registración*)

Exhibit Hall Open (*Exhibiciones Abiertas*)

Friday, June 27

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

Registration (*Registración*)

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

Concurrent Workshops (*Talleres Concurridos*)

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

All Conference Luncheon Buffet & Awards (*Almuerzo, Conferencista y Galardones*)

Keynotes: Cari Miller, Courtney Smith, and Marica Cox Mitchell

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops (*Talleres Concurridos*)

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

Exhibit Hall Open (*Exhibiciones Abiertas*)

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

Saturday, June 28

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

Registration (*Registración*)

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

General Opening Session (*Sesión General de Apertura*)

Keynote: Jerletha McDonald

Accredited Provider Recognition (*Reconocimiento de proveedores acreditados*)

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

Exhibit Hall Open (*Exhibiciones Abiertas*)

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

Concurrent Workshops (*Talleres Concurridos*)

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

Lunch on Your Own (*Tiempo libre para almorzar*)

Beach Bites Food Truck

Mainstay Tavern and Blue Waters grab & go with seating in Exhibit Hall

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

Concilio Latino

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

General Closing Session (*Sesión General de Clausura*)

Keynote: Dr. Kimberly Johnson

Grand Prizes & Evaluations (*Premios y Evaluaciones*)

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

Provider Celebration (*Celebración para Proveedoras*)

Fun & Dancing with **DJ-D1** at the **Masquerade Ball** (*Baile de Máscaras*)

Children permitted 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Adults only after 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 29

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

General Session (*Sesión General*)

Annual General Meeting (*Reunión Anual General*)

Keynote: Eboni Delaney & Panel (Christina Brown & Quiara Brown) with special showing of "We are Family Child Care"

Breakfast for Registered Attendees Only. (*Desayuno solo para asistentes registrados*)

Full Board Installation (*Instalación de los Miembros del Comité*)

More Prizes! (*¡Mas Premios!*)

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Wendy Corso-Ruud



SESSION 1 8:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

1. Teaching with Child Development in Mind

Rebecca Gonzalez & Jamie Harmon

COASTAL

This session introduces the Foundations of Child Development, helping educators design engaging, developmentally appropriate learning experiences. Using Florida's Early Learning Roadmap, it highlights the role of milestones, competencies, and standards in effective instructional planning.

2. Let's Look Into Large Family Child Care

Karan Hiester

BEACH

Let's discuss what it takes to expand to a large family child care program. We will learn the pros and cons of expanding, prepare for what it takes to have an employee and be ready for IRS obligations.

3. Transforming Early Education Together

Audia Bradwell & Aimee Kowalczyk

GULF

This interactive workshop helps educators strengthen family engagement using effective communication and the Division of Early Learning's resources. Learn about Florida's Early Learning Standards, Ages & Stages screening, overcoming engagement barriers, early intervention, and support from the Child Care Resource and Referral program.

4. The Language of CLASS - Promoting Instructional Support in the Preschool Classroom

Kathy Moss & Lexi Langieri

PALM

This session provides knowledge of resources and helpful strategies that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (FELDS), encourage teacher-child interactions and helps educators identify ways to improve their instructional practices.

5. From Sounds to Sentences

Heather Sargent & Ana Roa

BAY

Participants will learn about evidence-based research and implementation strategies aimed at enhancing emergent literacy instruction throughout the preschool day.

6. Abordando los 10 principales retos del licenciamiento en el cuidado infantil

Matilde Huapilla

COQUINA ESPAÑOL

Acompáñanos mientras la Oficina de Licencias explora las 10 violaciones más comunes en hogares de cuidado infantil. Descubre estrategias prácticas, aclara dudas sobre requisitos y aprende cómo crear un ambiente más seguro y exitoso para los niños. ¡Una sesión clave para ti como proveedor comprometido!

7. Reach for the Stars Using FAST Star Early Literacy

Kristine Parker & Olivia Giusti

SUNDIAL

This engaging and interactive presentation will support educators in how to use FAST Star Early Literacy data to intentionally provide literacy instruction that meets students where they are and help them reach for the stars. DEL will review key reports and show how to connect data, FELDS, and existing DEL resources to support instruction.

8. Setting Up a Safe Environment for Infants and Toddlers

Odalís Gonzalez

CARDITA

Join us to explore how to create safe, engaging spaces for infants and toddlers—indoors and out! This workshop gives caregivers practical tools to support exploration, learning, and development while reducing risks. Build environments where little ones can truly thrive!

9. Intentional Routines and Activities

Rometha Preseley

CONCH

Discover how intentional planning of routines and activities supports a smooth day, reduces challenging behaviors, and meets each child's needs. Learn how these strategies align with the CLASS framework and enhance daily interactions to create a more effective and nurturing classroom environment.



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SESSION 2 9:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

10. Enhancing Pre-K with Executive Functioning

Jamie Harmon & Rachel Chastain-Gross

COASTAL

This session explores how Pre-K teachers can use executive function skills to enhance their teaching and model positive behaviors. By embedding these skills into routines and interactions, educators create more structured, engaging, and supportive learning environments for young children.

11. Let's Give Them Something to Talk About

Ana Roa & Heather Sargent

BAY

Participants will be learn about the connection between the PreK CLASS Instructional Support Domain to the FELDS Oral Language and Vocabulary Components.

12. The Power of Pause

La Tonya Richardson

COQUINA

Empower providers to embrace the power of taking intentional pauses to care for themselves, replenish their energy, and maintain a balanced and fulfilling life through engaging and interactive activities.

13. How Much Busy-Ness is in Your Child Care Business?

Cedric Joseph

SUNDIAL

Running a child care center is challenging—sign-ins, reports, meals, records, and more—all while managing staff and parents. Created by a provider who understands your needs, SwaddleCares simplifies daily tasks so you can focus on families. Affordable and effective, this app helps you manage and grow your business with ease.

14. Gardening with Young Children

Dairelis Rodriguez

CARDITA

This hands-on gardening workshop introduces children to nature through planting and exploring the plant life cycle. Kids will learn about seeds, composting, insect care, and how to nurture plants while having fun. Activities promote healthy food choices and a love for the environment. Plant giveaways included!

15. Our Children Have Rights Overview: Child Custody & Co-Parenting, Statewide Nonprofit

Jake Hornstein

CONCH

Our Children Have Rights helps parents achieve successful child custody & co-parenting strategies, at no cost to the family. This workshop covers what we do and how. We cover The Role of Childcare and the needs we encounter most among co-parents.



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Your input helps us create an even better conference next year.

Friday



Saturday



Sunday



Finish your evaluations through the QR codes after Session 10 for a chance to **win \$100!**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**16. State and National Family Child Care Updates****Cari Miller, Courtney Smith, Marica Cox Mitchell**

GRAND BALLROOM TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Family Child Care Educators are essential to the stability of our workforce, economy and early education. Hear the latest information from our state licensing and education leaders and our national professional organization. Making connections and building relationships are key to the beginnings of early learning success and to the stability and future of our statewide and national family child care community.

17. Implementing Language Modeling**Faith Heimowitz**

COASTAL

Let's explore language development through the ages and stages of children! Review CLASS Dimensions for Infant, Toddler, and Preschool tools, and get practical tips to boost language modeling skills for all children in your classroom. Build confidence and support effective communication every day.

18. Incorporando la Salud Socio Emotional en Nuestra Rutina**Betty Aguiar-Perez**

BAY ESPAÑOL

Únase a una comunidad diversa para explorar y compartir herramientas que fomentan la autoconciencia, el autocuidado y la conexión con la naturaleza, promoviendo el bienestar. Aprenda a crear cambios positivos, reducir el estrés y practicar actividades que integran mente y cuerpo para una vida equilibrada.

19. Family Child Care: A Vehicle for Economic Mobility**Jerletha McDonald**

COQUINA

This session explores how family child care drives financial independence and economic mobility for educators, families, and communities. Learn how family child care CEOs foster entrepreneurship, job creation, and wealth-building, with strategies to strengthen business sustainability and create generational economic opportunities.

20. Self-Care in a Snap**Jamie Ward**

SUNDIAL

Life's stress can sneak up anytime. This session explores how stress affects us and what true self-care means beyond bubble baths. Create a personalized Emergency Self-Care Plan with quick, practical strategies to manage overwhelming moments, recharge, refocus, and keep moving forward with confidence and calm.

21. Rhyme, Rhythm, and Reading**Valorie Wilkerson**

CARDITA

Strengthen Language-Rich Environments: Train providers to create environments that actively promote language acquisition and literacy through meaningful interactions and materials.

22. To Screen and Assess Children or Not?**Carrie Russie & Lisette Levy**

CONCH

This workshop will provide an overview of screening and assessment and how they provide valuable information about each child's interests, strengths and needs.

23. VPK Accountability Improvement Plan**Cassandra Jackson & Kristine Parker**

SUNDIAL

Participants will receive current accountability information and requirements pertaining to the performance metric and designation, providers on probation and the implementation of an approved curriculum and staff development plan.

24. From Tumbles to Troubles: Insurance Insights**Matt Ostrander**

CARDITA

Our seminar helps child care centers manage risk by identifying hazards, planning for emergencies, training staff, and using insurance to reduce liability. Learn to create a risk management plan, stay compliant, and protect your business, staff, and children from unexpected events.

25. GTE Business Banking**Kenricia Mercer**

CONCH

Whether you are hoping to elevate your financial knowledge or improve the way you make financial decisions, this robust, interactive workshop will provide the right tools that can lead to a healthier and more sound financial future. Let's find out how GTE can help your program excel.

SESSION 5 3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

26. Inclusión y Diversidad en el Cuidado Infantil

Vilma Williams

COASTAL ESPAÑOL

Los participantes explorarán estrategias para planificar la participación de partes interesadas de forma culturalmente receptiva e inclusiva. Aprenderán a respetar diferencias, valorar fortalezas y fomentar la colaboración para apoyar a niños de diversas culturas, etnias y habilidades en entornos de aprendizaje en el hogar.

27. Social Emotional Wellness in Daily Routines

Betty Aguiar-Perez

BEACH

Join a diverse community of learners to explore tools and activities that foster self-awareness, self-care, and a deeper connection to nature. Discover strategies to reduce stress, create positive change, and engage in mind-body practices that support overall well-being and a more balanced, fulfilling life.

28. Jeopardy: Florida's Early Learning Roadmap Edition

Varnessa McCray

GULF

Join this interactive workshop for an overview of Florida's Early Learning Roadmap and a fun game of Jeopardy! Explore how families, educators, and providers can shape a secure future for young learners. Discover how the Roadmap unites voices across Florida to inform, inspire, and drive positive change in early learning.

29. Building Strong Family Engagement

Jamie Ward

PALM

Explore what real family engagement looks like and why it matters. Learn strategies to build strong relationships, encourage communication, and foster trust. Discover the Café Model Approach—a simple way to bring families together for reflection, connection, and peer support.

30. The Institute of Excellence in Early Care

Raquel Gary & Luisa Brennon

BAY

We support early childhood educators with tools for success in higher education and personal growth. Learn about Palm Beach County's SEEK Scholarship, Life Skills Coaching, and Micro-Credential incentives. Even if you're outside the county, join us to explore how these services could benefit your area too!

31. School Readiness Developmental Screening

Lisette Levy & Carrie Russie

COQUINA

This workshop reviews compliance requirements for developmental screenings of School Readiness children. Participants will learn about the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), the referral process, common questions, and available training and technical assistance to support effective screenings and referrals.

32. The 5 Misconceptions of CLASS

Soarve O'Neal

SUNDIAL

CLASS isn't just open-ended questions. Is the tool subjective? Are quality feedback and concept development the same? Many early educators face misconceptions about CLASS. It takes time and effort to get comfortable. Let's discuss and clarify the 5 most common CLASS misconceptions educators encounter.

33. Funding Quality: Where the Money Resides

Valorie Wilkerson

CARDITA

This training equips Family Child Care professionals with tools to diversify services, adjust pricing models, and meet family needs. Learn strategies to stay competitive, attract more clients, and align offerings with market demands—helping your business grow and thrive in today's evolving child care landscape.

34. Do You Have Time for a Mighty Minute?

Dawn Espinoza & Samantha Dominguez

CONCH

Infant and toddler teachers love Mighty Minutes—quick, fun activities using songs, rhymes, and games to turn everyday moments into learning opportunities. These tools support development, ease transitions, and build strong connections. Join us for a hands-on, engaging workshop full of ideas you can use right away!

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Trainings and Full Board Meetings August 16 and November 2025. 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.

One Goal Summer Conference July 16-18, 2025. Tampa, FL. For more information, visit www.onegoalsummerconference.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

35. The Becoming of Family Child Care: Through Evolution, Elevation & Innovation

Jerletha McDonald

GRAND BALLROOM TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Explore the evolution of family child care and its vital role in early education. Learn how family child care CEOs lead, advocate, and innovate to grow their programs. This session empowers educators to reimagine themselves as entrepreneurs and change makers shaping the future of early childhood education.



36. Mindfulness in Motion

Cindy Krosky

COASTAL

Discover practical mindfulness tools for family child care providers to reduce stress, stay present, and find balance. Learn simple techniques to build emotional resilience, improve focus, and strengthen bonds with children—creating a calm, supportive environment while managing the many roles of caregiving and running a business.

37. Today I Think I'll T.E.A.C.H

Dr. Kimberly Johnson

BEACH

Join Dr. Kimberly Johnson in this interactive session focused on intentional strategies to build strong academic and personal connections. Learn creative ways to boost resilience, communication, and teamwork. Leave inspired to be a positive coach for families and co-workers while strengthening your teaching approach and relationships.

38. La Ciencia en mi Aula para Todas las Edades

Maria Carillo & Ariel Carillo

GULF ESPAÑOL

Proporcionaremos recursos educativos y atractivos de ciencias que inspiren a los estudiantes a crecer e impactar su mundo. Las herramientas educativas están diseñadas para impartir habilidades esenciales para la vida a los niños a través de actividades científicas prácticas.

39. Calm is as Easy as A.B.C!

Karetta Roundtree

CONCH

Learn the ABC approach—Yoga and Mindfulness for Calm Transitions—plus de-escalation strategies. Teach children calming tools to manage stress, transitions, and meltdowns, promoting self-regulation and calmness when it matters most. Practical techniques to support emotional balance in young learners.

40. Bouncing Off the Walls

Tai Cole & Keshia Jenkins

PALM

Preschoolers today face mounting challenges—from disasters to the pandemic—impacting their mental health. With limited access to care, schools often serve as the only support. Rebound & Recovery uses CBT to equip educators with tools to help children manage emotions and behaviors, bridging critical gaps in early mental health care.

41. Wealth Building and Asset Protection

Tonya Frost Daniley

BAY

Wealth building and asset protection concepts that procreate financial literacy, independence and generational affluence.

42. I'm Trying to Tell You Something!

Soarve O'Neal

COQUINA

Why is it important to understand children's behaviors? All behavior is a form of communication and has meaning. Children give us cues to help us understand what they want to communicate long before they have words.

43. Vision in Action: Building a Better Business

Cynthia Robinson-Brown & Tasheba Berry

SUNDIAL

This hands-on workshop helps family childcare owners reconnect with their "why" by creating personalized vision boards. Align your daily work with your business goals and mindset to thrive. Walk away with clarity, purpose, and practical steps to turn your inspiration into action and build a successful future.

44. Family Involvement, Events and Drama Programs

Svitlana Uniyat

CARDITA

Explore various forms of family involvement and how to organize successful events, programs, and activities. Learn creative ideas like children's drama to enrich family child care, boost child development, strengthen family-program relationships, and engage communities for a more connected early learning environment.



45. Let's Take It Outside

Karla Sotelo-Blanco & Kathy Moss

COASTAL

This interactive session inspires preschool educators to use natural materials and nature-based experiences to boost language, vocabulary, curiosity, and problem-solving. Learn how to support the Language and Literacy domain of the FELDS through nature-based inquiry and practical, engaging strategies.

46. Brain-Body Movements for Learning

Janis Nakagama

BEACH

Unlock the power of movement to boost focus, memory, and motor skills. Learn easy, research-based techniques to support all learners—even those with learning challenges. Walk away with practical tools you can use right away.

47. Brain Science & You: You Make a Difference

Thomas Rector & Frances Myer

GULF

Explore how neuroscience connects to children's behavior and development in this workshop. Learn how to apply brain science to your daily choices as a family child care provider, build strong foundations for children, and foster positive communication with the families you serve.

48. Compliance Made Easy: Licensing Challenges

Hannah McGlothlin

PALM

The Office of Licensing will explore the top 10 child care licensing violations, review related requirements, and share practical strategies for compliance. Attendees will gain insights into regulatory standards and learn how to create safer, more effective environments. A must-attend for anyone in child care operations.

49. Healing Hearts & Minds

Maryann "Mar." Harman

BAY

Unfortunately, many children have already experienced trauma. Giving them ways to cope in the early years can help reduce the impact of high ACEs scores. Music is one of the best tools to share. Songs can affect the brain emotionally, physically and cognitively. Whether you're happy or sad, grateful or mad, music will help your brain deal with the feeling. Enjoy learning songs with Mar. that can direct your brain to where you'd like to mentally be. And, it does the same thing for adults!

50. Tiny Steps, Big Impact: Building Brighter Futures

Tameka Harris

COQUINA

Led by educator and author Tameka Harris, this workshop offers practical ways to build literacy at home or in the classroom, boost confidence and connection, and highlight the lifelong impact of early learning. Whether you're a parent or caregiver, you'll leave inspired to make every small step count toward a brighter future.

51. Professionalism and Business Mindset

Jerletha McDonald

SUNDIAL

This session empowers family child care CEOs with tools and mindsets for professional, sustainable success. Explore key business practices, leadership strategies, and the value of viewing child care as a business. Learn how professionalism drives growth in daily operations, finances, and community engagement.

52. Haz Más con Menos: Marketing para Impulsar su Negocio

Sarai Marquez

CARDITA ESPAÑOL

Aprende a promocionar tu negocio y atraer más clientes usando herramientas gratuitas y de bajo costo. Te mostraremos cómo organizar tus tareas, automatizar procesos y usar redes sociales y apps para crecer sin complicaciones ni grandes inversiones.

53. Discovering Montessori - Part 1

Fariha Zuberi

CONCH

Discover the Montessori method, a hands-on, sensory-based approach developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. This session guides Family Child Care providers in using Montessori materials and presenting lessons to foster children's natural desire to learn. Embrace a philosophy that inspires curiosity and independence in young learners.

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Want to stay in the know about all things early childhood education in family home child care?

Follow us to connect with fellow providers, advocates, and stay informed with the latest updates, resources, and conversations.



54. Nurturing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Home-Based Settings

Bisa Batten Lewis & Marie Masterson

COASTAL

Participants will explore strategies for culturally responsive, inclusive stakeholder engagement to support children of diverse cultures, ethnicities, and abilities. Family child care educators and advocates will learn to respect differences, build on strengths, and foster collaboration for positive impact in home-based learning.

CONCILIO LATINO

55. De Proveedora a Líder

Saraí Marquez

BEACH ESPAÑOL



Explora cómo transformar tu rol de proveedora de cuidado infantil en el de una líder social. Este taller te ayudará a alinear tu trabajo diario con un propósito mayor: representar y elevar a tu comunidad en espacios más amplios, generando impacto más allá del entorno del hogar.

56. Exploring High-Level Professional Learning and Compensation Opportunities

Kiki Peters & Lisa Adams

GULF

This interactive workshop explores the TEACH Scholarship and INCENTIVES Program, focusing on how they support educator growth and compensation. Learn how education and pay impact child outcomes, and discover advocacy efforts aimed at improving quality care and supporting early childhood professionals and the children they serve.

57. Navigating Advocacy

Lynn Gibson

PALM

Learn how to advocate for needed changes in Tallahassee to keep child care providers in business and children safe. Understand the process, your role, and how advocacy ensures voices are heard and rights upheld. Discover how providers can drive change through education, policy, and community engagement.

58. Tapping Those Tiny Toes

Maryann Harman

BAY

Toddlers love music, but they need age-appropriate songs and materials. Join this fun workshop to learn original songs written just for toddlers—many for Kaplan and Dr. Becky Bailey. Explore engaging, developmentally appropriate music activities and discover how they support toddler growth and development.

59. Unlock the Path to Gold Seal Accreditation

Arleen Lambert

COQUINA

Feeling overwhelmed by accreditation? Learn how to boost your income by up to 20% with Florida's Gold Seal. This session introduces the GPS Framework—a step-by-step system tailored for family child care providers. Explore five pillars of quality to elevate your program and meet Gold Seal standards with confidence and clarity.

60. Rhythms and Rhymes for Growing Minds

Valorie Wilkerson

SUNDIAL

This engaging training equips family child care providers with tools to support language and literacy development. Learn how children acquire language, support multilingual learners, and create rich learning environments. Gain practical strategies to strengthen family partnerships and foster lifelong literacy skills in young children.

61. Just Talk to Me

Zoe Turner

CARDITA

This workshop empowers early educators to boost language development in young children. Led by a former speech clinician and early intervention specialist, it highlights the vital role of early communication in brain development and offers practical tips to help you “Just Talk” to your little ones with purpose and confidence.

62. Discovering Montessori - Part 2

Fariha Zuberi

CONCH

Explore the child's work cycle and key elements of the Montessori classroom in this insightful session. Discover how purposeful work supports development, guided by Dr. Maria Montessori's belief that “man must work in order to develop.” Learn how hands-on activity fuels growth and learning in early childhood.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

63. Moving F.O.R.W.A.R.D.

Toward Success

Dr. Kimberly Johnson

GRAND BALLROOM TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL



Join this energizing keynote with Dr. Kimberly Johnson to rediscover the power of self-talk and resilience. In challenging times, educators and leaders must keep moving forward. This session offers a space to recharge, refocus, and reignite your passion—personally and professionally. Come ready to listen, laugh, and LIVE!

NIGHT EVENTS

2025 PROVIDER CELEBRATION

Masquerade Ball

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Come dressed in your best cocktail attire and mask for a night full of dancing, networking, and fun as we celebrate our family child care home providers!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

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9:00 A.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

64. We Are Family Child Care – A Story of Strength, Community, and Legacy

Eboni Delaney & Panel (Christina Brown and Quiara Brown)

GRAND BALLROOM TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

The We Are Family Child Care documentary is a powerful testament to the strength, resilience, and leadership of family child care educators across the country. Produced by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), this nationally recognized film brings to light the lived experiences of home-based educators who are often unseen yet are central to the lives of children, families, and communities.

In this special screening and conversation, we'll hear directly from featured educators Christina Brown and Quiara Brown, two family child care professionals whose voices anchor the film with clarity and truth. The post-screening discussion will be led by Eboni Delaney, NAFCC's Assistant Director of Narrative and Movement Building, who will guide a dialogue on the power of storytelling, the urgent need for visibility, and what it means to lead with care.



10:00 A.M.

FFCCHA Annual
General Meeting
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
& GUESTS

10:30 A.M.

Installation Ceremony
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10:45 A.M.

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S. 2 9:45 - 11:00	10 Executive Functioning Harmon	Visit the Exhibit Hall See Conference Announcements on Page 6!			11 Something to Talk Roa	12 The Power of Pause Richardson	13 Busy-Ness in Your Business Joseph	14 Gardening Rodriguez	15 Children Have Rights Hornstein
S. 3 11:30 - 1:30	Traducción en español para todas sesiones generales	16 State and National Family Child Care Updates Cari Miller, Courtney Smith and Marica Mitchell <i>General Session & Award Luncheon</i>				Looking for a place to sit? Visit our Exhibit Hall!			
S. 4 2:00 - 3:15	17 Language Modeling Heimowitz	18 Salud Socio Emotional Aguiar-Perez	19 Economic Mobility McDonald	20 Self-Care in a Snap Ward	21 Rhythm & Reading Wilkerson	22 Screening & Assessment Russie	23 VPK Improvement Jackson	24 Insurance Insights Ostrander	25 Business Banking Mercer
S. 5 3:45 - 5:00	26 Inclusión y Diversidad Williams	27 Social Emotional Wellness Aguiar-Perez	28 Early Learning Roadmap McCray	29 Family Engagement Ward	30 Institute of Excellence Gary	31 Development Screening Levy	32 Misconceptions of CLASS O'Neal	33 Funding Quality Wilkerson	34 Mighty Minutes Espinoza
SAT S. 6 8:00 - 9:30		35 The Becoming of Family Child Care Jerletha McDonald <i>General Session & NAFCC Accredited Provider Recognition</i>				Need Continuing Education Units (CEUs)? See Conference Announcements on Page 6!			
S. 7 10:00 - 11:00	36 Mindfulness in Motion Krosky	37 Today I Think I'll TEACH Dr. Johnson	38 Ciencia en mi Aula Carillo	39 Calm is Easy as A.B.C! Roundtree	40 Bouncing Off Walls Cole	41 Wealth Building Frost Daniley	42 Trying to Tell You Something O'Neal	43 Vision in Action Robinson	44 Family Involvement Uniyat
S. 8 11:30 - 12:30	45 Let's Take It Outside SoteloBlanco	46 Brain-Body Movement Nakagama	47 Brain Science & You Rector	48 Compliance Made Easy McGlothlin	49 Healing Hearts Harman	50 Tiny Steps, Big Impact Harris	51 Professionalism and Business McDonald	52 Haz Más con Menos Marquez	53 Discover Montessori Zuberi
LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30	Lunch on your Own Looking for restaurants around the hotel or a place to grab a quick snack? See Conference Announcements on Page 6!								
S. 9 1:45 - 3:00	54 Nurturing Diversity Batten Lewis	55 De Proveedora a Líder Marquez	56 Learning and Compensation Peters	57 Navigating Advocacy Gibson	58 Tapping Tiny Toes Harman	59 Gold Seal Accreditation Lambert	60 Rhythms and Rhymes Wilkerson	61 Just Talk to Me Turner	62 Discover Montessori Zuberi
S. 10 3:30 - 5:00		63 Moving F.O.R.W.A.R.D Toward Success Dr. Kimberly Johnson <i>General Session & Door Prizes!</i>				Want a chance to win \$100? Complete evaluations on QR Codes from Page 13 after Session 10!			
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SUN S. 11 8:00 - 11:00		64 We Are Family Child Care Eboni Delany & Panel (Christina Brown & Quiara Brown) <i>Attendee Breakfast, General Meeting & Installation of Officers!</i>				Looking for New Content? Follow Us on Social Media!			