

# THE GRAPEVINE

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## President's Message: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Greetings FFCCHA Members,

As we step into 2025, I am filled with excitement and optimism about the opportunities ahead for our family child care community. Together, we are building a brighter future for children, families, and providers across Florida.

This year, our focus is on Professional Growth and Leadership Development. We are proud to introduce an enhanced Professional Development Plan designed to empower our membership with the tools and knowledge to excel in their roles. From hands-on workshops to virtual webinars, these opportunities will cover critical areas such as curriculum development, business strategies, and effective communication.

For our local chapters, we are launching a new Leadership Training Initiative to equip chapter leaders with the skills to inspire, organize, and advocate more effectively within their communities. These trainings will ensure that our chapters remain strong pillars of support and advocacy for family child care providers statewide.

As we grow as an organization, I encourage each of you to consider joining one of the FFCCHA committees. These committees are vital to shaping the future of family child care in Florida and provide a platform for providers to expand their professional reach, collaborate with peers, and contribute to meaningful change. Your voice and expertise are invaluable to our collective success.

This year, I challenge each educator to add something new to your business model that enhances the value of your program. Whether it's integrating STEM activities, offering extended hours, introducing multilingual learning, or adopting sustainable practices, even small changes can make a significant impact. By continually innovating, we ensure our programs remain competitive, dynamic, and attractive to families.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember the power of unity, collaboration, and lifelong learning. FFCCHA is here to support you every step of the way, and I am confident that 2025 will be a year of growth, achievement, and inspiration for us all. Let's make this year extraordinary!

Sincerely,

Arleen Lambert

FFCCHA President



## Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

### ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Saludos miembros de FFCCHA,

Empezando el año 2025, estoy extremadamente entusiasmada y optimista sobre las oportunidades que nos acerca a nuestra comunidad de cuidado familiar. Juntos, estamos creando un futuro brillante para nuestros niños, familias, y proveedores atreves del estado de Florida.

Este año, nuestro enfoque está en el crecimiento profesional y el desarrollo del liderazgo. Estamos orgullosas de presentar un plan de desarrollo profesional diseñado para dotar a nuestros miembros con herramientas y conocimiento necesarios para sobresalir en sus funciones. De talleres prácticos hasta seminarios virtuales, estas oportunidades cubrirán áreas críticas como el desarrollo de currículo, estrategias comerciales y la comunicación eficaz.

Para nuestros capítulos locales, estamos lanzando una nueva Iniciativa de capacitación en liderazgo para dotar a los líderes de los capítulos con las habilidades necesarias para inspirar, organizar y defender de manera más eficaz dentro de sus comunidades. Estas capacitaciones garantizarán que nuestros capítulos sigan siendo pilares de apoyo y defensa de los proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar en todo el estado.

Como organización estamos creciendo y animando a cada uno de ustedes a que consideren unirse a uno de los comités de FFCCHA. Estos comités son vitales para dar forma al futuro del cuidado infantil familiar en Florida y brindan una plataforma para que los proveedores amplíen su alcance profesional, colaboren con sus pares y contribuyan a un cambio significativo. Su voz y su experiencia son invaluable para nuestro éxito colectivo.

Este año, reto a cada educador a agregar algo nuevo a su modelo de negocio que mejore el valor de su programa. Ya sea que se trate de integrar actividades STEM, ofrecer horarios extendidos, introducir aprendizaje multilingüe o adoptar prácticas sustentables, los cambios pequeños pueden tener un impacto significativo. Al innovar consistentemente, garantizamos que nuestros programas sigan siendo competitivos, dinámicos y atractivos para las familias.

Mientras emprendemos este viaje juntos, recordemos el poder de la unidad, la colaboración y el aprendizaje que continúa por vida. FFCCHA está aquí para apoyarlo en cada paso del camino y estoy seguro de que 2025 será un año de crecimiento, logros e inspiración para todos nosotros. ¡Hagamos que este año sea extraordinario!

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, Kisha Ballard** - The FUTURE Project - The Children's Movement
- Angela Perla Almodovar** - MDC Advisory Board, Board Member of: Early Childhood Initiative of America; Early Childhood Training Institution; Mariposas con Propósito
- Annette Eberhart** - FICCIT Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants & Toddlers
- Kisha Ballard** - ERIKSON Institute - Pre-K in FCC
- Lynn Gibson** - Pinellas County License Board FCC 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

**A total of 10 (\$4920) Scholarships were awarded October 1 - December 31, 2024**

**NAFCC New Accreditation:** Joyce Finley, Idella Green, Maria Cristina Herrera, Sheretta Joseph  
**18 month Update:** Alethia Dittren, Naomi Heligar  
**NAFCC Re Accreditation:** Sherry Banks, Kimberly Hubbard, Veronica Mack, Vanessa McDuffie

**New funds are available NOW!  
 FFCCHA now pays the full fee of each credential scholarship!**

When applying for a scholarship, make sure you thoroughly read the scholarship form and send ALL requested documents, as they have changed.

Applications are available NOW! In this issue of The Grapevine or online.

Questions? Contact me at 561-445-7333 or [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com) or [CredentialChair@familychildcare.org](mailto:CredentialChair@familychildcare.org)



**November Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Acting Secretary

The November 9, 2024, Full Board Meeting was held at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee. Prior to the meeting we had the **"There's No 'I' in Team!"** training presented by Patricia Dischler, co-founder of Family Child Care Experts. During the training, we had team building exercises that were fun, entertaining, and enlightening.

The meeting began at 3:33pm with 31 attendees, including 8 first-time attendees. Motions approved: **Renie Roach as Treasurer and Kisha Ballard as Membership Officer**, to start immediately for current term. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.



SAVE THE DATE!

**NAFCC National Conference 2025**

**Bigger, Better, Bolder: A New Legacy for FCC!**

Dallas, TX July 31-Aug 2, 2025



**Events Calendar 2025**  
January 2025 - November 2025

\*Start planning NOW for FFCCHA June 2025 conference –  
Make your hotel reservations! They sell out EVERY year!

FFCCHA current OPEN Board Applications to START NOW:  
Secretary and OPEN Area Reps and Chair positions

Apply NOW for FFCCHA Board Positions and Odd number Area  
Reps to start in July 2025: President, Vice President, Area Rep  
Coordinator, Fundraising, Legislative Liaison, Latino Liaison.

Applications are available at [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) on  
the “Forms” page under Resources or contact:  
Nomination Chair, Mayra Marquez.

E-mail: [MMlatinoliason@gmail.com](mailto:MMlatinoliason@gmail.com): 407-452-2967

**February**

- 1 FFCCHA Virtual training and Full Board Meeting
- 8 In-person Training for Accredited Mentors, Orlando
- 17 Deadline - April FFCCHA newsletter

**March**

- 4 Florida Legislative Session starts
- 10 Deadline - Parent Choice Awards
- 12 FFCCHA Virtual ZOOM Training
- 15 Deadline - Apply for Board Positions: EC and Odd #Reps
- 20 Deadline - Accredited Provider/Program of the Year
- 25 Deadline - Reserve Hotel for Training April 26
- 25 Deadline - Conference workshop proposals
- 30 Deadline - Essay Awards

**April**

- 14-16 Children’s Week, Tallahassee
- 26 FFCCHA Training and Full Board Meeting in-person
- 30 Deadline - Volunteer Scholarships Early Bird Deadline

**May**

- 1 Florida Legislative Season ends
- 5 Deadline - Photo contest
- 9 National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day
- 17 Deadline - July FFCCHA newsletter
- 26 Deadline - Conference Hotel Group Rate and  
Early Bird Deadline for Conference Registration

**June**

- 25-29 FFCCHA Conference, Clearwater
- 29 FFCCHA Annual meeting at conference

**July**

- 16-18 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa

**July-Aug**

- 31-2 NAFCC 2025 Conference, Dallas, TX

**August**

- 16 FFCCHA Virtual Training and Full Board Meeting
- 17 Deadline - October FFCCHA Newsletter

**September**

- TBA EC Leadership Development

**October**

- 16-19 FLAEYC conference, Omni Hotel, Orlando

**November**

- TBA FFCCHA Leadership Summit,  
Kissimmee
- 19-22 NAEYC Conference,  
Orlando, FL



**Winter Membership News**

Joselly Santos, FFCCHA Operation Manager

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

**Congratulations to our  
Chapter Membership Drive Winners!!**

*Palm Beach FCCA (October)*

*Palm Beach FCCA (November)*

Asociación Profesional de Cuidado Infantil Domiciliario -  
APCID (Dec)

Heart to Heart CCA (January)

**Important Membership Platform Update!**



Dear FFCCHA Members,

We're excited to announce that our new **Join It**  
membership system is now LIVE!

What to Expect:

- Over the next few weeks, you'll receive a welcome email with instructions to create your account.
- Please log in and follow the prompts to set up your member profile
- Members are being added to the system in phases for a smooth transition

**Important Note:** Don't worry if you haven't received your welcome email yet - it's coming! We're carefully phasing in our membership to ensure everyone has a seamless experience.

Thank you for your patience during this transition!

Questions? Contact: [Jsantosffccha@gmail.com](mailto:Jsantosffccha@gmail.com)

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**

We are up to over 1,000 followers  
on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!

[www.facebook.com/FFCCHA](http://www.facebook.com/FFCCHA)  
Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:



**TALK OF THE TOWN**  
**AREA 30/31 - Miami-Dade County**

**Isabel Aguiar**



Isabel was born in Camagüey, Cuba, and currently lives in Miami. From an early age, she showed a deep love for reading and a sincere passion for learning and teaching.

She holds degrees in Psychology and Pedagogy from the University of Havana, as well as Master's degrees in Communication, Child and Adolescent Psychology, and Autism and Developmental Disorders Intervention. Additionally, she has earned both the Staff Credential Verification and the Director Credential. Isabel's career in education has been diverse, including roles as a Psychology Professor in higher education and as a preschool teacher.

One of her most meaningful achievements was founding her own Family Child Care, where she was able to unite her two greatest passions: teaching and her love for children. With 12 years of experience in child care, she has dedicated her career to creating a safe and stimulating environment for children to grow, learn, and develop. Her commitment to the well-being and education of children remains her highest priority.

Isabel has been married for 33 years and has two professional children - one in Art and the other in Psychology - who have blessed her with five grandchildren. Her family is her greatest pride, and being a wife, mother, and grandmother, is a true gift in her life.

In her free time, Isabel enjoys creative projects with her Cricut machine and other crafts, as well as watching TV series or reading a good book.

Isabel's favorite motto in her work with children is, "Try again; you can do it!"

*Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 10 - 17. Submissions must be submitted by February 17, 2025 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!*

**Support FFCCHA**

Danish Williams, Fundraising



**To all FFCCHA members and friends!!**

I hope that everyone's New Year started off with a bang. To begin my year, I attended the (MCI) Miami Children Initiative, great event!

I am still thinking of new fundraising ideas, and I will be sending the fundraising letters out to different companies, to support our Conference in June. Know anyone who could help us out? If you have any ideas, please let me know.

As usual, our FFCCHA fundraising team is asking for you to donate clean (new/gently used) items that you may have at your Child Care for our in-person meetings, as we sell these items to raise money for scholarships.

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**

Sarai Marquez, Latino Liaison

¡Saludos a todos! Entrando en el nuevo año, me gustaría extender bendiciones a ustedes y a sus familias. Me complace anunciar que, a partir de 2025, organizaremos capacitaciones virtuales mensualmente que se adaptarán a las necesidades específicas de su programa.



Complete el siguiente código QR para que yo pueda comprender mejor qué necesidades de desarrollo profesional existen. Como siempre, espero hablar y colaborar con ustedes en el nuevo año. Continúa haciendo el gran trabajo que haces cada día.

Por favor avíseme si hay alguna pregunta o si hay alguna forma en que pueda ayudarlo 407-978-2131



**Public Relations Info**

Having a meeting, workshop, or training session in your area coming up soon? We 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 or contact info@familychildcare.org

**MENTOR News January 2025**

Abbie Bill -- MENTOR Program Chair

**BIG Congratulations to Shandra Warner who is now a Certified Mentor.** Congratulations to the following mentors who have submitted their required paperwork and hours as of December 19th: Maria Carrillo, Melissa Collie, Cynthia Durr, Emilia Massion, and Patricia Williams,

Our 12 hour Mentor Training will be held at our June conference in Clearwater Beach, June 25-26, 2025. Wednesday hours will be 8:00-5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00-Noon. Contact me for an application or if you have any questions.

All family child 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 indoor/outdoor learning 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 aright933@aol.com



**Chapter Rep News**

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator



**Congratulations!**

**Victoria Morgan**  
Chapter Rep of the Quarter  
from HCC Providers of  
Manatee County

We are thrilled about the exciting plans FFCCHA Chapters have in store for this year. As we wrap up another successful quarter, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and hard work.

The success of our association stems from the incredible efforts of the 17 chapters across Florida. Your commitment plays a vital role in helping us provide valuable resources and opportunities for our Family Child Care Home educators. We are excited that an ALACHUA COUNTY group has applied to start up a new chapter! We truly appreciate everything you do and look forward to even greater achievements in the year ahead.

Therefore, my message today is short and simple:

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

– Leo Buscaglia

Thank you for everything you do, and here's to another amazing year with FFCCHA! If you have any questions, or need clarification, please contact me at (305)321-6735

**Area Rep News**

Jennifer Richards, Area Rep Coordinator

**Congratulations!**

**Sonji Mitchell**  
Area Rep of the Quarter  
Area 17



**Thank you for your dedication to family child care!**

FFCCHA wants to thank all Area Reps for doing an excellent job in building positive relationships in their local areas; especially, when I call on them for a special zoom meeting at the last minute, with no one complaining!

I have been attending all FFCCHA board meetings, leadership summit, as well as meeting with the Area Reps and Chapter Reps, and board development trainings with the Chapter Rep Coordinator.

We are currently **looking for Area Representatives** for the following vacant areas: **4,6,11,12,14,15,19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 and 31.** Area rep positions are for 2 years. If you would like more information on job duties please feel free to reach out to me anytime. Anyone can apply at any time for any open area.

If you like working as an advocate in your local community, sharing 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).



### Legislative News

Tasheba Berry

## Advocating in 2025: Amplifying the Voices of Early Educators

As we move into 2025, advocacy remains vital for early educators to ensure our work is recognized and valued. We can drive meaningful change for children, families, and our profession by sharing stories, presenting solutions, and influencing policies.

### Key Advocacy Priorities

- **Equitable Compensation:** Push for fair wages that reflect the value of our work.
- **Quality Training:** Advocate for accessible professional development to enhance teaching practices.
- **Inclusive Practices:** Support DEI policies and training for equitable learning environments.
- **Family Engagement:** Promote initiatives that strengthen educator-family partnerships.

### Effective Advocacy Tips

- **Tell Your Story:** Share your experiences to shed light on the realities of early education.
- **Build Connections:** Engage with advocacy groups, policymakers, and community leaders.
- **Use Data:** Pair your stories with compelling statistics to demonstrate impact.
- **Leverage Technology:** Amplify your voice through social media and digital campaigns.

### Join Us for Advocacy Meetings!

Connect with fellow educators, share ideas, and strategize for impactful change at our Advocacy Meetings. These meetings provide a platform to collaborate, share resources, and stay informed about the latest advocacy opportunities. Together, we can amplify our voices and create a brighter future for early childhood education.



Your voice matters—advocate today!

### FFCCHA Happenings

Trainings, Workshops, and Fun, Oh My!!



**FLAEYC Conf**  
FFCCHA Exhibit Table at Conference



FFCCHA Professional Development
ZOOM VIRTUAL TRAINING
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Training Registration Fee: \$40 (\$30 scholarships available)
FFCCHA members Pay only \$10 (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers)

Online Payments are available!

https://familychildcare.org/product-category/virtual-in-service-training/

OR make check payable to FFCCHA, Inc.

Please submit this completed form with payment to: FFCCHA
9207 Edgemont Lane
Boca Raton, FL 33434

Questions? Call 813-493-0828

Email form to training@familychildcare.org

Deadline: Form must be received by March 10, 2025.

NOTE: Payments received after this date will increase to \$45.

Registration form with fields for Name, Address, City, Zip, County, Phone #, Other Phone #, E-mail Address, and Chapter.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE, YOU MUST SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM, BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE TRAINING SESSION, and SUBMIT ONLINE EVALUATION after training. https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/workshop-evaluation/

PLEASE NOTE: Arrive as early as 5:45 pm to sign in. Training starts promptly at 6:00 pm!

Class Domains and Dimensions: Enhancing Teaching Practices Through Effective Observation

Presenter: Twyla Hartz, Program Quality Specialist, with expertise in coaching & CLASS observations. 2 hours

This training will explore the CLASS observation tool in-depth, focusing on the key domains for infants, toddlers, and pre-K classrooms. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how concept development supports teacher-child interactions and higher-order thinking skills across all age groups.

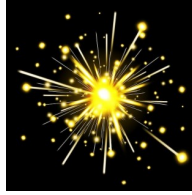
Note: If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training: contact Annette Eberhart at least 2 weeks prior to the training date at 813-493-0828 between 9 am-5 pm Monday - Friday.

The deadline is March 10, 2025. NO refunds after the deadline. If you do not attend this training, the fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person.

**FFCCHA Conference THEME Contest**  
Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Saturday Night Coordinator

**Hey ALL!! Can you guess what the Saturday Night Conference Party THEME will be?**

The person to correctly guess the theme first (no cheating now!), will receive a special surprise from me!



**FIRST CLUE:**

*Glitter and Glam, Sparkle and Shine, and Feathers Everywhere!*

*Let your colors be bright, on Saturday Night, let's party like we just don't care!*

*Planning's just begun, we're gonna have such fun, as we come together to SHINE, Join with your friends, good times never end, we're going to have a really great time!*

Send me **YOUR GUESS**, at [vicepresident@familychildcare.org](mailto:vicepresident@familychildcare.org)



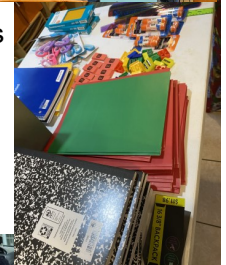
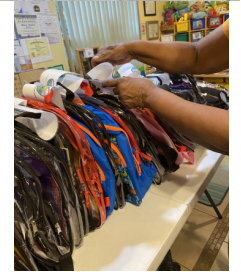
**Chapter in the News**

by: Nichola Griffiths-Butts, PBCFCCA President

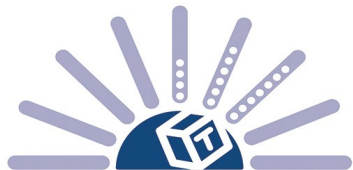
**From PBCFCCA:** We are so excited to inform you that our Back-to-School Giveaway was a huge and resounding success! Thanks to your generous contributions and dedication, we were able to make a meaningful impact on the children in our community.

This year, we provided school supplies to students at Lantana Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Pleasant City Elementary and Westward Elementary just to name a few. We had the opportunity to meet with the principals at all schools, who expressed their deep gratitude for the support we were able to offer to their students. The donations were warmly received, and it was inspiring to witness the difference our efforts made for those children as they begin the school year.

In addition to our school outreach, we also visited Vita Nova Homeless Shelter for Youth. The supplies were distributed to the young residents, providing them with essential tools for their education as well. It was an uplifting experience to see their faces light up with excitement and appreciation.



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





## 2024-2025 FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application



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

**Applying for:**  \$200  \$385  \$615  \$\_\_\_\_\_

- NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Certified Trainer
- NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training
- NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study \$385
- NAFCC New Accreditation: Application \$615
- NAFCC Accreditation: 18-month Update \$200
- NAFCC Re-Accreditation: Application \$615

*Note: \$950/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.*

PLEASE PRINT:

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

Name on Family Child Care License: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

List current leadership roles or participation in FFCCHA: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a full time family child care provider? \_\_\_\_\_

List other child care related experience: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future plans in family child care? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain how receiving this scholarship will benefit you, the children, your parent clients, and/or other providers: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to sign a contract to return the awarded money, if you fail to meet the scholarship purpose within an agreed upon deadline?  Yes  No

Please **submit application via email** (put your name in subject line) **to: credentialchair@familychildcare.org**  
**Include a copy of your current NAFCC Membership Card OR receipt of purchase and copy of your Child Care Home License and 1 letter of recommendation (dated within past 6 mos.) from any of the following: Child Care Agency, Early Learning Coalition, local FFCCHA Chapter, FFCCHA Certified Mentor, parent client from your FCC home, Food Program Sponsor, Training Instructor, Licensing, Community or State College.**

**ALL correspondence is by e-mail, so make sure your email is valid and check it often after applying.**  
**Questions? Please call 561-445-7333, 407-234-3473, or e-mail credentialchair@familychildcare.org**

**Office verification:**  
 Regulation \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Member since \_\_\_\_\_ FFCCHA \_\_\_\_\_ NAFCC \_\_\_\_\_ Application Rev 9-2024

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2025

Executive Committee of Board = 11					
Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email	
President	Arleen Lambert	Miami Gardens	33169	305-793-4011	president@familychildcare.org
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Secretary	<b>Open - Apply Now!</b>				secretary@familychildcare.org
Treasurer	Renie Roach	St Augustine	32092	904-392-5366	treasurer@familychildcare.org
Membership	Kissha Ballard	Orlando	32811	407-616-5082	membership@familychildcare.org
Area Rep Coordinator	Jennifer Richards	Daytona Beach	32114	386-846-9567	areacoordinator@familychildcare.org
Chapter Coordinator	Angela "Perla" Almodovar	Doral	33178	305-321-6735	chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org
Latino Liaison	Sarai Marquez	Kissimmee	34743	407-978-2131	latinoliasion@familychildcare.org
Professional Development	Annette Eberhart	Tampa	33612	813-493-0828	training@familychildcare.org
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Interested in serving on the Executive Committee? Contact [nominations@familychildcare.org](mailto:nominations@familychildcare.org)

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Interested in serving as an Area Representative for your county? Contact [arearepcoordinator@familychildcare.org](mailto:arearepcoordinator@familychildcare.org)

18 Chapter Representatives - Full Board					
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7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville	Duval County	Myrna Wright	904-477-2965	Jbear_226@yahoo.com
8,9,13	Putnam County FCC Provider Association	Rotates Cities	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com
12	Marion County FCCH Association	Marion County	Marjorie Wheeler	352-299-7203	marjoriejanae19@gmail.com
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC	Osceola-Orange	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association	Brevard County	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co	Orlando	Stephanie Minus	407-373-3762	elementsofbusiness@gmail.com
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County	Hillsborough County	Cynthia Brown	813-766-4682	robinsontrainingconsultant@yahoo.com
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association	Hillsborough County	Robin Dean	813-205-4432	nanaslearningpost@gmail.com
22	FLEXx Production Southside CCA	Pinellas County	Dorothy Jenkins	727-895-7101	Blueeyes33701@yahoo.com
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc	Pinellas County	Michelle Pugh	727-215-0946	mrp701@aol.com
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29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc	Palm Beach County	Nichola Griffiths-Butts	561-506-4739	nicholagriffiths@yahoo.com
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30,31	APCID of Hialeah	Hialeah	Daysi Mordan	786-797-8684	Daysimordan81x@gmail.com
31	South Florida Home CC Association	Dade County	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	pattersonkelly91@gmail.com
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County	Miami/Dade County	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com

Interested in joining a chapter near you? <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter-memberships>

**Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2025**

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*Passionate about your profession as a family child care provider? Interested in promoting our mission?*

**Apply NOW for Current Vacant AREA REP Positions:**

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](mailto:areacoordinator@familychildcare.org)

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

**Committee Chairs** (non-board positions): Bylaws, Finance, Chapter Dev, Fundraiser, Historian, Parliamentarian, Latino Development, Member Development, and Translation

**Apply NOW for Vacant EXECUTIVE OFFICER Positions to start immediately:** Secretary

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

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

**Applications are available** at [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) on the "Forms" page under Resources or contact:

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

Questions? E-mail: [nominations@familychildcare.org](mailto:nominations@familychildcare.org) OR call: 407-452-2967



**Area in the News**

Multicultural FCCH Assoc Area #17

The Multicultural Family Child Care Home Association from Area 17 in Orange County, attended an informative focus group (lower

left photo) with ELC of OC representing Family Child Care Educators, expanding barriers, and discussing solutions for family child care homes. Also, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, as we marched, we shared flyers to celebrate bringing awareness of FFCCHA and let people know of our FFCCHA Annual Conference coming up in June.





**2025 Parent Choice Award**

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

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

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 10, 2025**

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

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

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

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

Parents – Please submit an essay of 300 words or less titled:

**My Provider is Outstanding...** (Describe in detail)

Note: The Parent Choice Award is given to **3 outstanding FFCCHA provider members** nominated by a parent. The winners will be recognized at the FFCCHA Conference Luncheon on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Each winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort during the 2025 FFCCHA conference in June. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We also encourage the provider to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Parent Submitting Essay (Print) First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**2025 Outstanding Accredited Provider Award**

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to: FFCCHA Accredited Award**

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 20, 2025**

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

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

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

**NAFCC Accredited Providers: Apply for an Award!**

Please submit an essay of 300 words or less titled: (Essay must be written by the Provider.)

**My Accredited Program is Outstanding...** (Describe in detail aspects of your program)

Note: The Outstanding Accredited Provider Award is given to one FFCCHA provider chapter member currently accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The winner will be recognized at the FFCCHA conference. The winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, during the 2025 FFCCHA conference in June. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We encourage you to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years a member: \_\_\_\_\_

# of years NAFCC Accredited: \_\_\_\_\_ Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: Membership verification/expiration \_\_\_\_\_ FFCCHA chapter \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ NAFCC \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ NAFCC Accreditation \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night in Clearwater Beach, FL, for our 2025 Conference!!**

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



**Here's how:** Encourage your parent/clients to participate as a Parent Sponsor of the **FFCCHA conference**. For every \$25 collected, your name (Provider) will be entered in a drawing for a chance for the free night. The winner will be announced at the end of the Full Board Meeting on April 26. There could be more than one winner depending on the amount of funds raised.

Copy **PARENT Sponsor** forms from the January (pg 17-18) and April issues of the Grapevine newsletter or print forms from the Conference Page on the website [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) Give the forms to parents and collect the payments. FFCCHA must receive the payments **POSTMARKED** by **April 23rd** to be received by the Full Board Meeting to be eligible for the drawing.

**For parents** entering the photo contest, the deadline to EMAIL photo to the Children's Forum at [jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com) is **MAY 5, 2025**, and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2025, 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 to 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 full 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 or email: [fundraiser@familychildcare.org](mailto:fundraiser@familychildcare.org)

**Call for Conference WORKSHOP Proposals**



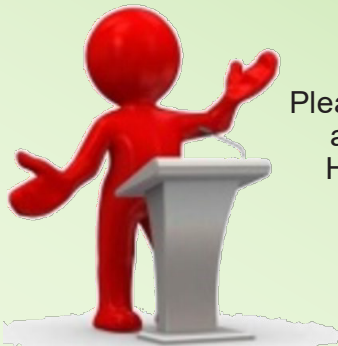
***"Enhancing Our Minds...In 2025"***

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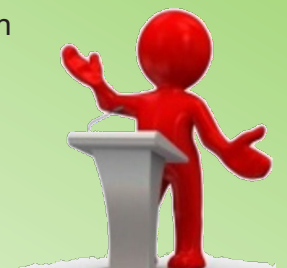


Please use this Link to submit:  
[Call for FFCCHA Conference Workshop Proposals](#)

**Deadline: March 25, 2025**



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



And please remember to email your resume to: [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)



## 2025 Annual Essay Awards

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to:** FFCCHA Awards

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 30, 2025**

or e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Questions? Call Renie Roach 904-436-5799

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

The following awards will be presented at the June 2025 conference at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach. Select one: (Please submit a separate form with Essay for each award)

- Advocate Hall of Fame**
- Outstanding Chapter**
- Provider Hall of Fame**
- AHAP-Agency Helping Association Prosper**

Please Print:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DESCRIPTIONS:

#### **AHAP - AGENCIES HELPING ASSOCIATIONS PROSPER**

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

#### **OUTSTANDING FFCCHA CHAPTER**

The Outstanding Chapter award is given to one local FFCCHA chapter that is doing extraordinary things. It could be a parent involvement event, an outstanding membership drive, or maybe your association made a big difference by being involved with your local coalition or special activity. The chapter event must have taken place between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. They will need to submit a chapter display board spotlighting the event at the conference and will receive one comp hotel night at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach.

#### **FFCCHA – FAMILY CHILD CARE HALL OF FAME**

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

#### Qualifications:

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

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





## VOLUNTEER Application for Scholarships for 2025 Conference Registrations

**“Enhancing Our Minds...In 2025”**

**June 25-29, 2025**

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:

[2025 Conference Volunteer Scholarship Form](#)   [2025 Aplicación de Voluntarios de Becas para Conferencia](#)

**Volunteer Qualifications / Requirements:**

1. Be a current **provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2025) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2025)
2. Complete and **submit this form** along with the **\$70.00 fee**. (Note: Fee increases to **\$90 after April 30, if there are spaces left**).
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.
5. **Wear** an Orange Apron (supplied by FFCCHA) over your attire when serving your 3 volunteer hours (no tank tops/no 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:   1) **Online credit card payment** <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>  
 2) **Send check or money order payable to FFCCHA – NO Refunds**. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee  
**Mail to:** FFCCHA Volunteers c/o Karan Hiester   1859 Mango Tree Dr, Edgewater, FL 32141

**Deadline: April 30, 2025** 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 CLEARLY with black or blue ink ONLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of FCC Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please rate your **first 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 Karan Hiester (386) 689-3046** 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.  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, June 25-29, 2025

## “Enhancing Our Minds...In 2025”

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

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

Form is not required if you 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 26-28:**  
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, 2025**  
 Business Card \$100  ¼page \$175 (3½"x5")  ½page \$250 (7½"x5")  ¾ page \$350 (7½"x7")  Full page \$500 (7½"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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*All MIND sponsorship levels include: Program book listing and On-site signage; \$1,000 or more includes one exhibit table, and program book advertising at various sizes according to Sponsor Level.*

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

**Deadlines: Jan. 1, 2025 for listing in Conference Brochure; 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, 1859 Mango Tree Dr., Edgewater, FL 32141**

*Need more information on HOW to ENHANCE Minds?*

**Exhibitor Chair: Rebekah Reneke** (352)-278-7515 [rebekahreneke@flelco.org](mailto:rebekahreneke@flelco.org)

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)

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*Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care Home Association 2025 Conference!*

**Provider Informatio**

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 2025 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2025).
- \$10 - Display photo at 2025 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by April 1, 2025).
- \$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 April 1, 2025).
- 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 2025” 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 2026.” 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, 2025.

**Tips for making sure your photo qualifies for the contest:**

1. Make sure your camera is set on the highest pixel setting. The file size will be large, but big can be reduced by the graphic designer. Small pictures can’t be enlarged!
2. When emailing your digital photo, do NOT reduce the file size. Keep it at the original size.
3. If your computer or email system does not want to send it because the file size is too large, save the picture to a CD and mail the CD in a protective CD case.
4. Close up shots are best, zoom in on the child(rens) face. These are the priceless shots we need for the FFCCHA publications.
5. Photography from professional photographers are not acceptable and will not be acknowledged or returned.

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

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

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



## Call for Mind Sponsors

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, June 25-29, 2025

### “Enhancing Our Minds...In 2025”

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

Use this Link: [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 CONTRIBUTE a **MONETARY LEVEL** of SPONSORSHIP:

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|---|---|
| _____ <b>Curious Minds: \$250</b>   | _____ <b>Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500</b>         |
| _____ <b>Creative Minds: \$500</b>  | _____ <b>Innovative Minds: \$2,500</b>          |
| _____ <b>Caring Minds: \$1,000</b>  | _____ <b>The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more</b> |
| _____ <b>MIND MATCH to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ _____</b> |   |

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST:**

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|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Speakers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Award Plaques                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Book Printing | <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciation Luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Bags    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader Recognition           | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Visual                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Keynote Speaker       | <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure Printing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Name Tags   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reg. Scholarships            | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Reception                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Celebration  | <input type="checkbox"/> Room scholarships     | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Centerpieces           | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Choice Awards  | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel                |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Prizes (\$100 or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for NAFCC Accredited Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____           |  |                                      |

#### MIND Sponsorship Levels Include:

Mind Level	\$\$ Support	Logo in Book	On-site Signage	Ad in Program Book	Insert in Bags	Table in Vendor Hall
<b>Curious</b>	\$250-499	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Creative</b>	\$500-999	Yes	Yes	Business Card	No	No
<b>Caring</b>	\$1,000-1,499	Yes	Yes	¼ page	Yes	1 table
<b>Mind Match</b>	\$1,000 or more	Yes	Yes	Logo on Parent Sponsor Forms	Yes	1 table
<b>Inquisitive</b>	\$1,500-2,499	Yes	Yes	½ page	Yes	1 table
<b>Innovative</b>	\$2,500-4,999	Yes	Yes	¾ page	Yes	1 table
<b>The Ultimate</b>	\$5,000 or more	Yes	Yes	Full page	Yes	2 tables

**Deadlines:** Dec 31 for listing in Conference Brochure, Feb 17 for listing in April issue of *The Grapevine* newsletter, May 1 for listing in Conference Program Book, June 1 for listing on-site at the conference

Make check to: FFCCHA, Mail to: FFCCHA, 1859 Mango Tree Dr., Edgewater, FL 32141  
Questions: **Exhibitor Chair: Rebekah Reneke**, 352-278-7515, rebekahreneke@flelco.org

Need more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds?**  
Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-957-4482, [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)  
Tammy Tener, Executive Director, 407-234-3473 [tenerfcc@gmail.com](mailto:tenerfcc@gmail.com)

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or Chair Position NOW!**

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26, 2025, TRAINING and Quarterly  
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**Must reserve hotel by March 25:  
[April 26 Hotel Link for FFCCHA  
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