

# Florida Family Child Care Home Association

Enhancing Our Minds... in 2026

34th Annual Conference

Pre-Conference June 24-25 | Conference June 26-28



## Keynotes & Special Guests



**Holly Elissa Bruno,  
MA, JD**

Former Assistant General  
Attorney of Maine and Award  
winning author



**Dawn Espinoza, M.Ed**

Education Support Supervisor,  
Early Learning Coalition of  
Pasco and Hernando Counties



**Lillian Hubler Tobin**

President and Founder of  
Time to Sign



**Cari Miller**

Chancellor for Early Learning,  
Department of Education



**Courtney Smith**

Director of Policy and  
Programs, Office of Licensing  
(DCF)



**Ron Shuali, M. Ed**

Creator of Behavior Mastery  
and YOGARATE

## Conference Hotel



### Embassy Suites by Hilton

4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

For hotel reservations, call 407-597-4000 - Group Code: CHA

Deadline is June 1, 2026 for Group Rate

To book your room online, use this link: [Book your 2026 Hotel Reservation NOW!](#)

Room Rate (does not include tax or gratuity): **\$175** per room, per night (double, triple or quad occupancy). There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate.

**\$12 Per Night for Parking - Complimentary Breakfast and Evening Reception**

## “Mind” Sponsors & Upcoming Events

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Marion County FFCCHA

- Curious Mind: \$250
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- Inquisitive Mind: \$1,500
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[conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)

### Upcoming Events

**State Training and Full Board Meeting** April 25 in Ocala, Florida. All members and guests are welcome. Training and meetings may be virtual or on location. Training Scholarships are available for FCC provider and co-provider members.

**National Provider Appreciation Day** May 8, 2026. For more information, visit [www.providerappreciationday.org](http://www.providerappreciationday.org)

**One Goal Summer Conference** July 8-10, 2026. Tampa, FL. For more information, visit [www.onegoalsummerconference.org](http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org)

**NAFCC Annual Conference** “Building Bridges, Raising Voices, Shaping Futures” July 16-18, 2026. Chicago, Illinois. For more information, visit <https://nafcc.org/conference/>

**FLAEYC Annual Conference** October 14-18, 2026. Jacksonville, FL. For more information, visit [www.flaeyc.org](http://www.flaeyc.org)

## Pre-Conference Highlights

### Wednesday, June 24

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

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

Lois Kendrick

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. Contact Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or [FLMentorpgm@aol.com](mailto:FLMentorpgm@aol.com) for qualifications and an application. Applications are due by May 1, 2026.

### Thursday, June 25

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

#### **Author Study: The Whimsical World of Laura Numeroff**

Dawn Espinoza, M. Ed

Explore the playful, cause-and-effect world of Laura Numeroff. Students examine her circular plots, lively characters, and humorous patterns through read-alouds and discussion. They identify themes, analyze illustrations, and write their own "If You Give..." stories to build sequencing and cause-and-effect skills.

#### **Mentor I Certification (Part 2)**

Lois Kendrick

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Behavior Mastery (Heart-Centered Classroom Management)**

Ron Shuali, M. Ed

Behavior Mastery is a research-informed, brain-based social-emotional system that helps adults master themselves first to create Win-Win environments for children. Through real-life videos, partner activities, breathwork, and playful practice, participants learn 5 transformative tools to reduce resistance, interrupt attention-seeking, and empower strong-willed, neurodivergent students as leaders.

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

#### **Author Study: The Imaginative Life and Works of Shel Silverstein**

Dawn Espinoza, M. Ed

Students explore Shel Silverstein's poems and illustrations through reading and discussion. They analyze his humor, rhyme, and themes of kindness and imagination, then create original poems inspired by his distinctive style.

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

#### **Teach & Sign: The Complete Program for Preschool Classrooms (Ages 3-5)**

Lillian Hubler Tobin

This session equips Family Childcare professionals with practical strategies to embed sign-enhanced learning into daily routines. Participants learn to use American Sign Language to support social-emotional skills, classroom management, transitions, storytelling, and early literacy for preschoolers. All to create calmer environments, clearer communication, and stronger school readiness.

## Conference Highlights

### Thursday, June 25

#### **Special Opening Ceremony**

6:00 p.m.

#### **Exhibit Hall Opening**

6:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 26

#### **Concurrent Workshops**

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

#### **Conference Luncheon**

*With Cari Miller & Courtney Smith*

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

### Saturday, June 27

#### **Keynote: Holly Elissa Bruno**

#### **Accreditation Recognition**

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

#### **Concurrent Workshops**

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

#### **Concilio Latino**

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

#### **Keynote: Dawn Espinoza**

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

#### **Provider Celebration**

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

### Sunday, June 28

#### **Keynote: Lillian Hubler Tobin**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



**Deshunn Cummings**

Saturday's Provider Celebration DJ



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## Registration Form (Please print)

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

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

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

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

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

Scholarships toward conference registration are available to Florida provider and co-provider members who volunteer.

**Apply for Conference Volunteer Scholarship by April 30 for \$70!**

Applications received after April 30 pay \$90

## Pre-Conference Training - June 24-25, 2026

Day	Time	Activity	Cost
Wednesday, June 25, 2026	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> ME! Mentoring Essentials * Part 1	\$105
Thursday, June 26, 2026	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor I Certification (Part 2)	\$105
		<input type="checkbox"/> Author Study: The Whimsical World of Laura Numeroff	\$105
	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavior Mastery (Heart-Centered Classroom Management)	\$150
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Author Study: The Imaginative Life and Works of Shel Silverstein	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/> Teach & Sign: The Complete Program for Preschool Classrooms		\$105	

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

**Pre-Conference Total**

## Conference - June 26-28, 2026

DESCRIPTION	FFCCHA Members	Non-Members	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three Day Conference Registration</b> (includes Thursday Night, Exhibit Hall, all day Friday with Luncheon, all day Saturday with DJ Night, and Sunday Keynote)	\$225	\$265	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hostess/Volunteer Scholarship Registration</b> (must have submitted application by April 30)	\$70	—	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NAFCC Individual Membership</b> (Save \$5.00 through FFCCHA)	\$40	\$45	
<b>FFCCHA Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<b>Type of Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual FCC Provider (\$40) <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Agency (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (\$10)		
<b>Additional Friday Luncheon Guest Ticket Box Lunch</b> (must be <b>purchased</b> by June 6, 2026) Guest Name(s): _____	\$60 per person	\$60 per person	
<b>Saturday Pre-Purchase Box Lunch</b> (please choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> Ham Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Mediterranean Salad <i>Lunch includes: Gourmet chips, a side of pasta salad, a freshly baked cookie, whole fruit and bottled water.</i>	\$25 per person	\$25 per person	
<b>Conference Total</b>			
<b>Total Due (Pre-Conference Total + Conference Total)</b>			

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

**No refunds** - Make check payable to FFCCHA.

All onsite registrations will be an additional \$30. **Returned checks** are assessed a \$47 fee.

For registration questions, please call 386-689-3046 or email [registration@familychildcare.org](mailto:registration@familychildcare.org)

Mail completed registration to: FFCCHA - 1859 Mango Tree Dr - Edgewater, FL 32141

**DEADLINE: MAY 29, 2026** (after this date, you **must** register online)





**Florida Family Child Care  
Home Association, Inc.**  
9207 Edgemont Lane  
Boca Raton, FL 33434

**2026 Conference Registration  
&  
Information Enclosed**

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