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Keep Going So You Can Keep Growing

Leadership is not always about having all the answers. Sometimes, leadership is having the courage to keep going and growing.

There will be seasons when the road feels difficult, progress seems slow, and you question whether your efforts are making a difference. There will be moments when you feel tired from carrying responsibilities, making decisions, supporting others, and trying to move forward. But keep going, because growth is waiting for you on the other side of what you are facing. As leaders, we must be willing to grow alongside the people and the association we serve. Every challenge can teach us something, every setback can reveal something, every difficult conversation can strengthen us, and every new experience can and will prepare us for what comes next.

The goal isn't to become a perfect leader. The goal is to keep going and grow into a better leader than you were yesterday. Keep going so you can keep growing because your journey matters, your growth matters, and your leadership matters. Sometimes the most powerful thing you can do is simply take the next step. Keep learning, keep growing, keep leading, and keep becoming because the person you are becoming needs the courage you are building today. Remember, personal growth and leadership growth go hand in hand.



Gertrude Freeman

President, FFCCHA

Sigue Adelante Para Que Puedas Seguir Creciendo

El liderazgo no siempre se trata de tener todas las respuestas. A veces, el liderazgo es tener el coraje de seguir adelante y crecer.

Habr  temporadas en las que el camino se sienta dif cil, el progreso parezca lento y te preguntes si tus esfuerzos est n marcando la diferencia. Habr  momentos en los que te sientas cansado de llevar responsabilidades, tomar decisiones, apoyar a los dem s y tratar de seguir adelante. Pero sigue adelante, porque el crecimiento te est  esperando al otro lado de lo que est s enfrentando.

Como l deres, debemos estar dispuestos a crecer junto a las personas y la asociaci n a la que servimos. Cada desaf o puede ense arnos algo, cada contratiempo puede revelar algo, cada conversaci n dif cil puede fortalecernos, y cada nueva experiencia puede y nos preparar  para lo que viene despu s.

El objetivo no es convertirse en un l der perfecto. El objetivo es seguir adelante y convertirse en un mejor l der de lo que eras ayer. Sigue adelante para que puedas seguir creciendo porque tu viaje importa, tu crecimiento importa y tu liderazgo importa. A veces lo m s poderoso que puedes hacer es simplemente dar el siguiente paso. Sigue aprendiendo, sigue creciendo, sigue liderando y sigue convirti ndote porque la persona en la que te est s convirtiendo necesita el coraje que est s construyendo hoy. Recuerde, el crecimiento personal y el crecimiento del liderazgo van de la mano.

Want to share some news or promote an advertisement?

Send to Sarai - ffccha.sarai@gmail.com

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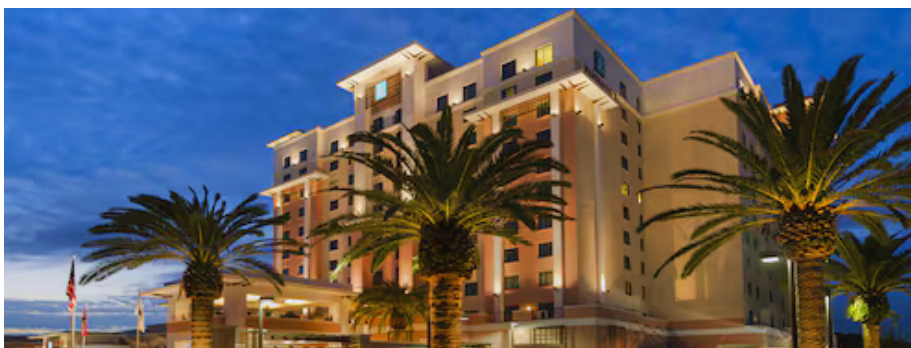
A New Look

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FFCCHA 2026 Leadership Summit

Join us **NOVEMBER 14** for an exciting opportunity to connect, learn, and engage with fellow members!

Leadership Training by Cynthia Krosky

Every member is welcome to attend this informative and engaging training session. Included: Buffet lunch, full Board Meeting in the afternoon, meet & greet in the evening.

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Registration: [[Click Here to Register](#)] [QR Code available on the back]
Payment \$150 or \$45 with Scholarship [[Click Here to Pay](#)]

Hotel Reservations: [[Click Here to Reserve Hotel Room](#)] [QR Code available on the back]

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Friday, October 29 at 5:00 PM

Group Rate: \$169

Membership News

Chapter Membership Drive Winners:

Multicultural FCCHA for July

Heart to Heart CCA for August

Tie: FCCA of Jacksonville & Quality FHCCPA for Sept.

NEW Membership Contest: The individual FFCCHA member who recruits the most NEW members from October 15 to November 30.

[Link for FFCCHA Fall Membership Drive](#)

Friendly membership renewal reminder! If you are a returning member, there is no need to create a new Join It profile when renewing your membership. Please log in to your existing account using the email address and password associated with your membership.

If you've forgotten your password, simply select "Forgot Password" to reset it. Creating a new account can result in duplicate profiles, which may delay your renewal and make it more difficult for us to maintain accurate membership records. Need help accessing your account or unsure whether you already have a profile? We're happy to assist!

We are grateful for the continued support of our members. Your membership strengthens our collective voice and helps us continue advocating for and supporting Family Child Care providers throughout Florida.

Please contact Kissha (407) 616-5082 OR membership@familychildcare.org



Kissha Ballard

Membership, FFCCHA

Events Calendar

October 2026

- 10 FFCCHA Leadership Development Training**
(Kissimmee, Florida)
- 14-15 NAFCC Observer Training**
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- 16-18 FLAAYC Conference**
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- 21 FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting**
& Power Meet Up (Zoom)

November 2026

- 10 Children's Movement Build to Thrive Summit**
(Orlando, FL)
- 14 FFCCHA Leadership Summit and Full Board Meeting**
(Kissimmee, Florida)
- 17 Jan. Newsletter Deadline**
- 18 FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting**

December 2026

- 5-8 NAEYC Conference**
(Washington D.C.)
- 14 FFCCHA Executive Committee Meeting**

January 2027

- 9 FFCCHA Mentor Training**
(Riviera Beach, Florida)
- 25 All in for Early Learning Day**

February 2027

- 6 FFCCHA Training & Full Board Meeting**

- 17 April Newsletter Deadline**

April 2027

- 18-23 Children's Week**
(Tallahassee, Florida)
- 19 Advocacy Dinner**
(Tallahassee, Florida)
- 20 Children's Day, Capitol Plaza**
(Tallahassee, Florida)
- 24 FFCCHA In-Person Training**
- July 2027**
- 15-17 NAFCC Conference**
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- 21-23 One Goal Conference**
(Tampa, Florida)

Scholarship News

NAFCC New Accreditation @ \$615: Lucia Sanjurjo

NAFCC New Accreditation @ \$200: Ora Byrden

NAFCC Re-Accreditation @ \$615: Ora Bryden, Claudia Aguilar

NAFCC New Accreditation @ \$375: Tandra Newton, Amber Easterday, Maria Papallo, Syreeta Kerse, Shanoah Washington, Tiffany Smith, Kendra Hundley, Yolanda Evans, Myrna Wright, Shajunia Miller, Erika Montoya, Alethia Dittren, and Paasche Jackson

New requirement for Self-Study scholarships: Family Child Care Educators in Self Study will be required to work with one of our Certified Mentors or staff. They will help you through the Self Study phase so you will be successful.

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!**

Questions? Contact Abbie at 561-445-7333 or CredentialChair@familychildcare.org



Abbie Bill

Scholarship Coordinator, FFCCHA

FFCCHA Training: Utilizing Effective Mentoring Strategies

January 9, 2027 @ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Riviera Beach Public Library

2129 North Congress Avenue

Riviera Beach, FL 33404

[Click Here to Register](#) [QR Code available on the back]

Presenter: Arleen Lambert

This highly interactive training is designed to strengthen your confidence, consistency, and effectiveness as a mentor while providing practical strategies you can immediately use during your mentoring visits for achieving NAFCC accreditation. *A booklet is included.*

Who should attend: FFCCHA members who are Family Child Care educators currently mentoring other educators, or those planning to become a mentor.

Training cost: \$105 CEUs available for extra \$20

\$70 Scholarships available. Pay only \$35

Members Who Serve...

On Early Learning Coalition Boards

Annette Eberhart - ELC of Hillsborough **Cecil Wilson** - ELC of Marion County **Mary Morris** - ELC of Palm Beach County

On other Councils and Boards

Angela Perla Almodovar - MDC Advisory Board, Board Member of: Early Childhood Initiative of America; Early Childhood Training Institution; Mariposas con Propósito, NAFCC Accreditation Council Board member.

Kissha Ballard - Erikson Institute - Pre-K in FCC, The Children's Movement Research & Policy Advisory

Annette Eberhart - FICCIT - Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants & Toddlers, NAFCC Accreditation Council Chair

Ora Byrden - Florida Go NAPSACC Lets be HEROs

Lynn Gibson - Pinellas County License Board FCC Rep Early Learning Impact Network Advisory Council (Children's Movement); Miami Dade College Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Kathy Jones - Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners Family Child Care Home Advisory Board

Arleen Lambert - Early Learning Impact Network Advisory Council (Children's Movement); Miami Dade College Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Mary Morris - Palm Beach State College Advisory Council Board, HEMSAC with EHS (Early Head Start) Advisory Board

Patricia Williams - North Florida Chapter of FLAAYC

Zipporah Morris Scott - Palm Beach County Children's Services County - Resident Advisory Committee, Children's Services Council Great Ideas Review Team, ELC Palm Beach County Fellowship, Leadership Palm Beach County 2027

Karen Robinson - Palm Beach County Health Department Child Care Advisory Council; and Palm Beach State College Advisory Council add Riviera Beach Education Board Member.

Tammy Tener - Informal Pathway Advisory; Research & Policy Council (The Children's Movement), Early Childhood Collaborative

Talk of the Town

For more than 28 years, Claudia Aguilar has dedicated her life to creating a safe, loving, and nurturing “second home” for the children in her care. Originally from Honduras, Claudia began her Family Child Care journey in 1998 so she could care for her own children while working—and quickly discovered a lifelong passion for early childhood education.

Claudia has operated a NAFCC accredited and Florida Gold Seal Large Family Child Care Home for the past 6 years, where she focuses on building meaningful, lasting relationships with children and their families. She is proud to hold her CDA, Staff Credential, and Director Credential, and to have achieved NAFCC Accreditation.

As a BLI mentor, Claudia also gives back by sharing her experience and supporting fellow providers. Claudia is an active member of her local FFCCHA chapter, where she has served as both Secretary and Treasurer in the past, as well as a member of NAFCC and FAIMH. Outside of her work, she enjoys staying active through Zumba and weightlifting.

For Claudia, the greatest reward is seeing children she cared for years ago grow into adults and knowing she played a part in their earliest years. Her commitment, experience, and genuine love for children make her an inspiring example of the difference a Family Child Care provider can make.



Claudia Aguilar

Area 31, Miami-Dade County



Want Faster Updates?

Follow Florida Family Child Care Home Association on Facebook to receive quicker updates and announcements regarding trainings, meetings, state updates.

www.facebook.com/FFCCHA

Fundraise for FFCCHA

Hope to see you all at our Leadership Summit. Please bring donations to support scholarships and the association. For more info, call

Danish at 305-495-5029 or
fundraiser@familychildcare.org

FFCCHA Advocacy in Power Meet-Up

Reflect. Release. Reconnect.

Creating Space for You.

Take a moment to pour into yourself with a one-hour guided journaling experience designed to help you slow down, reflect, release, and reconnect. Bring your favorite journal and pen. No pressure, no perfect writing—just space to pause, reset, and move forward with intention.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

6:30 PM

Live on Zoom

FREE for FFCCHA Members



REGISTER HERE

Latino Concilio

¿Buscando oportunidades interesantes?

¡Le invitamos a unirse a nuestro grupo de WhatsApp para mantenerse informado sobre nuevas oportunidades, recursos y novedades!





FFCCHA 2025 – 2026 Annual Report

Accomplishments/Achievements from July 2025 – June 2026

July 1 – September 30, 2025

- 32 Members attend **NAFCC conference** in Dallas (July), 20 Bainum scholarships
- Members and Staff attend One Goal Summer conference
- Full Board **virtual meeting & training** (Aug 16) 37 scholarships for training

October 1 – December 31, 2025

- Members attend FLAEYC conference in Orlando (Oct), 12 scholarships
- Members attend **virtual & in-person trainings** (Oct 16 & 25) 36 scholarships for training
- Annual in-person **Leadership Summit** and **Full Board meeting**, Kissimmee (Nov 8), 37 scholarships

January 1 – March 31, 2026

Full Board virtual meeting and training (Jan 31) 42 scholarships

- Launched first **FFCCHA Advocacy Ambassador Program** (Jan)
- Started first **Advocacy & Power Meet Ups** – virtually monthly on 3rd Wed (Jan)
- Member **virtual Training** (Mar 14) 19 scholarships
- One year anniversary since launched new **Join It** platform for Membership (Mar)
- 10 Members & 2 staff attend in-person **Children's Week**, Non-profit One Voice Sponsor (Feb)

April 1 – June 30, 2026

- Full Board meeting/In-person training, Ocala (Apr 25) **43 scholarships**
- Members attend virtual **Wellness** training (May 6) **35 scholarships**
- Hosted in-person state **conference** "Enhancing Our Minds in...2026" in Kissimmee, **101 scholarships!**
- **Awarded** a yearly total of **83 scholarships** to educators towards NAFCC Accreditation, Observer
- **Awarded** yearly total of **212 scholarships** for 7 statewide (5 virtual & 2 in-person) in-service training

FFCCHA represents YOU and YOUR profession by

Representing Family Child Care on LEGISLATIVE Issues – Feb visit to Legislators in Tallahassee

Representing Family Child Care at STATE Conferences – Executive Director, staff, President, Board & members attend in-person One Goal Summer conference, Tampa (July) and ED, Board & members attend **FLAEYC** Leadership and conference (Oct), Executive Director attend FL Chamber conference in Tampa (June)

Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL Conferences – ED, Board and members attend in-person National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Conference July 2025 in Dallas



Tammy Tener

Executive Director, FFCCHA

"At the Table" Representing Family Child Care at STATE MEETINGS

- Board Members Annette Eberhart and Perla Almodovar on Children's Forum's Advocacy Fellowship – virtual & in-person (July – Apr)
- Executive Director, President (Arleen Lambert) (Kishsha Ballard) met in-person & virtually (July–June) on The Children's Movement of Florida, Early Learning Impact Network and Research and Policy Council
- Executive Director participates on weekly Early Learning Consortium zoom calls as needed (Consortium consists of Children's Movement, Children's Forum, Children's Trust, FL Alliance of Children's Services Councils & Trusts, United Way Florida, AELC, Head Start, FLAEYC and FFCCHA.
- Executive Director on the Informal Pathway Advisory Committee, in-person & virtual meetings (July–June)
- Professional Development (Annette Eberhart) and Advocacy/Policy Manager (Tasheba Berry) presents/attends the ECE College Network Meeting, Tallahassee (April)

"At the Table" Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Arleen Lambert (Past President) on the Plenary panel for Global Learning Cohort at NAFCC conference (July)
- Member, Annette Eberhart, serves as chair on NAFCC Accreditation Council (monthly)
- NAFCC Region Reps in FL meet virtually with NAFCC all year (NW & NE: LaTonya Richardson, Central: Mayra Marquez, Suncoast & SE Cynthia Chipp, South: Arleen Lambert)

FFCCHA Goes to Chicago!

Tammy Tener, Executive Director

Florida was well represented at the 36th Annual NAFCC conference "Building Bridges, Raising Voices, Shaping Futures" on July 16-18, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago, IL. We had **33 provider/co-provider members plus staff** from other organizations attend. Thanks to several agencies and the Bainum Family Foundation for their support to help providers to attend!



Several FFCCHA members arrived early to attend Wednesday Pre-Conference Leadership Trainings. **Tammy Tener, Tasheba Berry, and Annette Eberhart** spoke on a panel for the Policy Session for ECE Systems Administrators and Leaders Session. **Annette Eberhart** was a pre-conference co-presenter for the NAFCC Observer Training (2-days W-TH). Also, **Sheretta Joseph** was an attendee in the Observer Training. On Wednesday evening, several members attended the President's Reception/Dinner (invite only) held at the hotel with 2 musicians/singers and photo opportunities Mychal Threets, Librarian, and mental health advocate.

12 NAFCC First timers Bainum scholarships/first time Attendees and Educators: **Veronica Binker, Tamara Castellanos, Sylvia Castillo, Carolyn Costello, Cynthia Durr, Amber Easterday, Shajunia Miller, Karen Robinson, Ortega Thomas, Neomi Thompson**, and 2 staff from Lift Orlando: **Tyler Thomas and Kimberly Cooper-Everett**.

We also had our 3 of our NAFCC Reps for Florida attend: New Rep, **LaTonya Richardson**, Region A (NE and NW FL), **Cynthia Chipp**, Region C (Suncoast & SE FL) and **Arleen Lambert**, Region D (South FL) who attended the NAFCC Rep meeting.

The conference had great Keynotes such as Mychal Threets followed by 96 workshops to select from over the next few days, some in Spanish and 50 Exhibitors. On Thursday evening, the Leader Shaping Leaders graduation was held with 2 from Florida: **LaTonya Richardson** (Mentor) & **Terrica Lashley** (Mentee). Including 2 difference workshops presented by our very own members: Robyn Perlman, Arleen Lambert and LaTonya Richardson.

Friday evening was the *NAFCC Reception & Accreditation Toast to Quality*. **19 FFCCHA** members that are **FL Gold Seal Providers** were recognized for being **NAFCC accredited**. They were from Brevard County: **Gertrude Freeman-Ford** Duval County: **Lucinda Hightower, Renee Jones, Sheretta Joseph, LaTonya Richardson, Patricia Williams and Myrna Wright**, Hillsborough County: **Cynthia Chipp, Annette Eberhart, Sylvia Castillo**, Marion County: **Gwen Wilson**, Miami-Dade County: **Tamara Castellanos**, Palm Beach County: **Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Mary Morris, Karen Robinson, Monica Turner, Amanda Wallace, Corine Williams**, Pasco County: **Terrica Lashley**. Also, **Annette Eberhart** was recognized as NAFCC Accreditation Council Chair. The toast was followed by DJ and Dancing celebration.

Another **13 FFCCHA** members attending the NAFCC conference from Florida were: **Dr. Angela-Perla Almodovar, Jackie Hurtado & Roberto Martinez, Monique Joy, Tambra Newton, Lula Owens, Zipporah Morris Scott, Linabel Pennyfeather, Jennifer Richards, Audrey Stewart, Shandra Warner, Marjorie Wheeler**. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was great to learn from all of the keynotes and workshop session presenters and to meet all the Exhibitors, Sponsors, NAFCC Staff, Board members, old and new acquaintances, providers and attendees from all over the nation!

Save the Date for next year's 37th NAFCC conference in Jacksonville, Florida on July 15-17, 2027!!!

FFCCHA Goes to Chicago!

Florida was well represented with **over 33 FFCCHA educators and staff!**



Public Relations News

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. 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

M.E.N.T.O.R News

All family child educators: If you would like help from a mentor or have questions or concerns about accreditation, please contact Abbie. Mentors are trained to help in many other areas, not just accreditation. Areas include setting up your indoor/outdoor learning environment, contracts and policies, marketing, obtaining your CDA, handling difficult situations, etc.

FFCCHA Certified Educator 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

Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or aright933@aol.com

Chapter Rep News

'Keep Going' by Lula Owens

I want to take a moment to remind you of just how important you are to the success of FFCCHA. You are more than representatives; you are leaders, connectors, encouragers, and voices for family childcare educators in your communities.

Your commitment, service, and dedication make a difference. Every conversation, meeting, and effort to keep your chapter connected helps move our association forward. Even when the work feels challenging, remember that the seeds you plant today help create stronger chapters and a brighter future for family childcare.

Remember, we don't have to do everything alone. When we work together, support one another, and believe in the mission, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Let's continue to lead with purpose, serve with heart, and encourage one another along the way. Keep showing up, keep lifting others, keep leading, and keep growing. **Together, we are FFCCHA.**

Area Rep News

Area Rep of the Quarter.

Sonji Mitchell, Area 17 (Orange County)

Thank you to all the Area Reps for all your hard work and to each Area Rep for sending in your reports on time:

Matline Ford, Cynthia Durr, Patricia Williams, Renee Graham, Lula Owens, Fariha Zuberi, Sonji Mitchell, Valeria Cumming, Lisa Dupree and Joyce Burks

You are greatly appreciated in your area for building positive relationships in your area and promoting FFCCHA. Keep up the work you all are gifted to do for others. Areas Reps have been attending ELC meetings, hosting meetings and greetings to educate non-members, providers and community leaders about the mission and vision of FFCCHA. **We are currently looking for AREA REPS FOR: AREAS 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31.** Each term is two years.

If you like advocating in your local community and sharing information with peers and childcare partners, this is the perfect job for you.

Please contact Mary Morris 561-832-0472 or morrismary8846@gmail.com



Mary Morris

Area Rep Coordinator, FFCCHA

Beyond the Voice: Creating Lasting Impact

2027 Advocacy Ambassador Program – Year 2

Growing Leaders. Strengthening Voices. Creating Change.

Ready to take your advocacy to the next level?

The 2027 Advocacy Ambassador Program is designed for family child care educators who are ready to strengthen their leadership skills, build confidence, expand their advocacy knowledge, and become a stronger voice for children, families, educators, and the family child care profession.

As a Year 2 Advocacy Ambassador, you will move beyond learning the basics of advocacy and begin putting your knowledge into action—building relationships, sharing your story, engaging decision-makers, and helping create meaningful change.

Year 2 opportunities include: advancing advocacy and leadership skills, engaging with local and state policymakers, strengthening public speaking and storytelling, participating in advocacy campaigns, building relationships with community leaders and decision-makers, representing the family child care profession, and mentoring other educators.

Who Should Apply?

Family child care educators, family child care leaders, and family child care advocates committed to strengthening the family child care profession and becoming a stronger voice for children, families, and educators. Your voice matters, but advocacy is more than having a voice. It is about using your voice, building relationships, taking action, and creating lasting impact.

Applications Open November 2026



Tasheba Berry

Advocacy & Policy Manager, FFCCHA



REGISTER HERE

IMPORTANT DCF UPDATES

For Family Child Care Educators

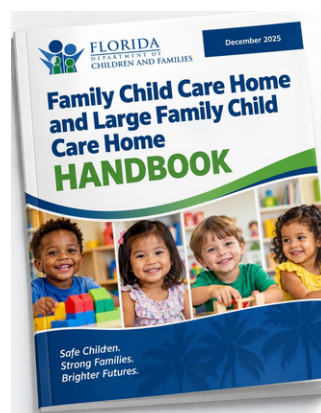
The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Family Child Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Handbook has been updated. The current handbook is dated December 2025.

*Family Child Care educators are encouraged to download, save, print, and, most importantly, READ the updated handbook. Take time to review the requirements and become familiar with information that may impact your program. Staying informed helps you remain prepared, knowledgeable, and compliant with DCF requirements. **DON'T JUST DOWNLOAD IT — READ IT!***

Stay Informed • Stay Prepared • Stay in Compliance



READ HERE





2026-2027 FFCCHA

Aplicación de Beca para Credenciales



Requisitos: Debe de ser una proveedora de Cuidado Infantil Familiar registrada por el estado de Florida y miembro de FFCCHA.

Aplicando por: ☐\$200 ☐\$385 ☐\$615 ☐\$_____

- ☐ Acreditación NAFCC Embajador de la Calidad Entrenador Certificado
- ☐ Capacitación de Observadores de Acreditación de la NAFCC
- ☐ Nueva Acreditación de la NAFCC: Autoestudio \$385
- ☐ Nueva Acreditación de NAFCC: Solicitud \$615
- ☐ Acreditación NAFCC: Actualización de 18 meses \$200
- ☐ Reacreditación de NAFCC: Solicitud \$615

Nota: \$950/persona/año es el máximo que se puede otorgar en el tiempo del 1 de julio 2024 al 30 de junio 2025.

Nombre: _____ Correo Electrónico: _____

Nombre de su negocio como aparece en su licencia: _____

Dirección postal: _____

Ciudad: _____ Código Postal: _____ Condado: _____

Teléfono: _____ Fax: _____ Celular: _____

Por favor marcar: ☐Registrada ☐Licencia Regular ☐Licencia Grande ☐VPK ☐CDA ☐Acreditada por NAFCC desde _____

Asociación local (chapter) de FFCCHA: _____ Area #: _____

Nombre del presidente local (chapter): _____

¿Desde cuándo es miembro de su asociación (chapter) local? _____

Enumere roles de liderazgo o participación con su asociación (chapter): _____

Enumere roles de liderazgo o participación con FFCCHA: _____

¿Desde cuándo es usted una proveedora de Cuidado Infantil Familiar a tiempo completo? _____

¿Enumere otras experiencias relacionadas con el cuidado de niños? _____

¿Cuáles son sus planes futuros como proveedora de cuidado de niños? _____

Explique brevemente como le beneficia esta beca a usted, los niños, sus clientes y otras proveedoras:

¿Usted está de acuerdo en firmar un contrato y devolver el dinero que se le otorga, si usted no cumple con los requisitos de beca dentro de un acuerdo sobre el tiempo límite? ☐ Si ☐ No

Envíe la solicitud por **correo electrónico** (su nombre en el asunto) a: **credentialchair@familychildcare.org**
Incluya una copia de su tarjeta de membresía de NAFCC O recibo de compra y copia de su licencia de Hogar de Cuidado Infantil y 1 carta de recomendación (fecha dentro de los últimos 6 meses) de uno de los siguientes: Agencia de Cuidado Infantil, Coalición de Aprendizaje Temprano, Capítulo local de FFCCHA, Mentor Certificado de FFCCHA, padre de su hogar de FCC, patrocinador del Programa de Alimentos, Instructor de Capacitación, Licencias, Colegio Comunitario o Estatal.

Toda correspondencia es por correo electrónico, asegúrese verifíquelo con frecuencia después de aplicar.

¿Preguntas? Por favor llamar a Sarai Marquez al 407-978-2131 o por correo electrónico: **LatinoLiaison@familychildcare.org**

Verificación de Oficina

Regulation _____ Chapter _____ Member since _____ FFCCHA _____ NAFCC _____

Aplicación Revisada 7/1/2026



July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application



Requirements: Must be a Florida Licensed Family Child Care Home,
FFCCHA Educator or Chapter Member and NAFCC Member (included with FFCCHA Premium Membership)

Applying for: ☐\$200 ☐\$385 ☐\$615 ☐\$_____

- ☐ NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Certified Trainer
- ☐ NAFCC Accreditation Observer Training
- ☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study *(includes Mentoring sessions assigned by FFCCHA)*
- ☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Application
- ☐ NAFCC Accreditation: 18-month Update
- ☐ NAFCC Re-Accreditation: Application

Note: \$950/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

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

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Florida Family Child Care Home Association

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Interested in serving as an **Area Representative** for your county? Contact arearepcoordinator@familychildcare.org

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2027 NAFCC Conference - See You in Jacksonville

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FFCCHA Provider Highlights



Congratulations Mary Morris!

Awarded "People Choice Award" by the Palm Beach County Black Chamber of Commerce



Way to go, Annette!

FFCCHA Member, Annette Eberhart, was on a panel during the national 2026 NAFCC conference



One Goal Conference

Executive Director, Tammy Tener, with Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson at the One Goal conference



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FFCCHA President, Gertrude Freeman Ford serving as a workshop hostess at the One Goal conference



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FFCCHA was well represented at the One Goal conference

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