

### 1. Hats Off to You: Thank You for Being Everyday Miracle Workers in Children and Families' Lives!

**Holly Elisa Bruno**

MAGNOLIA A

If the phrase, "Change the life of a child, and you'll change the world" remains true, why are we labelled "glorified babysitters"? Come celebrate compelling reasons why our emotionally intelligent profession matters, and you too.

### 2. Amplifying Early Childhood Voices: From Training to Capitol Hill

**Wendy Occhipinti & Camille Eckrem**

MAGNOLIA B

Learn about the Advocacy Leadership Training Program (ALTP), designed to empower early childhood advocates. Hear from past participants and discover how ALTP builds leadership skills and prepares you to advocate on Capitol Hill.

### 3. I'm Not Bad, I'm Just Bored

**Stephen Boyd**

MAGNOLIA C

Are students we consider to be "bad" really bad, or are they just bored? Participants will learn the science of boredom and how it inhibits meaningful learning. Learn strategies to increase engagement and decrease off-task behavior.

### 4. Developmental Screening as a Tool for Parent Engagement

**Lisette Levy**

CYPRESS 1

Discover how developmental screening can strengthen parent engagement! This session will define parent engagement, share key research insights, and present practical strategies for using screening as a powerful tool to foster meaningful involvement.

### 5. The Period of PURPLE Crying®: Educating Parents, Supporting Caregivers, and Preventing Abusive Head Trauma

**Keller Stout**

CYPRESS 2

Learn about the Period of PURPLE Crying®, an evidence-based program that helps caregivers understand normal infant crying, reduce the risk of shaken baby syndrome, and support healthy responses during a baby's first months.

### 6. Fine Motor Skills through Playful Manipulatives: Building Strong Little Hands for Big Learning

**Samantha Dominguez**

CYPRESS 3

Explore hands-on manipulatives that build fine motor skills for writing and learning. Gain inclusive classroom strategies and activity ideas.

### 7. Reclaiming Community-Centered Practice: Trauma-Informed Leadership in Systems That Weren't Built for Us

**Amanda Quiroz-Guajardo**

CYPRESS 5

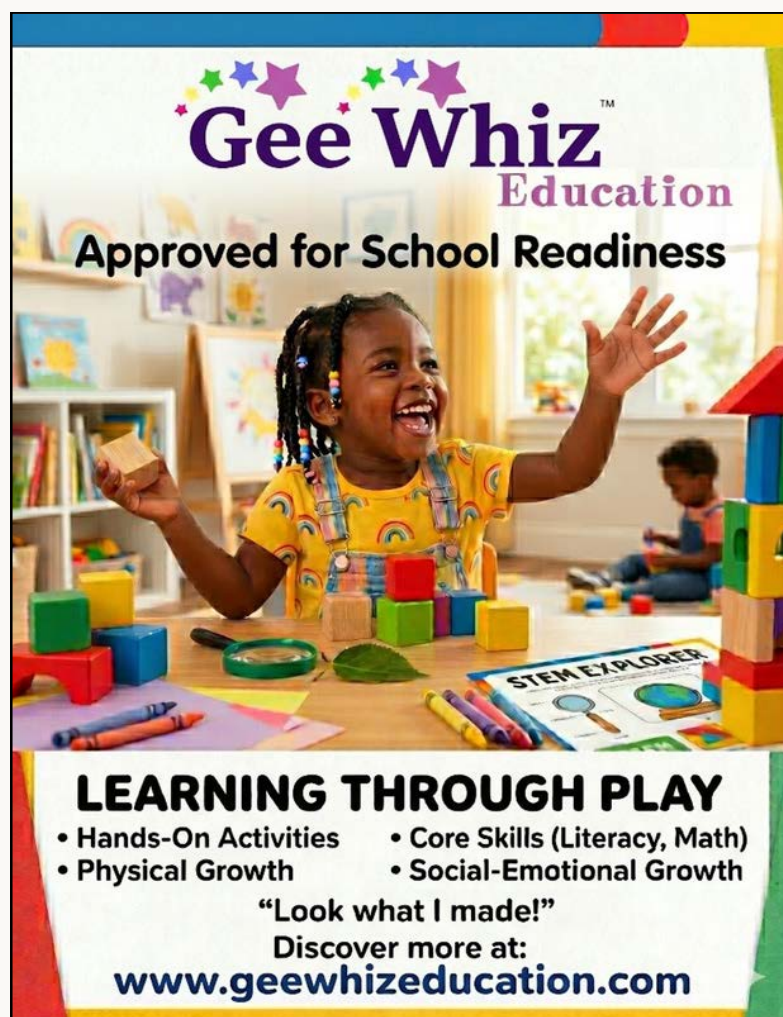
Explore how trauma-informed leadership can strengthen community-centered practice. Through reflection and dialogue, participants will learn practical strategies to build trust, restore dignity, and create meaningful change through everyday interactions.

### 8. Títeres como Maestros: Despertar la Alegría, Elevar la Participación y Fomentar la Comunicación a Través del Antiguo Arte de los Títeres

**Wendy Gomez & Wendy Ibarra**

PALM A-B-C ESPAÑOL

Este taller interactivo explora el uso de títeres en la educación infantil. Los participantes aprenderán estrategias para fortalecer el lenguaje y el desarrollo socioemocional, diseñarán actividades prácticas y aplicarán técnicas para promover interacciones positivas.



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### 9. Music Soothes the Soul and Helps Heal the Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences

**Holly Elisa Bruno**

MAGNOLIA A

Learn how neuroscientific research explains how music helps us face and learn from challenges, empowering us to make happier choices. This interactive session includes music and movements, where joining in is optional.

### 10. Big Language in Small Moments

**Rebecca Gonzalez**

MAGNOLIA B

Oral language and vocabulary are key predictors of reading success. This session connects Science of Reading research to birth-5 practice, with hands-on strategies, daily routine integration, and practical tools to strengthen language growth and early literacy.

### 11. The Memory Box & Charlotte's Big Surprise - Understanding Alzheimer's and How To Explain It to Young Children

**Homer Hartage**

MAGNOLIA C

Discover a gentle way to discuss Alzheimer's disease and other sensitive topics with young children. Through a picture book, interactive activities, and a hands-on Memory Box project, participants will gain practical tools to foster understanding, connection, and communication.

### 12. When Was the Last Time You Updated Your Handbook or Contract?

**Lucinda Hightower**

CYPRESS 1

Explore the importance of regularly updating handbooks and contracts to keep programs effective and compliant. Participants will learn when and why policies should be revised, identify common triggers for updates, and develop a strategy to strengthen and protect their programs with confidence.

### 13. Neutralizing Obstacles through Gratitude

**David Brooke**

CYPRESS 2

This interactive workshop explores how gratitude builds resilience, reframes challenges, and fosters a positive mindset. Participants will gain practical tools to enhance well-being, overcome obstacles, and support lasting personal and professional success.

### 14. Florida's Early Learning Roadmap: Progress, Gaps, and What Comes Next

**Varnessa McCray**

CYPRESS 3

Learn about updates to Florida's Early Learning Roadmap, including key accomplishments, challenges, and legislative developments. Participants will explore advocacy's role in policy and gain practical strategies to connect classroom experiences with meaningful change.

### 15. Seeing the World Through a Different Lens

**Shannon Estrin**

CYPRESS 4

Rethink behavior, identity, and inclusion through a strength-based, emotionally informed approach. Learn the importance of creating space for healing conversations, we encourage creative expression, and we pour into one another in ways that transform school culture.

### 16. Discovering the Montessori Method of Learning Part 1

**Fariha Zuberi**

CYPRESS 5

Explore the Montessori approach to early learning and its application in family child care homes. Participants will learn about hands-on, sensory-based learning, Montessori materials, and strategies to foster curiosity, independence, and a love of learning.

### 17. State and National Family Child Care Updates

**Cari Miller, Courtney Smith, Erica Phillips, & Marica Cox Mitchell**

PALM A-B-C TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

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

## GENERAL SESSION



## 18. Simple Moves, Big Results: The Power of Brain-Body Development

**Janis Nakagama**

MAGNOLIA A

Explore how intentional movement supports body readiness, self-regulation, and learning. Discover how balance, body awareness, and reflex-based activities strengthen children's ability to focus, engage, and participate in high-quality learning interactions, using simple strategies.

## 19. Cuidándolos a Ellos, Cuidándote a Ti: Prácticas informadas sobre el trauma en los hogares de cuidado infantil familiar

**Herima Iriarte & Elizabeth Ibarra**

MAGNOLIA B ESPAÑOL

Aprende cómo el trauma afecta el desarrollo y comportamiento infantil. Los participantes aprenderán estrategias prácticas basadas en el cuidado informado sobre el trauma, explorarán la importancia del autocuidado y obtendrán herramientas para crear entornos seguros, sensibles y de apoyo para los niños y sus familias.

## 20. Let's Take It Outside Module 1: An Overview of Learning Through Nature and Outdoor Play

**Linda Townsend & Kathy Moss**

MAGNOLIA C

This session explores the importance of nature-based learning and outdoor play in early childhood instruction. Participants will examine research supporting nature education, discover the value of open-ended natural materials, and learn strategies for addressing the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (FELDS) through meaningful outdoor experiences.

## 21. Art Exploration: Process vs Product Art

**Jennifer Latterell**

CYPRESS 1

Be empowered to build high-quality, sustainable programs through emotional intelligence, intentional routines, and CLASS-aligned interactions - shifting from survival-based caregiving to confident professionalism, leadership, and long-term success.

## 22. Reimagining Circle Time: Creating Multilingual, Inclusive, and Brain-Rich Experiences in Home Childcare Settings

**Marvia Perez-Tosca**

CYPRESS 2

Participants will learn practical, low-cost strategies to integrate language exposure, movement, music, sensory play, and emotional regulation, and leave with ready-to-use tools that support communication, early literacy, executive functioning, and well-being.

## 23. Accreditation Comparison: NAFCC vs NECPA

**Storm Webb**

CYPRESS 3

This workshop compares NAFCC and NECPA accreditation to help participants choose the right path to national recognition. Attendees will explore fees, eligibility, assessment processes, and steps to success, gaining a clear roadmap of timelines, costs, and resources to support their journey toward program excellence.

## 24. Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce: New Resources, New Pathways, New Possibilities

**Mary Kay Rodgers & Natalie Hagler**

CYPRESS 4

This interactive session explores a 2-year Informal Career Pathways Project and gathers stakeholder feedback on early childhood workforce needs and challenges. Participants will discuss a proposed Center to streamline resources, strengthen career pathways, and improve professional learning, while providing input to inform future policy and system improvements.

## 25. Profit with Purpose: The Business of Caring

**Valorie Wilkerson**

CYPRESS 5

The Business of Caring helps family child care professionals build sustainable businesses while maintaining quality care. Participants will explore practical tools, business strategies, and mindset shifts that balance purpose, professionalism, and long-term success.

## 26. Redirecting Behavior Through Play: A Teacher's Proactive Power of Distraction

**Soarve' O'Neal**

PALM A-B-C

This session explores redirecting behaviors through play as a positive teaching strategy. Participants will learn how to proactively shift children's challenging behaviors into appropriate activities, supporting emotional regulation, engagement, and positive behavior through playful, developmentally appropriate redirection rather than punishment.

## 27. Reinventando el Circle Time: Creando Experiencias Multilingües, Inclusivas y Enriquecidas para el Cerebro en Entornos de Cuidado Infantil en el Hogar

**Marvia Perez-Tosca**

MAGNOLIA A ESPAÑOL

Este taller reimagina el tiempo de círculo en el cuidado infantil en el hogar desde una perspectiva multilingüe, neurodesarrollativa y socioemocional. Los participantes aprenderán estrategias prácticas para integrar idiomas, movimiento, música y estimulación sensorial, y se llevarán herramientas listas para usar que apoyan la comunicación, la alfabetización temprana, las funciones ejecutivas y el bienestar emocional

## 28. The Father Factor: Reimagining Masculinity, Care, and Engagement in Family Systems

**Amanda Quiroz-Guajardo**

MAGNOLIA B

This workshop challenges the marginalization of fathers in family-serving systems and reframes their role as essential to child and family outcomes. Through reflection, storytelling, and case examples, participants will explore barriers to father engagement and gain culturally responsive, strengths-based strategies to create more inclusive environments that actively welcome and support fathers.

## 29. Let's Take It Outside Module 2: Promoting Learning During Outdoor Play

**Lexi Langieri & Karla Sotelo-Blanco**

MAGNOLIA C

This workshop discusses how the Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards can be implemented intentionally in outdoor instructional periods. The presentation will review how to take various centers into the outdoor environment. Participants will gain actionable techniques they can apply immediately in their classrooms.

## 30. From Caregiver to CEO

**La Tonya Richardson**

CYPRESS 1

This session helps family childcare owners shift from caregiver to CEO by building simple systems that strengthen operations and communication. Participants will learn how to create consistent routines, clarify policies, and develop a strong value message that builds parent trust, supports enrollment, and reduces daily chaos through focused, intentional business practices.

## 31. Caring for Them, Caring for You: Trauma-Informed Practices in Family Child Care

**Elizabeth Ibarra & Cendra Tanis**

CYPRESS 2

This engaging, practical session helps family childcare providers understand how trauma impacts early development and behavior. Participants will learn simple, trauma-informed strategies they can use immediately, explore real-life scenarios, and reflect on the importance of caregiver well-being as the foundation for supporting children in safe, nurturing environments.

## 32. National Accreditation 101: Achieving Gold Seal

**Storm Webb**

CYPRESS 3

This workshop introduces Family Child Care Homes to the path toward national and Gold Seal recognition through NECPA. Participants will learn key accreditation insights, explore how they may already meet many standards, and gain practical tools and checklists to simplify the process. Attendees will leave confident and prepared to begin their journey toward quality recognition and program excellence.

## 33. Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce: New Resources, New Pathways, New Possibilities

**Mary Kay Rodgers & Natalie Hagler**

CYPRESS 4

This interactive session explores a 2-year Informal Career Pathways Project and gathers feedback on early childhood workforce needs and challenges. Participants will discuss a proposed Center to improve access to resources, strengthen career pathways, and enhance professional learning, while contributing input to inform workforce systems, training processes, and future policy development.

## 34. Poetic Parenting/Caregiving from the Child's Point of View

**Clare Adrian**

CYPRESS 5

An informative and poetic rendition of parenting and caregiving styles and discipline techniques—what children need from us versus our needs—all presented from the child's point of view

## 35. Discovering the Montessori Method of Learning Part 2

**Fariha Zuberi**

PALM A-B-C

Learn the Montessori approach to early learning and how it can be applied in family child care homes. Participants will explore hands-on, sensory-based learning, the purpose of Montessori materials, and strategies for fostering children's natural curiosity, independence, and love of learning.

## GENERAL SESSION

**36. Hit Reset on Overwhelmed****Holly Elissa Bruno, MA, JD**

PALM A-B-C TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

TOO MUCH! I'm done. Can't do this anymore. Pulling up the covers! When you've reached your limit and bailing out feels like your only option, remember: STOP in the name of LOVE. Stop being fear-based. Choose HOPE: You have so much more "good trouble" to cause. Rediscover, reclaim and recommit to your unique pathway to making a difference.

**37. Creating, Implementing, and Sustaining Nature Classrooms****Robin Dean & Joe Dean**

MAGNOLIA A

Learn why and how to create a Nature Classroom and integrate it into your program. Explore sustainable design, essential elements, and practical strategies that inspire exploration, learning, growth, and meaningful outdoor experiences.

**38. Cumplimiento Simplificado: Abordando los 10 Principales Desafíos de Licencias de FCC****Matilde Huapilla & Daria Lowman**

MAGNOLIA B ESPAÑOL

La Oficina de Licencias revisará las diez infracciones más comunes en hogares de cuidado infantil. Los participantes conocerán requisitos, estrategias de cumplimiento y prácticas para crear entornos más seguros y efectivos para los niños.

**39. Financial Foundations for FCC Business Owners****Owners****GTE Team**

MAGNOLIA C

Learn about products, services, and resources that support your financial goals. Explore business banking, insurance, lending, credit improvement, retirement planning, and options available when homeowner's insurance coverage is canceled.

**40. Learning without Limits in Family Child Care Homes****Sylvia Castillo & Neomi Thompson**

CYPRESS 1

Discuss how children in Family Child Care Home can learn without limitations with multiple learning domains.

**41. The Outdoor Experience: Transforming Free Play into Interactive Learning****Shayna Torres**

CYPRESS 2

Outdoor learning fosters creativity, imagination, school readiness, and holistic development. Participants will explore strategies to transform outdoor play into meaningful learning experiences that build problem-solving skills, resilience, well-being, and environmental awareness.

**42. Puppets as Teachers: Building Joy, Engagement, and Communication****Wendy Gomez & Patricia Gutierrez**

CYPRESS 3

This interactive workshop explores puppets as teaching tools in early childhood classrooms. Educators will learn how puppetry supports language and social-emotional development, practice classroom strategies, and design engaging puppet activities.

**43. National Accreditation 101: Achieving Gold Seal****Storm Webb**

CYPRESS 4

Join the NECPA team to explore a simple path to national accreditation and Gold Seal recognition. Family Child Care providers will learn key accreditation strategies, receive practical tools and checklists, and gain confidence to enhance program quality.

**44. Toddlers Throughout the Day****Sherry Tindall & Warner Kelley**

CYPRESS 5

Explore a toddler's day and learn strategies to support self-regulation, fine and gross motor development. Through interactive activities and discussion, teachers will engage with key concepts and discover ways to enrich daily experiences for toddlers.

**45. From Burnout to Boundaries: Radical Self-Compassion for Advocates and Changemakers****Amanda Quiroz-Guajardo**

PALM A-B-C

This interactive workshop reframes burnout in early childhood education through a trauma-informed lens. Participants will explore survival patterns, reflect on sustainable practices, and gain practical strategies to protect their energy and strengthen leadership. (248 characters)

#### 46. NAFCC Quality Standards and Benefits of NAFCC Accreditation

**Svitlana Uniyat**

MAGNOLIA A

This workshop shares insights from a 15-year NAFCC accreditation journey. Participants will explore pathways to achieving NAFCC quality standards and discover how national accreditation strengthens program quality, credibility, and outcomes in family child care. (248 characters)

#### 47. Compliance Made Easy: Tackling the Top 10 Child Care Licensing Challenges

**Hannah McGlothlin & Daria Lowman**

MAGNOLIA B

The Office of Licensing will review the ten most common licensing violations in child care homes. Participants will learn key requirements, compliance strategies, and best practices for creating safer, more effective environments and maintaining regulatory standards.

#### 48. Back to Basics: Rediscovering the Joy of Teaching in Early Childhood Education

**Lillian Hubler Tobin**

MAGNOLIA C

Amid increasing demands and burnout, this session helps educators reconnect with their purpose in early childhood education. Participants will reflect, reset, and explore practical strategies to restore connection, meaning, and joy in their teaching practice.

#### 49. Tax Essentials for Childcare Educators: What Educators Need to Know

**Lorrie Brinson**

CYPRESS 1

Learn tax essentials for child care educators, including recent tax law changes, business structures, filing status, record-keeping best practices, Schedule C deductions, common mistakes, and strategies to reduce business tax liability.

#### 50. Power of Early: Building Strong Foundations for Children Who Learn Differently

**Krista Price**

CYPRESS 2

Child care providers play a key role in recognizing developmental differences early. This session explores early signs that a child may need support, next steps for intervention, and strategies to strengthen your impact as an educator, observer, and advocate.

#### 51. CARES: Streamlining the Application Process and Key System Updates

**Katherine Jones & Yemi Quijada**

CYPRESS 3

This presentation will provide a high-level walkthrough of the online application process, spotlighting the new features and system enhancements introduced over the past year.

#### 52. Cuidándolos a Ellos, Cuidándote a Ti: Prácticas informadas sobre el trauma en los hogares de cuidado infantil familiar

**Herima Iriarte & Elizabeth Ibarra**

CYPRESS 4 ESPAÑOL

Los proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar desempeñan un papel clave en apoyar a niños que han experimentado trauma. Esta sesión ofrece estrategias prácticas basadas en el cuidado informado sobre el trauma para promover el bienestar infantil y fortalecer el autocuidado del proveedor.

#### 53. Workforce Initiatives: Strengthening Our State's Early Learning Communities

**Lisa Adams**

CYPRESS 5

Learn how workforce initiatives support early childhood educators through increased education, compensation, and retention efforts. Participants will explore TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship and INCENTIVES\$ Florida resources that strengthen quality programs and support educator success. (248 characters)

#### 54. Ready for School; Ready for Life

**Maryann 'Mar' Harman**

PALM A-B-C

Explore how music and movement support the whole child by building cognitive, language, and social skills. Participants will learn engaging songs, listening games, child-directed activities, and strategies using movement and sign language to enhance learning.

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## 55. Your Voice, Your Impact: Advocacy in FCC

**Tasheba Berry**

MAGNOLIA A

Family Child Care educators are powerful advocates for children and families. This interactive workshop explores advocacy, storytelling, and practical ways to create change. Participants will build confidence, strengthen their voice, and develop skills to take action.

## 56. From Provider to Professional: Building Quality Family Child Care

**Terrica Lashley**

MAGNOLIA B

This session empowers family child care providers to build sustainable, high-quality programs through emotional intelligence, intentional routines, and CLASS-aligned interactions. Participants will strengthen professionalism, leadership, and strategies for long-term success.

## 57. Literacy Matters: Building Minds, Mindsets, and Families That Thrive

**Tameka Harris**

CYPRESS 1

This workshop explores the connection between literacy and a positive mindset in children's growth. Participants will gain practical strategies to support reading skills, encourage self-talk, and create environments where children feel motivated, capable, and supported.

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CYPRESS 2

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## 59. Beyond Labels: Creating Inclusive Early Childhood Environments that Empower Every Child

**Zoe Turner**

CYPRESS 3

This session helps early educators and family child care providers create inclusive environments where every child can thrive. Participants will learn strengths-based, relationship-focused strategies to support children with disabilities and developmental concerns through everyday routines.

## 60. Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce: New Resources, New Pathways, New Possibilities

**Mary Kav Rodgers & Natalie Hagler**

CYPRESS 4

This interactive session explores the Informal Career Pathways Project and gathers stakeholder feedback on professional development needs, workforce challenges, and solutions. Participants will help shape resources, career pathways, and systems that support a stronger early childhood workforce.

## CONCILIO LATINO



### 61. De Provedora a Líder

**Sarai Marquez**

CYPRESS 5 ESPAÑOL

Descubra cómo los profesionales latinos de Cuidado Infantil Familiar pueden liderar e influir en el cambio sin un cargo formal. Los participantes fortalecerán su confianza, habilidades de defensa y explorarán oportunidades de liderazgo.

## 62. Bouncing Babies to the Beat

**Maryann 'Mar' Harman**

PALM A-B-C

Explore how music supports infant development through movement, rhythm, balance, language, and early math skills. Participants will learn developmentally appropriate songs, activities, and materials designed to nurture babies' growth through the power of beat and music.

## GENERAL SESSION



### 63. You Bring the Joy!

**Dawn Espinoza, M.Ed**

PALM A-B-C TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Joy is the foundation for learning. This uplifting keynote explores how joyful classrooms inspire curiosity, creativity, connection, and resilience. Educators will discover practical strategies to infuse play, laughter, and celebration into daily routines to support children's lifelong love of learning.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

**SABADO, 27 DE JUNIO**

**NIGHT EVENTS**

**2026 PROVIDER CELEBRATION**

**The Disney Theme**

**D-One Entertainment**

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Come dressed as your favorite Disney character and bring magic to life for a night full of dancing, networking, and fun as we celebrate our family child care home providers!

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**8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT**

*(8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. children permitted) (9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. adults only)*



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

**DOMINGO, 28 DE JUNIO**

**SESSION 11 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

**9:00 A.M.**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**64. Finding the Joy of Teaching**

**Lillian Hubler Tobin**

**PALM A-B-C TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL**

This inspiring keynote invites educators to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the joy that first brought them into early childhood education. Through real-life stories, encouragement, and practical insights, participants will feel seen, valued, and re-energized, leaving with renewed purpose and hope for the work they do every day.



**10:00 A.M.**

**FFCCHA Annual General Meeting**

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**10:30 A.M.**

**Installation Ceremony of FFCCHA Full Board**

**10:45 A.M.**

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