

# THE GRAPEVINE

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CHILLY New Year Greetings!!

January 2026

President's Message:

**Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to everyone, and cheers for an amazing start as we welcome 2026. The year 2025 will now be added to the history of FFCCHA, serving as a special reminder of the important work we do in strengthening the foundation of Family Child Care.

I am truly grateful for your contributions, together we will continue to lead, serve, and achieve incredible things. In 2026, let us focus on the theme "**Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.**" Service is leadership and leaders serve to inspire others.

The turning of a new year always brings a moment for reflection and an opportunity to renew our commitments. As I step into this new year, I reaffirm my dedication to the Association, our members, and our shared vision.

There are many opportunities ahead for leadership and growth. If you have any questions and want to learn more about the leadership positions in the Association, please do hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Freeman Ford  
FFCCHA President



Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

**Feliz Año Nuevo!**

Feliz Año Nuevo a todos y celebramos un comienzo maravilloso al dar la bienvenida a 2026. El año del 2025 será añadido a la historia de FFCCHA sirviendo como un recordatorio especial de el trabajo importante que hacemos en fortaleciendo el fundación de cuido familiar infantil.

Estoy agradecida por sus valiosas contribuciones. Juntos continuaremos a liderar, servir, y lograr cosas increíble. En 2026, enfoquémonos en la tema "**Liderar para Servir, Servir para Liderar.**" El servicio es liderazgo, y los líderes sirven para inspirar a los demás.

El inicio de un nuevo año siempre nos ofrece un momento de reflexión y una oportunidad para renovar nuestros compromisos. Al comenzar este nuevo año, reafirmo mi dedicación a la Asociación, a nuestros miembros y a nuestra visión compartida.

Existen muchas oportunidades por delante para el liderazgo y el crecimiento. Si tienen alguna pregunta o desean conocer más sobre las posiciones de liderazgo dentro de la Asociación, por favor no duden en comunicarse conmigo.

Atentamente,

Gertrude Freeman Ford  
FFCCHA Presidente



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**Credential Scholarship Winter News**

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Coordinator

**A Total of 33 (\$15,340) Scholarships were Awarded  
Oct 1, 2025 - Nov 24, 2025****NAFCC Self Study @\$385:** Kari Allgood, Amber Easterday, Nilza Melecio, Brittney Patillo, Amparo Sua Sarmiento**NAFCC New Accreditation @\$615:** Carolyn McElfresh, Katrina Taylor**NAFCC 18 Month Update @\$200:** Tabree Fort, Renee Graham, Tamika Rutledge**NAFCC Reaccreditation @\$615:** Regina Brown, Eddie M Dilworth-Mills, Alethia Dittren, Lisa Dupree, Mary Funderburk, Renee Graham, Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Naomi Helligar, Harriett Holmes, Shelia Hudgins, Shirley Jackson, Ruby Maldonado, Erica Montoya, Patricia Oliver, Wonda Smith, Lawanda Thomas, Amanda Wallace**NAFCC 6 mo Extension @\$150:** Rubia Arias, Andrea Frith, Naomi Helligar, Harriett Holmes, Dell Ann Jamieson, Vanessa McDuffie**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** In this issue of The Grapevine or online.**Questions?** Contact Abbie at 561-445-7333 or aright933@aol.com or CredentialChair@familychildcare.org**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, Kissha Ballard, Arleen Lambert - 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  
 Kissha 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  
 Zipporah Morris Scott- Children's Services Council Resident Advisory Committee; Council of Professional Recognition CDA Subject Matter Expert

**November Meeting/Training News**

The Annual Leadership Summit was held November 8, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, FL. **Stronger Together: Empowering Teams for Lasting Impact - Unified Leaders: One Vision, Many Voices** with Keynote Valorie Wilkerson.



This dynamic leadership session was designed to help leaders, entrepreneurs and TEAMS communicate effectively, build trust, and work toward a shared vision. Through hands-on strategies and reflection, participants learned how to strengthen collaboration, resolve conflict, and inspire collective accountability. They were given practical tools and a renewed commitment to leading teams that thrive - together. In the afternoon they separated into 3 groups: 1) Area Local Leader Development with Mary Morris; 2) Chapter Leader Development with Perla Almodovar; and 3) Member Development with Abbie Bill. Conference Updates with Karan Hiester were also shared. There were 41 attendees.

## All members are welcome to Join FFCCHA for virtual Advocacy in Power - Monthly Meet Up

3rd Wednesdays at 12:30pm

Contact [info@tashebaberry.com](mailto:info@tashebaberry.com) to sign up

## Events Calendar 2026

January 2026 - December 2026

**\*Start planning now for FFCCHA June 2026 conference –  
Make your hotel reservations! Hotel LINK is available on Page 11!**

**Apply NOW for FFCCHA Board Positions and Even  
number Area Reps to start in July 2026:  
Chapter Rep Coordinator**

**Applications are available at  
www.familychildcare.org on the “Forms” page  
under Resources or contact Nomination Chair,  
Mayra Marquez at MMLatinoliason@gmail.com or  
(407)452-2967**

### January 2026

- 13 Florida Legislative Session starts
- 15 **Deadline** for Applications for Board Positions to start July 2026
- 26 **The FIRST “ALL In for Early Learning” Day!**
- 31 FFCCHA Virtual Training on AI for FCCH and Full Board Meeting

### February

- TBA FFCCHA Virtual Training
- 17 **Deadline** - April FFCCHA Newsletter
- 22-27 Children's Week, Tallahassee
- 28 **Deadline** - 2026 FFCCHA Conference Workshop Proposals

### March

- TBA FFCCHA Virtual Training
- 10 **Deadline** - Parent Choice Awards
- 13 Florida Legislative Session ends
- 20 **Deadline** - NAFCC Accredited Program of the Year Award
- 23 **FINAL Deadline** - Hotel Group Rate for Ocala April Training / Full Board Meeting
- 30 **Deadline** - Essay Awards

### April

- 11-17 Week of the Young Child (WOYC)
- 25 FFCCHA Training and Full Board Meeting Staybridge Suites, Ocala, FL
- 30 **Deadline** - Conference Volunteer Scholarships

### May

- 5 **Deadline** - Conference 2028 Photo Contest
- 8 **National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day**
- 17 **Deadline** - July FFCCHA Newsletter
- 24 Early Bird Deadline for conference registration

### June

- 1 **FINAL Deadline** - Conference Hotel group rate
- 24-28 **FFCCHA Conference, Kissimmee**

### July

- 8-10 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa
- 16-18 NAFCC Conference, Chicago, IL

### Aug

- TBA FFCCHA Full Board Meeting, Location TBA

**MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Winter Membership News

Kissha Ballard, Membership / Joselly Santos

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

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

**United Professional FCCA (Oct)**

**Heart to Heart CCA (Nov)**

**Palm Beach County FCCA (Dec)**

### Membership Corner:

We hope you're continuing to enjoy the JointIt platform! If you haven't logged in recently, now is a great time to explore your membership account and all its features.

**A quick request:** Please log in and make sure your date of birth is added to your profile. We'd love to celebrate you on your special day and send birthday wishes throughout the year — it's one small way we can build community and show our appreciation for you!

While you're there, take a moment to **review your phone number, address, and email** to make sure everything is current. Keeping your information up to date helps us stay connected and ensures you don't miss important updates.

Not receiving our emails? We send member communications from info@familychildcare.org through Constant Contact. If you're not seeing them, check your spam folder. Still nothing? Your email may be listed incorrectly in your profile, or you can reach out to me directly.

Coming soon: We'll be sending an anonymous survey this spring to gather your feedback and help us evaluate our services. Keep an eye out for it — your input makes a difference!

Thank you for being part of our FFCCHA family!  
Joselly Santos- Operations Manager

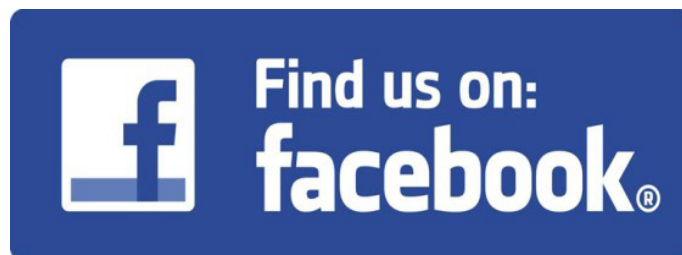


And if you have any other membership questions, you can call Kissha at (407) 616-5082 or email membership@familychildcare.org  
Kissha Ballard, FFCCHA Membership

**We are up to 1041 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:**







## 2026 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, 2026**

or e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Questions? Call Renie Roach 904-392-5366

Type ESSAY AWARD in the subject line of the email

The following awards will be presented at the June 2026 conference at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee, Florida. 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 on how and why the person or organization you nominate is **outstanding**, fits the description, and is **well-deserving** of the annual award.**

### **AHAP -AGENCIES HELP 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 another type of special activity. The chapter event must have taken place between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. They will need to submit a chapter display board spotlighting the event at the conference and will receive one comp hotel night at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee, Florida.

### **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. The Hall of Fame awards are only awarded once.

**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 that is very supportive and promotes the state association - FFCCHA, Inc. and promotes family child care as a profession.**

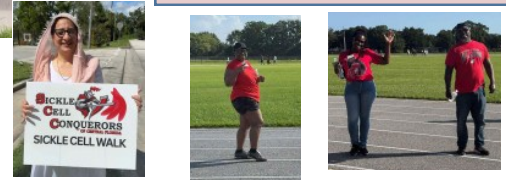
## FFCCHA MEMBERS at EVENTS!



Several members were at the the EELC Conference, proudly representing FFCCHA!



Multicultural Family Child Care of Orange County volunteered at the Sickle Cell Walk. Several members showed up to walk and enjoy the activities!



## MEMBERS at FLAEYC & NAEYC CONFERENCES



## Celebrating Community Success!

The Family Child Care Association of Jacksonville (FCCA) is excited to share the highlights from an incredible quarter!

### FCCA Hosts First-Ever Community Outreach & Marketing Event

In June 2025, FCCAJ hosted our first-ever Family Child Care Educators Community Outreach & Marketing event, and it was a remarkable success! The event brought together:

- Family child care providers showcasing their programs
- Early learners & families exploring activities and resources
- Community partners providing fun, safety, and learning experiences

#### Highlights included:

- Special guest appearances by Elmo and The Cat in the Hat
- A real fire truck and a Jacksonville Police K-9 demonstration
- Face painting, bubbles, games, and prizes for the kids
- Complimentary family emergency preparedness kits for every attending family

This unforgettable day demonstrated the power of connection and community, raising awareness of the vital role family child care plays in early learning.

### Credential Recognitions & Accomplishments

We are also thrilled to celebrate the professional growth and achievements of our members last quarter! Sheretta Joseph of Ready, Set, Go Learn Childcare, earned her Associate of Science in Early Childhood Management and her Advanced Director Credential in May 2025. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our providers to excellence in early childhood education and continuous professional development. We are proud of our members and look forward to building on this momentum to uplift and support family child care across Jacksonville!

#FCCA #FamilyChildCare #EarlyLearningMatters #CommunityStrong

## FFCCHA MEMBERS in the COMMUNITY





## TALK OF THE TOWN

### AREA 7 - Duval County

# La Tonya Richardson



LaTonya Richardson is the owner and operator of Academy of Learning and Early Care (ALEC), a licensed family child care program that has served children and families for 26 years. A proud mother of two adult daughters, her journey into family child care was shaped by family, faith, and the need to be present during critical moments.

The decision to open a family child care program was born out of love and necessity. When her youngest daughter faced chronic asthma and eczema, flexibility and presence became non-negotiable. Stepping away from a corporate role as an Assistant Supervisor with Blue Cross and Blue Shield created space to meet La Tonya's daughter's medical needs while continuing to provide for her family. What began as a solution soon grew into a lifelong calling and commitment to children and families.

Academy of Learning and Early Care is rooted in a whole-family approach. The program extends beyond child care by offering family engagement opportunities, financial literacy resources, employment support, food and clothing pantries, parent date nights, and family-centered workshops. These services reflect a deep commitment to strengthening families and building meaningful community connections.

Education and leadership remain central to this work. LaTonya earned an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Management from Florida State College at Jacksonville and continues to invest in professional growth. She is honored to be the first family child care business owner in Jacksonville to receive the Best Boss Award and to be recognized as Family Child Care Provider of the Year for Early Head Start. She currently serves as the Florida State Representative for NAFCC Region A, presents at FFCCHA and FLAEYC conferences, and mentors providers through coaching and consulting.

La Tonya's ongoing goal is to support, elevate, and showcase family child care. Through her childcare network, Childcare Chit Chat, she creates space for honest conversations centered on real talk, real support, and a whole lot of laughter in between, always reminding providers that their voices matter and their work deserves recognition..

*Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 10-17 for the April Newsletter! Submissions must be submitted by February 17, 2026 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!*

## Support FFCCHA

Danish Williams, Fundraising

Hello, hello, hello, to all our FFCCHA members and board members. I truly hope everyone had a wonderful ending to their 2025 year and a beautiful and blessed beginning to the NEW YEAR 2026!!



The Summit was outstanding, and our Green Table (where we sell gently used and new child care toys and resources) was very successful at this years as well. Hope to see you all on the zoom in January for our next meeting.

Thank you for your continued and positive support. Stay safe and again, have a wonderful and joyful 2026!

For more info, call Danish at 305-495-5029 or email fundraiser@familychildcare.org



## Noticias Del Concilio Latino

### Hola y gracias por visitarnos!

Estamos trabajando en la versión en español de nuestro sitio web para brindarle una mejor experiencia. Mientras tanto, si necesita asistencia, no dude en escribir a: Joselly Santos jsantosffccha@gmail.com

Agradecemos mucho su paciencia y comprensión.

Como siempre, por favor avísame si hay alguna pregunta o si hay alguna forma en que pueda ayudarlo.



## Survey for input for FFCCHA's Website

FFCCHA plans to launch a new website design early 2026!

We have a great plan but we also value input from our members! Please share your thoughts and ideas with us! Click on the link:

[FFCCHA Website Survey](#)

**Public Relations News**

PR Materials

Having a meeting, workshop, or training session in your area coming up soon?

We now 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 meetings.

No time to wait?? You can print directly from our FFCCHA website under the Publications tab <https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/>

AND... don't forget to take advantage of advertising your business in our quarterly Grapevine newsletter!

For more info,  
contact FFCCHA  
[info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)

**MENTOR News - Winter 2025**

Abbie Bill, MENTOR Program Chair

Congratulations to the following mentors who have received their Certified Mentor One status: **Renee Graham, Karen Robinson, Tamika Rutledge, Stephanie Searles, and Lisa Dupree.**

Our 12-hour Mentor Training will be held at our June conference in Kissimmee June 24-25, 2026. Wednesday hours will be 8:00-5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00-Noon. Contact me for an application and qualifications. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2026.



All family child educators: 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 send me any updates on your credentials and in service hours needed for each year.

If you have any questions about what is needed, contact me.

Abbie Bill 561-445-7333 [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com)

**Chapter Rep News**

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator

**Congratulations!**

**CYNTHIA BROWN**  
NE Hillsborough

**Chapter Rep of the Quarter**  
from Florida

**Happy New Year!**

**Strengthening Our Chapters through Connection**

Happy New Year to all our FFCCHA Chapter Representatives!

FFCCHA Chapter Representatives play a key role in keeping members engage across Florida. Remember one of the most effective ways to build strong, active chapters is through intentional connection. Every chapter has its own personality; some of the chapters thrive on collaboration, others on relationship building or competition.

As Chapter Representatives you need to choose activities and approaches that fit your members helps increase participation and strengthens engagement.

Thank you for your continued commitment to FFCCHA and for the leadership you provide in your communities. Together we strengthen our chapters and our organization statewide.

Call to Action: Connect, inspire, and strengthen your chapter this month!

Please contact Perla at (386) 846-9567 or email [chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org](mailto:chaptercoordinator@familychildcare.org)

**Area Rep News**

Mary Morris, Area Rep Coordinator

**Congratulations!**

**PATRICIA WILLIAMS**  
Area Rep of the Quarter  
from Area 7 - Duval



Thank you for your hard work and dedication and continued commitment to the FCC field.

A Big Thank You to each Area Rep for sending in your reports on time. You are greatly appreciate building positive relationship in your areas and for promoting FFCCHA. We are strong in numbers.

Keep up the hard work you all are gifted to do for others even though we all have busy schedules, families and other engagements we are obligated to do. Thank you again.

The Areas Reps have been very busy hosting meets and greets to educate non-members providers and community leaders about the mission and vision of our state association.

We are currently looking for AREA REPS for AREAS 1, 3, 4, 6 11, 12,14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31. Area Reps Positions are for two years.

If you like working as an advocate in your local community, sharing information with peers and childcare partners, this is the perfect job for you. Please contact Mary Morris @ 561-832-0472



## FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

### July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



**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 Re-Accreditation: Application  
☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study *(includes Mentoring sessions assigned by FFCCHA)*  
☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Application ☐ NAFCC Accreditation: 18-month Update

*Note: \$950/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:credentialchair@familychildcare.org)**

**Office verification:**

**Regulation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member since** \_\_\_\_\_ **FFCCHA** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAFCC** \_\_\_\_\_ **Application Rev 7-2025**





## PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night in Kissimmee, FL, for our 2026 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 25. There could be more than one winner depending on the amount of funds raised.

Copy **PARENT Sponsor** forms from this 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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, 2026**, and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2026, 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: [PatriciaWilliamsfcch@yahoo.com](mailto:PatriciaWilliamsfcch@yahoo.com)



### MEMBERS at EVENTS!

## Family Child Care Home of Jacksonville (Duval) Hosts "Painting With a Purpose" Gathering Centered on Unity and Teamwork

Our Family Child Care Home recently hosted a "Painting With a Purpose" event, bringing providers together for an evening focused on connection, collaboration, and community. The theme—Togetherness: Together We Can Make a Difference—highlighted the importance of trusting one another, valuing diverse perspectives, and committing to a shared mission.

Throughout the gathering, participants reflected on the power of teamwork through differences, emphasizing that unity does not require complete agreement. Instead, true teamwork is rooted in loyalty, trust, resilience, and the willingness to support one another.

"Teamwork isn't always about agreeing," the group reflected. "It's about standing together, keeping our eyes on our shared purpose, and lifting each other up. Imagine what we can accomplish when we lean on each other."

The event not only inspired meaningful conversations but also strengthened the bonds among family child care providers reminding everyone that collective strength builds stronger communities and brighter futures for ALL the children we serve.



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. - January 2026

Executive Committee of Board = 10	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
<b>President</b>	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	president@familychildcare.org
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Interested in serving as an Area Representative for your county? Contact [arearepcoordinator@familychildcare.org](mailto:arearepcoordinator@familychildcare.org) OR 305-321-6735

16 Chapter Representatives - Full Board					
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7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville	Duval County	Myrna Wright	904-477-2965	<a href="mailto:Jbear_226@yahoo.com">Jbear_226@yahoo.com</a>
8,9,13	Putnam County FCC Provider Association	Rotates Cities	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	<a href="mailto:educate71@gmail.com">educate71@gmail.com</a>
12	Marion County FCCH Association	Marion County	Marjorie Wheeler	352-299-7203	<a href="mailto:marjoriejanae19@gmail.com">marjoriejanae19@gmail.com</a>
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC	Osceola-Orange	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	<a href="mailto:dittren01@netzero.com">dittren01@netzero.com</a>
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association	Brevard County	<b>Open</b>		
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co	Orlando	Stephanie Minus	407-373-3762	<a href="mailto:elementzofbusiness@gmail.com">elementzofbusiness@gmail.com</a>
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21	Quality FHCC Provider Association	Hillsborough County	Robin Dean	813-205-4432	<a href="mailto:nanaslearningpost@gmail.com">nanaslearningpost@gmail.com</a>
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc	Pinellas County	Karen Holloway	727-400-4008	<a href="mailto:hollowayk24@yahoo.com">hollowayk24@yahoo.com</a>
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County	Manatee County	Tia Jackson	941-504-5017	<a href="mailto:tjackson34@aol.com">tjackson34@aol.com</a>
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29	United Professional CCP of South Florida	Palm Beach County	Karen Robinson	561-574-8512	<a href="mailto:davis7769@yahoo.com">davis7769@yahoo.com</a>
30	Broward County FCCA	Broward County	Laisheia Womble	305-528-3127	<a href="mailto:youngachievers21@yahoo.com">youngachievers21@yahoo.com</a>
30,31	APCID of Hialeah	Hialeah	Daysi Mordan	786-797-8684	<a href="mailto:Daysimordan81x@gmail.com">Daysimordan81x@gmail.com</a>
31	South Florida Home CC Association	Dade County	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	<a href="mailto:pattersonKelly91@gmail.com">pattersonKelly91@gmail.com</a>
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County	Miami/Dade County	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	<a href="mailto:Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com">Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com</a>

Interested in joining a Chapter near you? <https://familychildcare.org/join-us>

Support Group - Non Board					
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## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. - January 2026

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*Passionate about your profession as a family child care provider? Interested in promoting our mission?***Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Area Reps:**

Area Representatives: 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31

**Apply** 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 Positions for Chairs:****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:**

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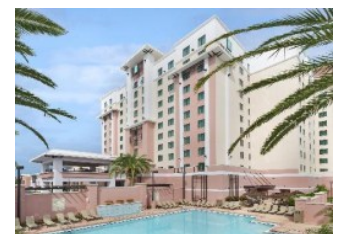
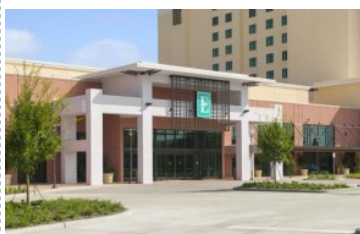
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**2026 FFCCHA Conference Hotel**  
**Link is LIVE now!**

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

Remember, rooms sell out quickly, so to avoid missing out, please use this link:

**Click here: [Book Group Rate for FFCCHA June 2026 Conference](https://book.passkey.com/event/51073002/owner/10810031/home?utm_campaign=297896691) OR copy and paste:**  
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### Children's Week Florida is

the largest annual event held in the state that celebrates and honors its commitment to children, teens, and advocates, and will be held February 22-27, 2026, in Tallahassee, FL! It's an incredible week of educational events, networking activities, and advocacy opportunities, that you will not want to miss.

The theme for 2026 is **Building Blocks for Every Child** which shows a strong commitment to building long-reaching foundations for ALL of Florida's children. Make plans now to come and join us in Tally to build the future for our youngest, our teens, our advocates... our future.

Stay tuned for event details, including how to get involved during Children's Week including the Hanging of the Hands and Celebration. Please share this with anyone you know is a strong advocate for children, and spread the word about Children's Week which is super early this year, during this year-long initiative. For more information go to: <https://childrenswEEK.org/>

For information on 'The Hands' and instructions, click on the photo or click on this link: <https://childrenswEEK.org/events/celebration-of-the-hands/>



Are you interested in earning or renewing an early learning credential, working towards college credits or a certificate, or completing your degree in early childhood education?

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## Announcing FFCCHA

**Advocacy & Policy Manager - Tasheba Berry**

My name is Tasheba Berry, and I am honored to serve as the Advocacy and Policy Manager for the Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA).

With over 22 years in early childhood education, I have experienced this field as an educator, business owner, advocate, and community leader. I understand firsthand the daily realities Family Child Care educators face. The long hours, the responsibilities we carry, the families we support, and the systems we must navigate to keep our doors open. Too often, policies that directly affect our work are created without the voices of those living these realities. That truth fuels my passion and anchors my purpose.

**Advocacy in Power** reflects my deep belief that support and advocacy go hand in hand. Advocacy is not just about speaking up. It is about standing beside educators and ensuring they feel informed, supported, and confident in using their voices. My passion lies in helping educators understand policy without fear, access resources without confusion, and engage in advocacy without feeling alone.

In this role, I am committed to educating, guiding, and supporting Family Child Care educators by breaking down policies, procedures, and legislative processes into clear, practical, and usable information. I believe true advocacy happens when educators feel seen, heard, and equipped, not overwhelmed. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve, support, and advocate alongside you.



**2026 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, 2026****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 26<sup>th</sup> in Kissimmee, Florida. Each winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South** during the 2026 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 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, 2026****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 **Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South**, Kissimmee, during the 2026 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**Call for Workshop Presenters**  
**Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc**  
**“Enhancing Our Minds...In 2026”**  
 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - June 24-28, 2026

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



Workshop Proposal Applications will **ONLY be accepted via email submissions in .doc or .docx** format or files that are typed in the computer (not handwritten and not scanned).

**Deadline: February 28, 2026**

All **workshop sessions** will be **75 minutes** (1.25 hours) with 30 minute breaks in between each workshop. 15 minutes right before and after workshop is allowed for set up and break down.

**All set up, handout copies, and visual aid expenses are the responsibility of the Presenter.**

Accepted workshops entitle **ONLY** the **PRIMARY PRESENTER** to a **free** conference **registration**. **ALL** co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for **submitting a conference registration form by the deadline** and making their own travel and hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred. Hotel rooms go quickly so make your reservations **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

**Submissions must include ALL of the following information:**

☐ English Track      ☐ Spanish Track

**Short Title (2-3 words):** \_\_\_\_\_ for use on the “At-a-Glance page” in program.

In order to provide a **variety of workshops**, please indicate which **category your workshop** relates to:

☐ Curriculum    ☐ Health, Safety or Nutrition    ☐ Special Needs    ☐ Leadership Skills    ☐ Business Practices    ☐ VPK  
☐ Legislation, Advocacy    ☐ Behavior Challenges, Social/Emotional    ☐ Parent Involvement    ☐ Credentials  
☐ EHS-Early Head Start    ☐ Infant/Toddler    ☐ Preschool    ☐ School-Age    ☐ STEM    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop format:** ☐ Lecture    ☐ Discussion    ☐ Loud/noisy    ☐ PowerPoint    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please specify if using a PowerPoint.** If so, we will assign you to a room with a screen and table with power cord.  
**You must supply your own computer and projector.**

**Preference for workshop time:** ☐ Friday, June 26    ☐ AM or ☐ PM      ☐ Saturday, June 27    ☐ AM or ☐ PM  
 Please explain any type of unusual circumstances, room set up or special request.

**Resumé** must contain name, contact info, educational background or credential, work history, previous workshops presented, years in child care, and professional affiliations, associations, or organizations

**Submit the following information on the FFCCHA CEU Form** (request from [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)) **Note:** Please list contact information, workshop title, and description **as you want it printed** in the Conference program book. However, FFCCHA has right to edit all submissions.

**Primary Presenter** Name, Professional Job Title, Educational Level

**Secondary Presenter(s)** (if applicable) Name, Professional Job Title, Educational Level and all contact info

**Address** of Primary Presenter: Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

**Phone, Cell Phone and Email** of Primary Presenter (and Co-presenter if applicable)

**Spanish workshop Presenters** must submit Title, Description, and outline in **both** English and Spanish.

**Title of Workshop** that clearly and concisely describes its content

**Workshop Description for Program book** (50 words or less)

**Outline and concise description of topic, listing outcome objectives and method of evaluation**

**Please submit workshop applications via email to [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org), [info@familychild.org](mailto:info@familychild.org)**

Need more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds? Contact Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator**  
 via e-mail: [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org) or call 386-689-3046





## Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2026 Conference Registrations "Enhancing Our Minds...In 2026"

June 24-28, 2026

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



*Approved applicants applying for a scholarship will be **required** to volunteer 3 hours.*

### Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. Be a current **provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2026) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2026)
2. Complete and **submit this scholarship form** along with the **\$70.00 fee**. **\*\*Scholarship Rates increase May 1, 2026 (\$90).\*\***
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 and turn in a **completed conference evaluation**.
5. **Wear** an Orange Apron (supplied by FFCCHA) over your attire when serving your 3 volunteer hours. (no tank tops or 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:** Online credit card payment <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>  
check or money order payable to **FFCCHA – NO Refunds**. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee  
**Mail to: FFCCHA Volunteers, Sheretta Joseph, 1189 West 29 St, Jacksonville, FL 32209**

**\*Early Bird Deadline: April 30, 2026** 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. **\*\*Scholarship Rates increase May 1, 2026 (\$90).\*\***

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 with black or blue ink ONLY

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of FCC Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first conference? \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: ☐ Registered ☐ Licensed ☐ Large Licensed ☐ VPK ☐ NAFCC Accredited ☐ NAFCC Observer  
☐ EHS (Early Head Start) ☐ Director Credential ☐ CDA ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Set-up Thur 2-5p \_\_\_\_\_ Provider Celebration Sat 7-10pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish workshop hostess \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Table \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Questions? Contact Karan Hiester at (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!**

*If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the childcare training process; contact, Karan Hiester, Conference Assistant at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 386-689-3046 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Calls can be received Monday - Friday.*

Office use only:

Online/Cash/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Received date \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_ Verified membership/expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Aplicación de Beca para VOLUNTARIOS Conferencia 2026 "Mejorando Nuestras Mentes ... En 2026"

24-28 de junio del 2026  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South,  
4955 Kyns Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746



*Los solicitantes aprobados que soliciten una beca deberán ser voluntarios de 3 horas*

### Cualificaciones/Requisitos de los Voluntarios:

1. Ser un actual miembro proveedor de **FFCCHA** (estar válido hasta el 30 de junio de 2026) operando como **proveedor registrado o con licencia de FL** o ser un miembro como **co-proveedor actual de FFCCHA** (estar válido hasta el 30 de junio de 2026)
2. Completar y **enviar este formulario de beca** junto con la tarifa de \$ 70.00. **\*\*Becas aumentan el 1 de mayo a \$90.00.\*\***
3. **Asistir** a una orientación virtual o en persona **antes de ir a la conferencia. Los detalles se enviarán por correo electrónico** después que la aplicación haya sido recibida.
4. **Asistir** a todos los días de la conferencia que solicitó y entregar una evaluación de la conferencia **completa**.
5. **Usar** un delantal naranja (suministrado por FFCCHA) sobre su vestuario cuando sirva sus 3 horas de voluntariado. (no camisetas sin mangas ni pantalones cortos)
6. **Registrarse** en la conferencia y **cumplir con sus** deberes de voluntario de 3 horas **según lo asignado**, devolver los documentos de anfitriona **y cerrar la sesión**.
7. Entregar la **evaluación completa de la** conferencia.

Opciones de pago: pago con tarjeta de credito en linea <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>  
cheque o giro **pagadero a FFCCHA - NO hay reembolsos**. Por los cheques retornados habrá un cobro de \$47.

Enviar a: **FFCCHA Volunteers, Sheretta Joseph, 1189 West 29 St, Jacksonville, FL 32209**

**Fecha límite: 30 de abril del 2026** Las solicitudes que califiquen se les pondrá la fecha como recibidas y **seleccionadas por orden de llegada** hasta que se hayan otorgado todas las becas. Todos los proveedores serán notificados cuando se reciban y será notificado cuando esta sea aceptada. **Todas las solicitudes recibidas antes de la fecha límite** entrarán en un sorteo de un premio. **\*\*Becas aumentan el 1 de mayo a \$90.00.\*\***

### Seleccione solo un tipo de registro:

☐ Viernes-Sábado-Domingo ☐ Sábado y Domingo ☐ Sábado Especial (8am-5pm) ☐ Viernes (8am-5pm)

Imprima con tinta negra o azul solamente

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Nombre de FCC Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_ ¿Es esta tu primera conferencia? \_\_\_\_\_

Marque todo lo que corresponda: ☐ Registrado ☐ Licencia ☐ Licencia Grande ☐ VPK ☐ Accreditado por NAFCC  
☐ NAFCC Observador ☐ CDA ☐ EHS (Early Head Start) ☐ Credencial de Director ☐ Título Universitario, Tipo \_\_\_\_\_

Por favor **marque sus preferencia**<sup>1ª</sup> y 2ª en voluntariar (sin embargo, no hay garantías)

\_\_\_\_\_ Anfitriona taller de inglés \_\_\_\_\_ Mesa de recaudación \_\_\_\_\_ Organizar Jueves 2 -5pm \_\_\_\_\_ Anfitriona taller en español

\_\_\_\_\_ Mesa de registro \_\_\_\_\_ Limpieza Sábado 5pm \_\_\_\_\_ Celebración del proveedor Sábado 7-10pm \_\_\_\_\_ Otro \_\_\_\_\_

**¿Cómo beneficiará recibir una beca para esta conferencia a su cuidado infantil? Escribir en las líneas de abajo**

### **POR FAVOR, LEA LA SIGUIENTE DECLARACIÓN:**

\*Entiendo que si no asisto a la conferencia completa o **no cumplo mis** tres horas como voluntario, mi beca será anulada y **seré responsable del costo total de mi inscripción**.\*

**Preguntas? Comuníquese con Wendy Corso-Ruud** Otros contactos: [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)

**Las becas de la conferencia se van rápidamente. ¡Así que, no te quedes afuera! ¡Enviar el formulario completo hoy!**

*Si necesita una adaptación debido a una discapacidad para participar en el proceso de capacitación para el cuidado infantil, comuníquese con Wendy Corso-Ruud, 561-715-1361, al menos dos semanas antes de la primera fecha de capacitación al entre las 8:00 am y las 6:00pm, delunes a viernes.*

Office use only:

Online/Cash/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Received date \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_ Verified membership/expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Enhancing Our Minds...*

*Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care  
Home Association 2026 Conference!*

**Provider Information**

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 2026 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2026).
- ☐ \$10 - Display photo at 2026 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by February 14, 2026).
- ☐ \$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 February 14, 2026).
- ☐ 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 Kissimmee for only \$5!*

FFCCHA needs assistance from parents of young children to support our annual statewide conference, "Enhancing Our Minds in 2026" in Kissimmee. 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 2028." 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 1800x1200 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, 2026.

### **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)**



**FFCCHA Professional Development  
Virtual Zoom Training  
Scholarship Application  
Saturday, March 14, 2026  
9:00 to 11:00 am**



Training Registration Fee: **\$40** (\$30 scholarships available)

FFCCHA members **Pay only \$10** (for FL licensed or registered Educators/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 complete form with payment to: **FFCCHA**

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**Questions?** Email [training@familychildcare.org](mailto:training@familychildcare.org) or call 813-493-0828

**Deadline: March 9, 2026** Email Form to: [scholarship@familychildcare.org](mailto:scholarship@familychildcare.org)

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Phone #: _____	Other phone # _____	
E-mail Address: _____		
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 8:45 am to sign in.** Training starts promptly at 9:00 am!

## **Tax Essentials for Family Child Care Educators** **2 hours**

**Presenter: Lorrie Ann Brinson, CPA, CGFO, MBA/PA** *is a Florida-licensed CPA with over 23 years of experience in accounting and finance. She provides tax preparation and advisory services for individuals and small businesses and offers training on business setup, internal controls, and QuickBooks support.*

This session will break down the tax essentials child care educators need to stay organized, protect their income, and file with confidence. We will cover simple, real-world recordkeeping, common deductions, time-space percentage (and the mistakes that can cost you), and planning ahead for estimated and self-employment taxes. We will also talk about sustainability, including why paying yourself matters and how separating business and personal finances can keep your program strong long-term.

**If you need accommodation because of a disability to participate in the childcare training process, contact Annette Eberhart at least two weeks before the training date at 813-493-0828 between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday. There will be NO refunds after deadline. If you do not attend this training, the training fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person.**



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