

# Enhancing our Minds ...in 2024

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.



32nd Annual Conference

June 26—30, 2024

Sheraton Sand Key Resort

Clearwater Beach, FL

[www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)



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Want to avoid the most common violations?

In July, the Department of Children and Families will launch the “*Stay Compliant with the Top Ten Violations (SCTT)*” online course. This new course will help you identify the most common violations and how to avoid them.

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## Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season is officially underway, and the Department of Children and Families is encouraging you to be prepared. The season began June 1 and continues through November 30. All providers are encouraged to take the time to prepare their families and homes for the season. Additionally, now is a good time to review your program’s emergency preparedness plan and ensure all necessary supplies are available. When reviewing your plan, think about activities that occur before/after a storm. Below are some examples.

### Before the Storm:

- Coordinate with your licensing counselor to ensure that your contact information is update to date
- Make sure child care personnel (substitutes and employees for Large Family Child Care Home) know your program’s Emergency Preparedness policies and procedures
- Have a plan in place for communicating with parents/guardians
- Ensure you have hurricane supplies
- Secure buildings and any outdoor items that are not anchored down

### After the Storm:

- Contact your licensing counselor within 24 hours to update them on the operational status of your program
- If your program is without power you may not operate, unless powered by an alternate power source, such as a generator, that is permanently installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and comply with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code 69A-60, F.A.C. The alternate power source and fuel supply shall be located in an area that is not subject to flooding or damage from storm surge
- Childcare programs may re-open/remain open if there is no structural damage, the site has full electrical service, and the water and sewage/septic tank are working properly

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to our "Parent" Conference Sponsors!

The parents/clients of family child care providers' children collectively donated \$750 to sponsor providers.

The following family child care homes each collected \$25 or more from parent-clients:

Wendy Corso-Ruud, Cynthia Durr, Nichola Griffiths-Butts, Monique Joy, Lois Kendrick, Sonji Mitchell, Mary Morris, Lula Owens, Jennifer Richards, Latarsha Richardson, Sharon Singleton, Vivene Smith, Amanda Wallace, Patricia Williams, Danish Williams, Gwen Wilson

AND the winner of the 2024 FFCCHA "Save the Date" Flyer CHILD-IN-THE HEART PHOTO CONTEST (page 25) for next year's 2025 Annual Conference Brochure cover and Conference Program cover is from the Family Child Care Home of Wendy Corso-Ruud.



# 2024 Award Honorees



Provider Hall of Fame: **Cynthia Chipp** (Hillsborough)

Advocate Hall of Fame: **Dawn Espinoza** (Pasco-Hernando)

Outstanding NAFCC Accredited Home: **Andrea Grace** (Pensacola)



1<sup>st</sup> Parent Choice: **Gwen Wilson** (Marion)

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Choice: **Wendy Corso-Ruud** (Palm Beach)

3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Choice: **Patricia Williams** (Duval)

Parent Choice Honorable Mention:

**Kissha Ballard, Cynthia Chipp, Adrienne Donaldson, Peggy LaFuente, Lois Kendrick, Joyce Pettigrew, Shannon Richardson, Fariha Zuberi**

Outstanding FFCCHA Chapter:

Marion County Family Child Care Home Association (Marion)

Chapter Rep of the Year: **Myrna Wright** (Duval)

Area Rep of the Year: **Mary Morris** (Palm Beach)



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- Officer of the Year**
- Volunteer of the Year**
- Outstanding Teamwork**
- Advocate of the Year**

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## President's Message

Welcome to the 32nd Annual "Enhancing Our Minds" conference hosted by FFCCHA. We extend a warm welcome to all attendees, recognizing the pivotal roles each of you play in shaping the foundation of our future generations.



This conference celebrates your unwavering dedication, innovation, and passion for nurturing young minds. Over the next few days, we have curated a program featuring insightful workshops, engaging discussions, and opportunities for professional growth. Together, we will explore new methodologies, share best practices, and collaborate on strategies that empower us to create meaningful learning experiences for our children and opportunities for professional growth and empowerment for our family home business owners.

We are privileged to have distinguished speakers, experts in early childhood education, and peer presenters who will not only inspire and challenge us, but also significantly impact our understanding of how to serve the children and families in our local communities. Their wisdom and experiences will undoubtedly enrich our own approaches and ignite new ideas.

As you navigate through the sessions, I invite you to explore the exhibit hall, engage in conversations with our esteemed board members, and familiarize yourselves with FFCCHA's trajectory. Please take full advantage of the networking opportunities available. Share your stories, forge connections, and build a supportive community that extends beyond this conference.

We offer our sincere gratitude to all our sponsors, partners, and volunteers for their instrumental contributions in making this event possible. Thank you for your commitment to early childhood education for small business owners. Your investment in the growth and development of our educators is deeply appreciated.

Let us embark on this journey united by our shared commitment to being a resounding voice for children. By perpetuating our efforts to champion professionalism, partnerships, and integrity in the field of early childhood, we will ensure the best possible start in life for every child. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation and for joining us. Here's to an inspiring and transformative conference!

**Arleen Lambert, FFCCHA President**

## Mensaje del Presidente

Bienvenidos a la 32ª Conferencia Anual "Mejorando Nuestras Mentes" organizada por FFCCHA. Damos una cálida bienvenida a todos los asistentes, reconociendo el papel fundamental que cada uno de ustedes desempeña en la formación de los cimientos de nuestras generaciones futuras.

Esta conferencia celebra su inquebrantable dedicación, innovación y pasión por nutrir las mentes jóvenes. En los próximos días, hemos seleccionado un programa con talleres perspicaces, discusiones interesantes y oportunidades para el crecimiento profesional. Juntos, exploraremos nuevas metodologías, compartiremos las mejores prácticas y colaboraremos en estrategias que nos permitan crear experiencias de aprendizaje significativas para nuestros hijos y oportunidades de crecimiento profesional y empoderamiento para los propietarios de nuestros negocios familiares.

Tenemos el privilegio de contar con oradores distinguidos, expertos en educación de la primera infancia y presentadores de pares que no solo nos inspirarán y desafiarán, sino que también tendrán un impacto significativo en nuestra comprensión de cómo servir a los niños y las familias en nuestras comunidades locales. Su sabiduría y experiencia, sin duda, enriquecerán nuestros propios enfoques y encenderán nuevas ideas.

A medida que navegan por las sesiones, los invito a explorar la sala de exhibiciones, entablar conversaciones con nuestros estimados miembros de la junta directiva y familiarizarse con la trayectoria de FFCCHA. Por favor, aproveche al máximo las oportunidades de networking disponibles. Comparta sus historias, forje conexiones y construya una comunidad de apoyo que se extienda más allá de esta conferencia.

Ofrecemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos nuestros patrocinadores, socios y voluntarios por sus contribuciones fundamentales para hacer posible este evento. Gracias por su compromiso con la educación de la primera infancia para los propietarios de pequeñas empresas. Su inversión en el crecimiento y desarrollo de nuestros educadores es profundamente apreciada.

Emprendamos este viaje unidos por nuestro compromiso compartido de ser una voz resonante para los niños. Al perpetuar nuestros esfuerzos para defender el profesionalismo, las asociaciones y la integridad en el campo de la primera infancia, garantizaremos el mejor comienzo posible en la vida para cada niño.

Extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por su participación y por acompañarnos. ¡Brindemos por una conferencia inspiradora y transformadora!

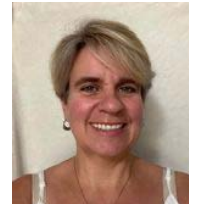
**Arleen Lambert, Presidente de FFCCHA**



**Tammy Tener**  
*Executive Director*



## Conference Tips and Hints



**Karan Hiester**  
*Conference Assistant*

1. When you arrive, **familiarize yourself with the hotel using the map located on page 20**. Find the Exhibit Hall (Island 1 & 2). Get a complimentary Chair Massage! Round tables available for hanging out!
2. This is an open registration conference, meaning that **you may attend the workshops of your choice**. However, we do have limited spaces in some classes. Workshop #25 requires a fee for CPR certificate.
3. **Wear your name badge ALL DAY at the conference** – it is required for admission to workshops, General Sessions, and Friday Luncheon
4. Lunch Options: **Friday** luncheon is included ONLY for *Friday-Only* and *FULL* conference registrations.  
**Saturday:** Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 on your own - options to purchase in hotel restaurants.
5. Hotel Food Options: **Rusty's Bistro** opens everyday 6:30 AM-11:30 AM, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM; **Mainstay Tavern** open at noon weekdays, 12:30 Sat/Sun; **Poolside Café** open at 11:30, **Blue Waters** open 24 hours
6. Policy: **No children under 16** are allowed in the workshops, the Friday Luncheon, the General Sessions, the Saturday night Provider Celebration with DJ after 9:00 P.M. and Sunday Breakfast Keynote.
7. **Learn more!** If you are attending with friends, split up and attend as many workshops as possible. When you meet again as a group, you will each have something different to share.
8. **Network, Network, Network!** Meet new and interesting people and exchange names and phone numbers.
9. **Write your name & cell phone number on your conference Certificate of Attendance and Program Book**, in case it gets misplaced, it can be returned to you.
10. **For any questions, just ask at the Conference Registration/Help Desk (Lobby #3)** or one of the hallway greeters (wearing an orange apron). They are available to lend a helping hand.

**Enjoy your conference!**

**THANK YOU, 2024 CONFERENCE TEAM MEMBERS!**

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**Registration Help Desk: Wendy Corso-Ruud**

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**Sat. Night Celebration: Annette Eberhart, Gertrude Freeman Ford**

**Evaluations: Eva Anderson**

**Sunday Meeting: Arleen Lambert**

# PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Me! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1) – Lois Kendrick & Mayra Marquez

Sunset Cove 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador (Part 1) – Michael Bachman & Annette Eberhart

Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Trainer Recertification for Second Helping – Eva Anderson

Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior – Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro & Robyn Atkinson

Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador (Part 2) – Michael Bachman & Annette Eberhart

Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Second Helping Module 4: The Children – Eva Anderson

Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

8:00 am – Noon

Mentor I Certification (Part 2) – Lois Kendrick & Mayra Marquez

Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Hands, Hearts & Minds Play – Dr. Walter Drew

Sunset Cove 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements – Janis Nakagama

Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

CLASS Strategies and Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers – Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro & Robyn Atkinson

Sunset Cove 9<sup>th</sup> Floor



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## 2024 FULL CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Thursday, June 27

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	<b>Opening Welcome Ceremony</b> <i>Apertura de Ceremonia</i> With <b>Music with Mar</b> Hall of Fame Awards	<b>Islands 1 &amp; 2</b>
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registración</i> <b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> <i>Exhibiciones Abiertas</i>	<b>Lobby #3</b> <b>Islands 1 &amp; 2</b>

### Friday, June 28

7:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registración</i> (CEU Information flyer)	<b>Lobby #3</b>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b> <i>Talleres Concurridos</i>	
9:00 am – 5:30 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> <i>Exhibiciones Abiertas</i> (Closed 11:30 am – 1:30 pm)	<b>Islands 1 &amp; 2</b>
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	<b>All Conference Luncheon Buffet &amp; Awards</b> <i>Almuerzo, Conferencista y Galardones</i>	<b>Beach-Gulf-Palm</b>
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Keynotes: <b>Francia Wisnewski, Courtney Smith &amp; Courtnie Wheeless</b> <b>Concurrent Workshops</b> <i>Talleres Concurridos</i>	

### Saturday, June 29

7:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registración</i> (CEU Information flyer)	<b>Lobby #3</b>
8:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>General Session</b> Accredited Provider Recognition <i>Reconocimiento de proveedores acreditados</i> Keynote: <b>Nigel Smith</b>	
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> <i>Exhibiciones Abiertas</i>	<b>Islands 1 &amp; 2</b>
10:00 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b> <i>Talleres Concurridos</i>	
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch on your own</b> <i>Rusty's Bistro (\$18 Soup &amp; Salad buffet with chicken &amp; beef toppings, dessert &amp; drink included) Mainstay Tavern menu, Poolside Cafe, and Blue Waters grab &amp; go with seating in Exhibit Hall.</i>	<b>Hotel Restaurants</b>
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Concilio Latino con Kitzamar Agosto &amp; Mayra Marquez</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Closing Session</b> <i>Clausura</i> Keynote: <b>Dr. Pamela Phelps</b> Grand Prizes & Evaluations <i>Premios y Evaluaciones</i>	<b>Beach-Gulf-Palm</b>
8:00 pm – Midnight	<b>Provider Celebration</b> <i>¡Celebración para Proveedoras con Baile!</i> Fun & Dancing with <b>Nigel Smith &amp; Sneaker Ball</b> Families/Children permitted 8 - 9pm only <b>Adults Only after 9pm</b>	<b>Island Ballroom</b>

### Sunday, June 30

8:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>General Session</b> Annual General Meeting <i>Reunión Anual General</i> Keynote: <b>Marica Cox Mitchell</b> Breakfast for Registered Attendees Only <i>Desayuno solo para asistentes registrados</i> Full Board Installation <i>Instalación de los Miembros del Comité</i> More Prizes! <i>¡Muchos Premios!</i>	<b>Beach-Gulf-Palm</b>
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### Pamper Yourself during the Conference!

Get a complimentary chair massage (neck & shoulders) on **Thursday, Friday & Saturday** in the Exhibit Hall.

**SESSION 1:  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
8:00 - 9:15 AM**

**1. Breaking the Silence: A Guide to Understanding and Preventing Sexual Abuse**  
*Shayna Torres* *Coastal*

With such an increasing rate of children being sexually abused, it is critical that educators take action. Participants will be enlightened on what sexual abuse is, who's more prone to being offenders, signs to look for, and how to help young children who are victims.

**2. Unpacking Mindfulness**  
*Micky Beauregard* *Beach*

Learn how the benefits of mindfulness and yoga can have in the classroom for children and teachers!

**3. Let's Count Apples! DAP: No More Dittos!**  
*Kavina Turner* *Gulf*

Reviewing developmentally appropriate practices and how they build on each other to lay the foundation for children's development.

**4. Teach Confidently: Educators Keep Dreaming Big**  
*Adrienne Donaldson* *Palm*

Educators will learn how to continue to improve their craft and skill sets in the early childhood field. Explore TEACH and how to use it to the best advantage to get the most out of the program. Review new training and certifications and the benefits of obtaining them. Learn new ways that educators can use their knowledge to generate new forms of income while supporting the growth of the early childhood field. Burnt-out? Get motivated to revive your love for the field and find new avenues to explore in the field. Educators will be rejuvenated and refreshed to continue learning and growing to support the early childhood field and their own futures.

**5. Play through the Program Assessment Lens**  
*Sarah Bedard & Sherry Shupp* *Bay*

Participants will be able to identify the importance of play in children's learning using the CLASS assessment tool for age groups infant to five years old.

**6. VPK Program Updates**  
*Amber Gibbens & Tria'le Thomas* *Coquina*

The VPK program provides the latest updates on accountability, program assessment, professional learning opportunities and standards.

**7. What's New in School Readiness: Health and Safety**  
*Cindy Campbell & Carrie Russie* *Sundial*

The Department of Education's Division of Early Learning (DEL), will provide information on new updates made to Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C., Health and Safety for School Readiness Providers.

**8. FFCCHA Insights – Membership Data Report & Listening Session**  
*Patricia Dischler* *Cardita*


We want to hear from you! Join us to see how we used your feedback last year to improve the association and see our exciting plans for the coming year for our members! And, we want to hear more! Share your ideas for how the association can support you, help you grow your business and advocate on your behalf.

**9. Manejando el Dinero Consientemente**  
*Alma Diaz* *Conch*

Sea consciente de su situación financiera al tomar decisiones financieras comerciales inteligentes. Mejore sus habilidades de administración de dinero. Defina claramente los objetivos financieros a corto y largo plazo. Tienes muchas opciones. Sea consciente de sus deudas y trabajo duro para saldarlas sistemáticamente. Ahorre constantemente y considere realizar transferencias automáticas a una cuenta de ahorros. Saber gestionar tus finanzas personales sienta las bases para una buena gestión de las finanzas empresariales.

**Visit the FFCCHA Tables**

- Silent Auction
- Resource Materials
- FFCCHA Logo Items
  - Mouse Pads!
  - Incentive Game
- Check often to see if you are a door prize winner!



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**Dr. Walter Drew** is the co-founder of the Institute for Self Active Education and coauthor of "From Play to Practice: Connecting Teachers Play with Children's Learning," has over 40 years of play leadership training experience including the NAEYC Play, Policy and Practice Interest Forum, and the Florida AEYC PLAY Chapter. Dr. Drew promotes play as awakening creativity, strengthening early childhood professional practice, and generating hope and optimism to improve mental health across the human lifespan. Visit: [ISAEplay.org](http://ISAEplay.org) [drdrewsblocks.com](http://drdrewsblocks.com)

SESSION: 2  
**75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS**  
 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

**10. ACT NOW! Autism Caregiver and Community Training**

**Dorothy Lefford** *Coastal*  
 Gain current information and understanding about autism and learn proactive strategies to promote success in home and community settings.

**11. LET's PLAY! Early Literacy, Storytelling, & Bookmaking**

**Dr. Walter Drew & Pamela Hinsen** *Bay*  
 Participants engage in Hands-on play and exploration with materials, use their imagination to design and create 3-D structures, talk about their experience, draw, and make a storybook book of what they made and what it means to them.

**12. The Language of CLASS**

**Kathy Moss & Karla Sotelo-Blanco** *Coquina*  
 The CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) tool is everywhere now. How familiar are you with this tool? In this interactive presentation we will (a) examine the CLASS Language as it relates to your existing classroom practice and (b) give you tips to improve your existing classroom practice for optimal teacher-child interactions and child outcomes.

**13. Play with Me - Fostering Emotional Intelligence in Infants and Toddlers Through Intentional Interactions**

**Mallory Akers** *Sundial*  
 "Play With Me" focuses on empowering educators to promote emotional intelligence in infants and toddlers through purposeful play-based interactions. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the key principles and strategies for fostering emotional development in infants and toddlers. Participants will learn how to create nurturing environments that encourage emotional expression, build secure attachments, and enhance social-emotional skills through interactive discussions.

**14. Making Math Fun!**

**Robin & Joe Dean** *Cardita*  
 Children learn best through play. Expand your thoughts of how to teach math concepts through a variety of play experiences with children. Use what is in your environment and what your children are interested in to teach math concepts.

**15. Modelo de apoyo para intervenciones conductuales positivas**

**Lisette Levy, Ph.D** *Conch*  
 Participantes recibirán información sobre la implementación del modelo de apoyo a la intervención de comportamiento positivo por parte de las coaliciones de aprendizaje temprano para apoyar a las maestras que enfrentan comportamientos desafiantes en el aula.

**Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office**  
 Early Head Start (EHS) and Florida Family Child Care

Family Child Care homes and Head Start work together to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to children and families across the state of Florida.

**The benefits to children and families are clear.**

- Deep and meaningful connections between children, families and teachers
- Increased family and school connections
- Head Start Program Performance Standards benefit all children

Head Start looks forward to a continued and robust relationship with FFCCHA and the members it serves to best support children, families, and owner/operators

The Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office is a proud sponsor of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA) conference.

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

## VIERNES, 28 DE JUNIO

**SESSION: 3**  
**ALL CONFERENCE LUNCHEON**  
**with KEYNOTES & AWARDS**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
*Grand Ballroom*



**Francia Wisniewski, NAFCC Director of Membership**  
**Courtney Smith, DCF Interim Licensing Director**  
**Courtne Wheelless, DOE Division of Early Learning**

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

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.



**Arleen Lambert, FFCCHA Board President**  
**Tammy Tener, FFCCHA Executive Director**

**SESSION: 4**  
**75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS**  
**2:00 - 3:15 PM**

### 17. Facilitating STEM in a Play-Based Classroom

**Dawn Espinoza** *Coastal*  
 Facilitating STEM in a Play-Based Classroom is one of the most enjoyable planning tasks you will ever do as a VPK instructor. In this workshop, you will discover how play-based learning and STEM education go hand-in-hand. One will discover how easy it is to link STEM activities to the Florida Developmental VPK Standards. All participants will walk away with many activities and ideas to implement STEM in a VPK learning environment.

### 18. Abriendo el Camino al Desarrollo Profesional y Mejor Compensación: T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$

**Martha Grant** *Beach*  
 En esta sesión, aprenderá sobre las iniciativas laborales proporcionadas por Children's Forum, incluido el programa de becas T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® e INCENTIVE\$ para educadores de la primera infancia. Estas iniciativas de calidad brindan oportunidades de becas y apoyo para educadores, directores y propietarios de educación temprana a medida que avanzan en su educación, desarrollo profesional, retención y compensación en el campo de ECE.

### 19. Building Brains with Music Starts Early

**Maryann Harman** *Gulf*  
 Repeatedly, research has shown that music is the only activity that utilizes the entire brain. Combining that with knowing that the early years are the ones where we make the most difference, this workshop demonstrates through movement and activity how to use music to build brains to create children that are competent, capable and confident.

### 20. Positive Behavior Intervention Support Model

**Lisette Levy** *Palm*  
 Participants will be provided information on the implementation of a positive behavior intervention support model implemented by early learning coalitions for supporting early learning providers facing challenging behaviors in the classroom.

### 21. It's OK to Play in VPK - Part I: What Educators Should Know about Intentional Teaching

**Heather Sargent and Ana Roa** *Bay*  
 Part I: It's Okay to Play in VPK! What Educators Should Know about Intentional Teaching is the first training in a 2-part series and is based on the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (FELDS). This training builds on the participants' knowledge of the standards as the participants learn why play is critical to the development of young children and how to intentionally teach and reinforce the standards through developmentally appropriate everyday activities. This training is appropriate for preschool educators, directors and/or administrators. Note: Participants must complete both Part 1 and Part 2 sessions to receive a completion status on their DCF transcript.

### 22. NAFCC Accreditation and Florida Gold Seal

**Arleen Lambert and Felicia Bonner** *Coquina*  
 Feeling overwhelmed navigating the accreditation process? Are you interested in earning an additional 20% of your current income? Becoming a Florida Gold Seal designated educator is now made simple with the help of Early Education Link GPS Strategies. This practical system connects the five components of quality: Educator's Self-Assessment, Business Practice, Learning Environment, Educator Relationships, and Health Safety and Wellness to the Gold Seal/Accreditation indicators for your family child care. Join us for the bonus section that answers questions on completing the Gold Seal Application. This turn-key approach allows you to relax and savor the accredited experience.

### 23. Child Care and Development Fund Plan Overview

**Courtne Wheelless and Carrie Russie** *Sundial*  
 Participants will glean knowledge of the CCDF Plan including drafting the plan, soliciting stakeholder feedback, changes to the upcoming 2025-2027 plan, and how the Division of Early Learning partners with ELCs on plan implementation, services for families and providers as well as quality initiative activities.

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SESSION: 4  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

2:00 - 3:15 PM

24. So You Think You Know Emergent Literacy?  
Taking Your Practice to the Next Level

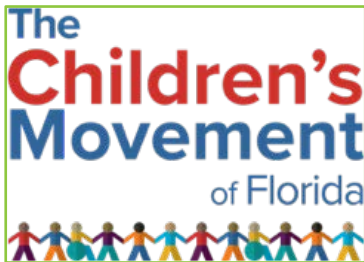
Jamie Harmon and Lucianna Grasso *Cardita*

In light of the recent professional learning that you've engaged in regarding Emergent Literacy, you may find yourself asking: What does it all mean in practical terms? How can you seamlessly integrate the various components of Emergent Literacy into your classroom? And, most importantly, how can you optimize these practices to enhance the literacy skills of the children under your guidance? Join us as we explore the cohesive integration of oral language development, vocabulary acquisition, alphabet knowledge, print awareness, emergent writing, and phonological awareness. Discover how these interconnected elements not only lay the foundation for crucial literacy skills but also pave the way for children to become proficient readers and writers in the future.

25. Are You Prepared for an Emergency?  
(2:00 – 5:00 PM CPR TRAINING)

Barbara Lengell *Conch*

Using fun and interactive hands-on activities, learn the knowledge, skills and confidence to respond to a medical emergency situation in your child care or real-life environment! Earn an Infant, Child and Adult CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid certificate and a Universal Precautions Exposure Plan certificate for a fee of \$45.00. Instruction conforms to the most recent 2020 Guidelines. Includes key chain size CPR face shield.



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**SESSION: 5**  
**75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS**  
**3:45 PM - 5:00 PM**

**26. El Lenguaje de CLASS**

**Karla Sotelo-Blanco**

**Coastal**

La herramienta **CLASS** (Sistema de puntuación de evaluación en el aula) ya está en todas partes. ¿Qué tan familiarizado estás con esta herramienta? En esta presentación interactiva (a) examinaremos el lenguaje CLASS en relación con su práctica existente en el aula y (b) le daremos consejos para mejorar su práctica existente en el aula para lograr interacciones óptimas entre maestro y estudiante y resultados óptimos para el estudiante.

**27. Creating Calm! to address Challenging Behaviors**

**Karetta Roundtree and Micky Beauregard**

**Beach**

Explore various resources that can add calming strategies and techniques to help with managing challenging behaviors.

**28. Jeopardy: Florida's Early Learning Roadmap Edition**

**Varnessa McCray**

**Gulf**

When we think of our young learners and their future, the stakes are high. Join us for an interactive workshop that includes a brief overview of Florida's Early Learning Roadmap followed by a fun game of Jeopardy, where we can reimagine a secure and low-risk future instead. What would it mean to you to equip our young learners to ensure they have everything they need to live and lead successful lives? It will take all of us operating at a maximum to achieve this: from parents and caregivers who support children from their earliest days to the educators who help build their foundation in the earliest years, to the system leaders who make decisions about the programs and educational options that serve them. In all of this, family child care providers have a great impact directly or as partners, both working in collaboration with each element. Florida's Early Learning Roadmap outlines recommendations for policymakers, administrators, and community members, stressing that we all have a role to play to get to the early learning future imagined within it. Never have parents and educators been sought out for their perspectives, informed, and engaged at scale in early learning advocacy: this was central to the approach The Children's Movement of Florida took in creating Florida's Early Learning Roadmap. We see the Roadmap as a tool to align our priorities across the state and foster continued collaboration and coordination— so we can learn together, inspire each other, and band together when needed for a policy push. We'd love for you to be involved!

**29. Elevate & Captivate: Business Marketing Unleashed**

**Jennifer Biles and Angela Chowning**

**Palm**

Participants will delve into the core principles of effective business marketing, exploring innovative strategies to elevate brand visibility, engage target audiences, and drive sustainable growth for their Family Child Care Home.

**30. Part II: Putting Play into Practice**

**Ana Roa and Heather Sargent**

**Bay**

Part II: Putting Play into Practice is the second training in a 2-part series for preschool educators, directors and/or administrators. This training uses the participants' knowledge of the FELDS to facilitate hands-on learning. Participants will actively engage in developmentally appropriate activities that reinforce the standards in various learning centers typically found in preschool classrooms/FCC homes. Note: Participants must complete both Part 1 and Part 2 sessions to receive a completion status on their DCF transcript.

**31. Don't Risk It, Document It**

**Matt Ostrander**

**Coquina**

This course will provide Best In Class risk management techniques for childcare providers. Accidents happen but that doesn't mean your insurance has to increase. Learn how corrective action procedures can keep you in good graces with your insurance company. New for 2024: Alienation of Affection & Bullying risks.

**32. Child Care Resource & Referral: First Step for Families and Providers**

**Audia Bradwell and Mikayla Mingle**

**Sundial**

The Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) program serves as the "front door" to family and provider early learning services. The presenters will share how CCR&R supports family engagement and are partners with child care providers as well as available resources for existing and potential providers to support their businesses.

**33. Top 10 Licensing Violations and Ways to Stay Compliant**

**Hannah McGlothlin**

**Cardita**

The Office of Licensing will uncover the top ten licensing violations in Family Child Care Homes through-out the state and discuss the requirements surrounding those violations, as well as offer ways for providers to ensure compliance with these commonly cited standards.



**Maryann "Mar." Harman** is the founder of the internationally respected Music with Mar.™ program. Her passion is combining brain research with music activities that help children develop in all areas including language, cognitive, social and motor skills. With over 40 recordings, her music has won two Parents' Choice Awards and a John Lennon Songwriters Award. Check out her new book, *Building Brains with Music*. Visit [www.musicwithmar.com](http://www.musicwithmar.com)





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## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

### SESSION 6: GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE

Accredited Provider Recognition

**Nigel Smith**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

*Grand Ballroom*

#### 34. The Super Power in You!

We will go on an exciting journey to discover what our superpowers are and how we use them every day with children and beyond. We all have gifts that need to be cultivated & celebrated to create environments for others to grow. Let's discover the superpower in You! **Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las Sesiones Generales**

### SESSION: 7

#### 60 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### 35. La Enseñanza de un Segundo Idioma en la Educación Temprana

**Brenda Gonzalez and Rosaly Correa** *Coastal*

Este taller capacitará a educadores de preescolar en la enseñanza de un segundo idioma. Se proveen estrategias y herramientas que le facilitan al maestro enseñar un segundo idioma a niños de 3 a 5 años de una forma dinámica. Orienta a los educadores sobre la importancia del idioma materno del centro donde trabaja.

#### 36. Building a Strong Childcare Business: Harnessing Self-Awareness, Financial Support, Relationship Dynamics, and Mental Awareness

**Tasheba Berry** *Beach*

Join us for an enriching workshop designed to empower childcare professionals in cultivating a thriving business. Through a holistic approach, participants will explore the pivotal elements of self-awareness, financial management, relationship dynamics, and mental well-being. Gain invaluable insights, practical strategies, and actionable steps to elevate your childcare business to new heights. Whether you're a seasoned provider or just starting out, this workshop offers essential tools to excel in the childcare industry.

#### 37. Policies & More: Creating a Parent Handbook

**Patricia Dischler** *Gulf*

This workshop goes beyond creating policies and teaches participants the value in creating a handbook that fully describes their program to parents, providing the parents the information they are looking for as well as giving the parents the information the program needs them to know. Policies are written in a format that protects the business and supports provider follow-through.

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#### 38. Why Develop Dramatic Play Skills?

**Dr. Pamela Phelps** *Palm*

You must be able to play and tell a story before you can write or comprehend one. Dramatic play is much more than housekeeping. It is the key to literacy comprehension.

#### 39. ASQ Screen ASQ Screening Done....Now What?

**Browyn Gogia** *Bay*

What do you need to do after you have screened the child with the ASQ? We will discuss what should happen and what you can do when a child who has been screened needs extra help, or while you wait for that child to receive outside services.

#### 40. Financial Services

**Tonjali Frost-Daniley** *Coquina*

Gain valuable education on financial literacy and independence.

#### 41. Discipline with the Brain in the Mind

**Dr. Shucrea Victor-Cameron** *Sundial*

Behavior management speaks to one's ability to "discipline" children through extrinsic motivation. However, effective discipline is built on brain-smart techniques. Brain-smart techniques are designed to help us understand the complex, integrated function of the human brain in relation to behavior. Participants will learn how to use the brain state model to transform challenging behaviors into teachable moments. Participants will utilize the SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to assess their current behavior management techniques. The SWOT analysis will also serve as a self-inventory to monitor brain-smart techniques that will promote an optimal learning state.

#### 42. Utilizing AI Technology in Childcare: Enhancing Safety, Learning, and Efficiency

**LaTonya Richardson** *Cardita*

Learn the benefits and potential applications of AI technology in childcare. By leveraging the capabilities of AI, we can revolutionize the way childcare programs operate, ensuring a nurturing and secure environment for children while providing valuable support to caregivers.

#### 43. Facilitating Cognitive Development Through Play for Infants and Toddlers

**Jamie Acevedo and Fatima Bichoutar** *Conch*

This session will provide infant and toddler educators with techniques to support children's development. Additionally, we added a brief on health and safety that will promote a range of strategies that can effectively scaffold children's development. This training will not only promote a safe and stimulating environment. It will also support cognitive facilitating through play.

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**SESSION 8:  
60 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
11:30 - 12:30 PM**

**44. Las 10 Principales Infracciones**

**Matilde Huapilla and Hannah McGlothlin** *Coastal*

La Oficina de Licencias descubrirá las diez principales violaciones de licencias en los Hogares de Cuidado Familiar Diurno (FDCH) y los Hogares de Cuidado Infantil Familiar Numeroso (LFCCH) en todo el estado y discutirá los requisitos que rodean esas violaciones, así como también ofrecerá formas para que los proveedores garanticen el cumplimiento de estos estándares comúnmente citados

**45. Teaching a Second Language in Early Childhood Education**

**Brenda Gonzalez and Rosaly Correa** *Beach*

This workshop will train preschool educators in teaching a second language. It provides strategies and tools that make it easier for the teacher to teach a second language to children aged 3 to 5 in a dynamic way. It guides educators on the importance of the native language of the center where they work of the children in their care.

**46. Babies Bouncing to the Beat!**

**Maryann Harman** *Gulf*

There is much more behind a baby naturally bouncing their bodies. Come learn why. When a baby bounces, there is a connection to balance, language and math. It all begins there with finding and keeping a steady beat. Toddlers enjoy music, too; but they have special needs. Many times, materials are too old for them. That Baby Bounce when listening to music is delightful. Come learn songs Mar. has written just for this age group, many for Kaplan and Dr. Becky Bailey. Learn about some developmentally appropriate activities and materials for toddlers and their value in development.

**47. Movement Magic for School Readiness**

**Janis Nakagama** *Palm*

Learn playful movements essential for school readiness. Understand why these brain-body movements are essential for school success!

**48. Addressing Sensitive Topics/Conversations**

**Cynthia Krosky** *Bay*

Postponing or mishandling a sensitive conversation comes at a cost. In our roles as teacher, business owner, sibling, etc. there are numerous situations that we encounter where we need to discuss our concerns. Knowing how to set the tone and how to present the information makes the difference between someone receiving and hearing the information or becoming defensive, angry or even hostile. The inability or lack of confidence to professionally address crucial topics

adds stress and strain to our already busy lives. Decrease resistance and hesitation for addressing critical issues by learning tools and tips that help you feel empowered, confident, and ready when a sensitive conversation needs to occur.

**49. Opening the Pathway to Professional Development and Better Compensation: Workforce Initiatives - T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$**

**Kiki Peters** *Coquina*

In this session, you will learn about Workforce Initiatives provided by the Children's Forum, including T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$. These quality initiatives provide scholarship opportunities and support for early educators, directors, and owners as they further their education, professional development, retention and compensation in the ECE field.

**50. What's In It for Me? Building On Your Strengths with Flamingo Early Learning**

**Lucianna Grasso and Jamie Harmon** *Sundial*

When considering your professional learning journey, it's crucial to ask: What's in it for you? At the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning, we're committed to partnering with and supporting you as you bridge the gap between theory and practice in your educational setting. Join us as we delve into how we empower educators like you to leverage your strengths, fostering ongoing growth not only in your teaching methods but also in the positive impact and outcomes for the children you serve.

**51. Let's Look into Large FCC Homes**

**Karan Hiester** *Cardita*

Let's discuss what it takes to expand to a large family child care program. Learn about the pros and cons of expanding and preparing for what it takes to have an employee and to be ready for IRS obligations.

**52. Play through the Program Assessment Lens (Repeat)**

**Sarah Bedard and Sherry Shupp** *Conch*

Participants will be able to identify the importance of play in children's learning using the CLASS assessment tool for age groups infant to five years old.

**Reminder to complete your evaluation form after each workshop. Be ready to turn in your completed form at the end of Saturday's Closing Keynote for a chance to win \$100 cash!**



**Dr. Pamela Phelps** is the creator of the Creative Preschool Model Program, author of the Beyond Centers and Circle Time Curriculum and Vice President of The Creative Center for Childhood Research and Training (CCCRT). She is recognized internationally as a consultant on early childhood education. She regularly conducts workshops for educators and parents on play, environments, behavior management, and numerous other topics related to young children. Visit <https://www.cccrt.org/>.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

### SESSION 9:

#### 75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

1:45 - 3:00 PM

#### 53. Teach Confidently: Infused Nature Teaching

**Adrienne Donaldson, MEd**

*Coastal*

Gain an understanding of the benefits of using nature as a teaching tool. Explore ways to use nature and support young learners to develop a love for learning and exploring nature. Use teachable moments with nature to expand and build on the students' experiences, actions, and words. Play games and activities that young learners will enjoy but are simple and easy to use and support simple and quick transitions. Review different instructional methods and displays that can support the infusion of nature in the classroom. Educators will gain confidence in their skills to use across all age groups and school age students and support their reach for a higher score on their CLASS Assessment.

## CONCILIO LATINO

#### 54. Lo Bueno, Lo Malo y Lo Feo...

**Kitzamar Agosto**

*Beach*

El impacto social de un educador en este siglo, los mejores y los peores educadores se distinguen no por lo que dicen si no por lo que hacen. En este taller reflexionaremos donde depositamos nuestra energía y como tomamos decisiones. **Actualizaciones latinas por Mayra Márquez y Sarai Márquez**

#### 55. Finding the Gift in Every Child

**Maryann Harman**

*Gulf*

What a wonderful task! Helping children discover what it is they excel at - What gift they have to share that will be enjoyed by them and everyone in their lives. You are a special person when you can help a child find their gift. What a wonderful job description!

#### 56. Teaching Diversity in an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Setting

**Soarve O'Neal**

*Palm*

Learn the importance of diversity in the ECE family child care setting for all children while learning through play. When children are engaged in activities, young children are offered a fun way to learn about differences as well as similarities among each other.

#### 57. Addressing Sensitive Topics/Conversations (Repeat)

**Cynthia Krosky**

*Bay*

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#### 58. Top 10 Licensing Violations and Ways to Stay Compliant (Repeat)

**Hannah McGlothlin**

*Coquina*

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#### 59. The Real World and using Positive Classroom Management Strategies

**Brandi Crawford-Lavoie**

*Sundial*

Learn meaningful and usable behavior management skills especially designed for multi-age groups in FCC homes.

#### 60. Just Talk To Me: Supporting The Communication and Language Development of Infants and Toddlers in the Early Childhood Environment

**Zoe Turner**

*Cardita*

*Just Talk To Me* is designed to encourage early childhood educators to increase language development within their Early Childhood Programs. Language development during the early years of life is one of the critical aspects in early childhood development. As a previous Speech and Language Clinician (Pre-k-5th) and a past Early Intervention Specialist (0-3 years), I understand the pivotal role language and communication plays in all aspects of child development. My aim is to empower you to nurture the language and early communication skills of the little ones in your care, ultimately enabling them to communicate effectively with you and just talk to you.

#### 61. Discover Montessori

**Fariha Zuberi**

*Conch*

Montessori is a method of education developed by Dr. Maria Montessori that utilizes a hands-on approach involving all of the child's senses. This session is for those who want to discover the Montessori approach of learning and apply it in their FCC Home. Learn the purpose of Montessori materials and how to present the lessons to the child. As Maria Montessori said, "*The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.*"

### SESSION 10

#### Saturday Closing Keynote Releasing the Power of Play!

3:30 - 5:00 PM

**Dr. Pamela Phelps**

*Grand Ballroom*

We have spent several decades on drill and memorization methods and yet the research continues to show that PLAY is what opens the mind and helps children develop creativity and problem-solving skills. PLAY helps children to have the ability to take the perspective of others and to take on challenges. You will feel more secure about imbedding playful moments while developing more specific knowledge that will support success in later school. Happiness and playfulness open the mind to learning! **Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las Sesiones Generales!**

# Saturday Night, June 29

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# Sunday Morning, June 30

SESSION: 11

## GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom (Beach - Gulf - Palm)

8:00 am Complimentary Breakfast for Attendees

9:00 am **KEYNOTE: Marica Cox Mitchell Family Child Care of the Future: The Crossroads and Opportunities Ahead**

Child care, and family child care in particular, is rapidly changing and becoming more visible. Lawmakers, business leaders, private funders, families and government agencies are developing solutions and increasing their investments in child care. Are their solutions helpful? Are we ready for this new future? This session will elevate the trends and critical decisions needed to be made by family child care professionals to prepare for a more dynamic future.

10:00 am **FFCCHA Annual General Meeting** – open to ALL members and guests

10:30 am **Installation Ceremony of all FFCCHA Full Board Members**

10:45 am **More Prizes, including a GRAND Prize!**

**Marica Cox Mitchell** Vice President of Early Childhood for the Bainum Family Foundation, leading the foundation's efforts in supporting healthy growth and development of young children and the well-being of their families through direct service and advocacy. Previously, she worked as the Deputy Executive Director of Early Learning Systems at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), encompassing public policy, advocacy, accreditation, and the Power to the Profession. Visit [www.bainumfdn.org](http://www.bainumfdn.org)



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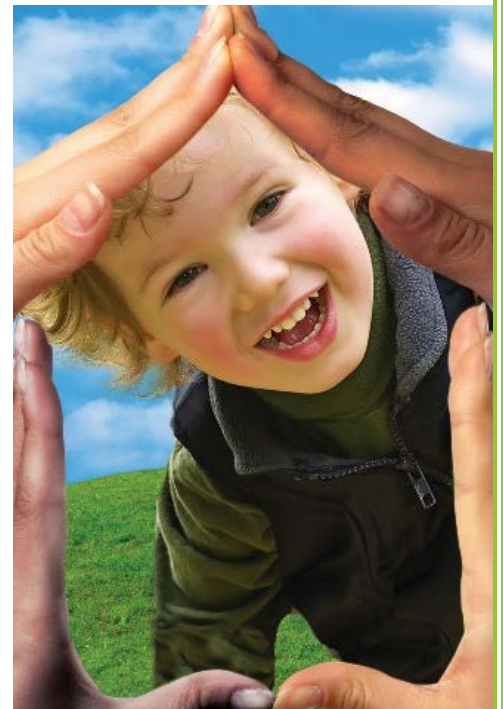
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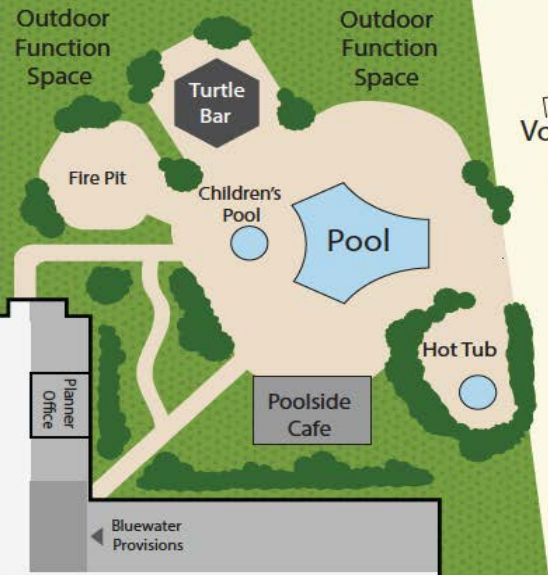
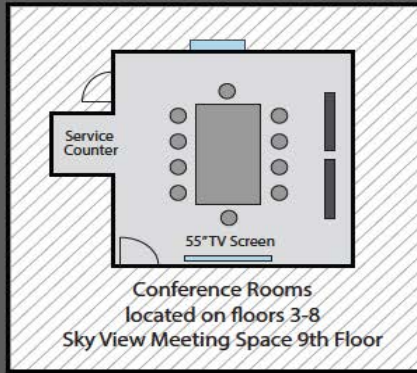
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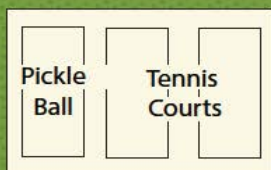
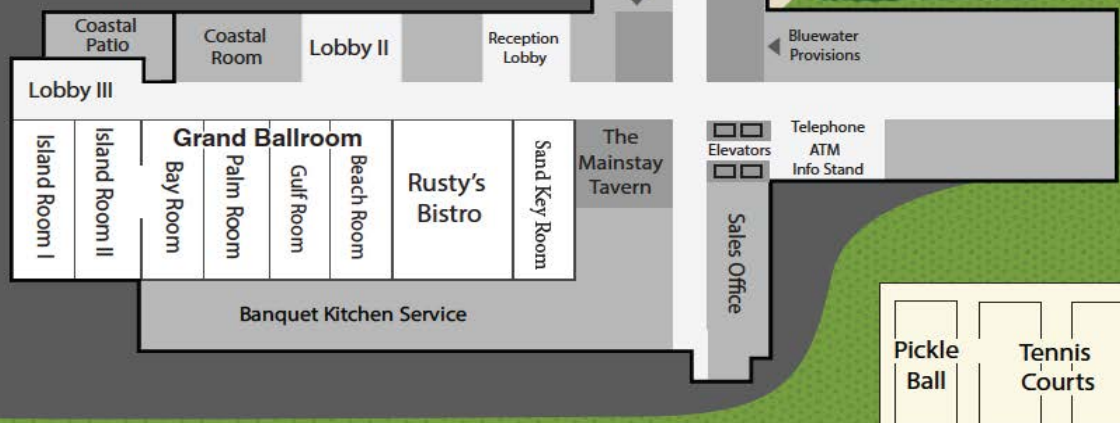


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## Friday, June 28

Session 1	8:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 2	9:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 3	11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	
<b>KEYNOTE: COURTNIÉ WHEELLESS, FRANCIÁ WISNEWSKI &amp; COURTNEY SMITH</b>		
Session 4	2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 5	3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	
Title: _____		

## Saturday, June 29

Session 6	8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	
<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: THE SUPER POWER IN YOU - NIGEL SMITH</b>		
Session 7	10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 8	11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 9	1:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	
Title: _____		
Session 10	3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	
<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: RELEASING THE POWER OF PLAY – DR. PAMELA PHELPS</b>		

## Sunday, June 30

Session 11	8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	
<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: THE FUTURE OF FCC – MARICA COX MITCHELL</b>		





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<b>2024 Workshops At-a-Glance</b>											
Time	Coastal	Beach	Gulf	Palm	Bay	Island 1 & 2	Coquina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sundial 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Cardita 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Conch 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	
<b>FRI</b> 8:00 - 9:15 Sess 1	<b>1</b> Breaking the Silence Torres	<b>2</b> Unpacking Mindfulness Beauregard	<b>3</b> Dev.Approp Practice K. Turner	<b>4</b> Educators Dream Big Donaldson	<b>5</b> Importance of Play Bedard	Open 9:00 am <b>E X H I B I T S</b>	<b>6</b> VPK Updates Gibbens	<b>7</b> Health & Safety Campbell	<b>8</b> FFCCHA Insights Report Dischler	<b>9</b> Consciencia del Dinero Diaz	
<b>FRI</b> 9:45-11:00 Sess 2	<b>10</b> Act now! Autism Lefford	<b>Visit the Exhibit Hall</b> <i>Lunch set up</i>			<b>11</b> Let's PLAY! Drew		<b>12</b> Language of CLASS Moss	<b>13</b> InfantToddler Play with Me Akers	<b>14</b> Making Math Fun Dean	<b>15</b> Conductuales Positivas Levy	
<b>11:30-1:30</b> Sess 3	<i>Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las sesiones generales</i>	<b>16 LUNCHEON KEYNOTES: NAFCC</b> <b>FRANCIA WISNEWSKI, DEL COURTNIIE</b> <b>WHEELESS AND DCF COURTNEY SMITH</b>				Exhibits Closed 11:30 - 1:30	<b>Free Chair Massages in Exhibit Hall</b> <b>*Refreshment Breaks will be provided in Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Friday: 9am &amp; 3pm and</b> <b>Saturday: 9am &amp; 11</b>				
<b>FRI</b> 2:00 - 3:15 Sess 4	<b>17</b> Science in STEM Play Espinoza	<b>18</b> Abriendo el Camino Grant	<b>19</b> Building Brains Music Harman	<b>20</b> Positive Behavior Levy	<b>21 Part 1</b> It's OK to Play in VPK Sargent	<b>E X H I B I T S</b>	<b>22</b> Accreditation Gold Seal Lambert	<b>23</b> CCDF Plan Overview Wheless	<b>24</b> Emergent Literacy Harmon	<b>25</b> <b>Are You Prepared?</b> Extra fee for CPR & First Aid Certification Lengell	
<b>FRI</b> 3:45 - 5:00 Sess 5	<b>26</b> El Lenguaje de CLASS Sotelo-Blanco	<b>27</b> Creating Calm! Roundtree	<b>28</b> Florida's Roadmap McCray	<b>29</b> Marketing Unleashed Biles	<b>30 Part 2</b> Putting Play into Practice Roa		<b>31</b> Don't Risk! Document Ostrander	<b>32</b> CC & RR First Step Bradwell	<b>33</b> Top 10 Lic. Violations McGlothlin		
<b>8:00 - 9:30</b> Sess 6	<i>Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las sesiones generales</i>	<b>34 GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: NIGEL SMITH</b> <b>THE SUPER POWER IN YOU!</b> NAFCC Accredited Provider Recognition				Open 9am	<b>CEU - Continuing Education Units</b> are available for an additional fee. <i>Visit the Registration Help Desk for more Information.</i>				
<b>SAT</b> 10:00-11:00 Sess 7	<b>35</b> Segundo Idioma Gonzalez	<b>36</b> Child Care Mastery Berry	<b>37</b> Parent Handbook Dischler	<b>36</b> Dramatic Play Skills Phelps	<b>39</b> After the ASQ Screen Gogia	<b>E X H I B I T S</b> to 3:30	<b>40</b> Financial Information Frost-Daniley	<b>41</b> Discipline & the Brain VictorCameron	<b>42</b> Using AI Tech in FCC Richardson	<b>43</b> InfantTod Exploration Scaffolding Acevedo	
<b>SAT</b> 11:30-12:30 Sess 8	<b>44</b> Las 10 Principales Huapilla	<b>45</b> Second Language Gonzalez	<b>46</b> Babies to the Beat! Harman	<b>47</b> Movement Magic Nakagama	<b>48</b> Sensitive Topics Krosky		<b>49</b> Opening the Pathway Peters	<b>50</b> Building on Strengths Grasso	<b>51</b> Large FCC Homes Hiester	<b>52</b> Importance of Play Bedard	
<b>12:30-1:30</b> Lunch	<b>Visit the Exhibit Hall</b> <i>Lunch on your own – Hotel Restaurants or Carryout to Seating available in Exhibit Hall</i>						<b>CEU-Continuing Education Units available for an additional fee.</b>				
<b>SAT</b> 1:45 - 3:00 Sess 9	<b>53</b> Teaching w Nature Donaldson	<b>54 Concilio</b> Lo Bueno, Lo Malo y Lo Feo Agosto	<b>55</b> Finding the Gifts Music Harman	<b>56</b> Teach Diversity O'Neal	<b>57</b> Sensitive Topics Krosky		<b>58</b> Top 10 Lic. Violations McGlothlin	<b>59</b> Real World Crawford-Lavoie	<b>60</b> Just Talk to Me Z. Turner	<b>61</b> Discover Montessori Zuberi	
<b>3:30 - 5:00</b> Sess 10	<b>Door Prizes!!!</b>	<b>62 GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: DR. PAMELA PHELPS</b> <b>RELEASING THE POWER OF PLAY!</b> <i>Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las sesiones generales</i>				Exhibit Hall Closed	<b>*Turn in Evaluations for a chance to win \$100 cash*</b>				
<b>8:00pm -12am</b>		<b>PROVIDER CELEBRATION – SNEAKER BALL! WITH DJ NIGEL SMITH ISLAND BALLROOM</b>									
		8:00 - 9:00 pm <b>Family Time</b>		9:00 pm – Midnight <b>Adults Only</b>							
<b>SUN</b> Sess 11	<b>8:15 am</b> <b>9:00-11:00</b>	<b>BREAKFAST BUFFET</b>		<b>GRAND BALLROOM (BEACH, GULF, PALM)</b>		<b>63 SESSION KEYNOTE: MARICA COX MITCHELL – FCC OF THE FUTURE: THE CROSSROADS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD</b> FFCCHA General Meeting and Installation of Officers					