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President's Message:

Greetings FFCCHA!

As I reflect upon my thoughts, I look back on all that we have done this last quarter, from networking with providers, parents, agencies, addressing phone calls going out and receiving incoming phone calls, attending professional development trainings, zoom meetings and the list goes on. We only have three months left in this 2022 year October to December. WOW!! How the time has flown by and while there is much to be thankful for this year and last year, FFCCHA continues to seek your much needed volunteer expertise for various positions available **ASAP!!** **"Believe you can and you're there"** (Theodore Roosevelt). FFCCHA continues to strive and make every effort by working diligently towards our members while we advocate continuously. Remember **WE ARE HERE FOR EVERYONE**. Call, text or email your questions or concerns to the contact listed in the Grapevine newsletter or visit our website.

Members, if you have been recognized for something you've accomplished or would like to share with your state association, send in your article and photos so we may publish it in the newsletter.

I would also like to take this moment to share just how **AWESOME** our FFCCHA conference was! Thank you to our conference coordinator and assistant coordinator, Karan Heister and Tammy Tener, as well as the **WHOLE** conference team and volunteers!! **JOB VERY WELL DONE!** A big and special thank you to all the Keynote speakers, workshop presenters, the exhibitors, the displays, and much needed educational materials shared, that enhance our day to day job performance. Members can pre-plan for the FFCCHA 2023 conference **NOW** by reserving your 2023 conference hotel room and signing up for a volunteer scholarship.

Please make sure your contact information is updated with membership as this helps to always kept in the loop. Do not forget to sign up for upcoming trainings whether in person or on zoom. Continue to visit FFCCHA website to keep you informed. Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

God Bless You ALL!!!

Lois Kendrick

FFCCHA President

Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

HOLA, FFCCHA!

Mientras reflexiono sobre mis pensamientos, miro hacia atrás viendo todo lo que hemos hecho este último trimestre, desde establecer contactos con proveedores, padres, agencias, hasta atendiendo llamadas telefónicas que salen y llamadas telefónicas que entran, presentando capacitaciones de desarrollo profesional, reuniones de zoom y la lista continúa. Nos quedan 3 meses en este año 2022, de octubre a diciembre. ¡¡UAU!! ¡Cómo ha pasado el tiempo y si bien hay mucho porque estar agradecido por este año y el año pasado, FFCCHA continúa buscando su experiencia voluntaria que es tan necesaria para varios puestos disponibles lo antes posible! **"Si crees que puedes y llegarás allí"** (Theodore Roosevelt). FFCCHA continúa esforzándose y haciendo todo lo posible trabajando diligentemente hacia nuestros miembros mientras abogamos continuamente. Miembros, recuerden **ESTAMOS AQUÍ PARA TODOS**. Llame, envíe un mensaje de texto o envíe por correo electrónico sus preguntas o inquietudes los contactos que figura en el boletín informativo de Grapevine o visite nuestro sitio web.

Miembros, si han sido reconocidos por algo que han logrado o les gustaría compartir con su asociación estatal, envíen su artículo y fotos para que podamos publicarlo en el boletín. ¡También me gustaría aprovechar este momento para compartir lo **INCREÍBLE** que fue nuestra conferencia FFCCHA! ¡Gracias a nuestra coordinadora de la conferencia y coordinadora asistente, Karan Heister y Tammy Tener, así como a **TODO** el equipo de la conferencia y voluntarios! **UN TRABAJO MUY BIEN HECHO!** Un gran y especial agradecimiento a todos los oradores principales, presentadores de talleres, expositores, exhibiciones y por los materiales educativos muy necesarios compartidos, que mejoran nuestro desempeño laboral diario. Miembros pueden planificar previamente la conferencia FFCCHA 2023 desde **AHORA** reservando su habitación de hotel de conferencias 2023 y registrándose para una beca de voluntarios. Por favor asegúrese que su información de contacto esté actualizada en la membresía, ya que esto ayuda a asegurarse de que siempre se mantenga informado.

No olvide inscribirse en las próximas capacitaciones, ya sea en persona o en zoom. Continúe visitando el sitio web de FFCCHA para mantenerlo informado. Esperando verlos a todos pronto.

Dios los bendiga a TODOS!!!

Lois Kendrick

FFCCHA Presidente



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Credential Scholarship News

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

**9 scholarships were awarded this quarter
(July 1, – September 30, 2022) \$2,720**

NAFCC Self Study \$315: Katia Bonnebal, Ludice V Collazo, Yanela Garcia, Alison Jolon

NAFCC New Accreditation \$325: Lucinda Hightower

NAFCC Reaccreditation \$325: Lyria Allen, Karla Bell, Renee Graham

NAFCC Update \$160: Gwen Wilson

When applying for a scholarship, make sure you thoroughly read the scholarship form and send ALL requested documents.

Applications are available NOW! In this issue of The Grapevine or online.

Questions? Contact me at 561-445-7333 or aright933@aol.com

**August General Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Secretary

General Meetings include reports given by our Executive Board members, including the President, Vice President, Area Rep Coordinator, Treasurer, Financial Manager, and many more.

Motions were made to approve the Executive Board recommendations, and included: using a new CPA firm approved by prior CPA and Financial Manager, Sande Harper; accepting the budget and financial Report from Sande Harper, Financial Manager; increasing the stipends of Tammy Tener - Executive Director, Abbie Bill - Credential Manager, Karan Hiester - Conference Coordinator, Tammy Tenner - Conference Assistant, and Sondra Harper - Conference Financial Manager; and purchasing a laptop computer for Abbie Bill to work on FFCCHA work. All motions approved and passed.

**GENIUS IS
NOTHING MORE
NOR LESS THAN
CHILDHOOD
RECAPTURED
AT WILL.**

Charles Baudelaire

**Members of FFCCHA who serve on
Early Learning Coalitions**

Cynthia Chipp - ELC of Hillsborough

Nichola Griffiths/Butts - ELC of Palm Beach

Naomi Helligar - ELC of Osceola County

Cecil Wilson - ELC of Marion County

Other Boards / Councils / Organizations

Tammy Tener, Kissha Ballard, and Arleen Lambert - The FUTURE Project - The Children's Movement

Kissha Ballard - ERIKSON Institute - Pre-K in Family Child Care Project

Lynn Gibson - Pinellas County License Board Family Child Care 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, and Early Childhood Policy Works Advocacy Fellow

Mary Morris - Palm Beach County Health Department Child Care Advisory Council and Palm Beach State College Advisory Council

Patricia Williams - North Florida Chapter of FLAECY representing Family Child Care

**SAVE THE DATE!**

NAFCC 2023 Annual Conference

"The Future Starts with Us"

July 12 – July 15, 2023

**Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel
and Convention Center, Atlanta, GA**

**More details coming soon for reservations,
sponsorship, and registration!**

Events Calendar 2022-23

October - August



Apply NOW for FFCCHA Board Applications for 2-year terms:
Secretary, Professional Development, Chapter Coordinator,
Public Relations

October

- 12-16 FLAECY Conference, Jacksonville, FL
- 18 FFCCHA Virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Start planning for FFCCHA June 2023 Conference – make your hotel reservations and apply to volunteer in Clearwater Beach!
- 21 Deadline for Reps and Officers Full Board Meeting Reports: send to renieroach@yahoo.com
- 22 Latino FFCCHA virtual Workshop in Spanish
- 26 Spanish virtual training on NAFCC Accreditation Transfer Workbook, 7pm
- 27 FFCCHA Area Rep Virtual meeting, 7pm
- TBA FFCCHA Board Development Training

November

- 1 FFCCHA Virtual Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 2 FFCCHA Virtual Chapter Rep Meeting, 7pm
- 5 FFCCHA Virtual Full Board Training (9am) and Meeting
- 12 Latino FFCCHA Network meeting
- 15 FFCCHA Virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Spanish virtual training on NAFCC Accreditation Transfer Workbook, 7pm
- 16-19 NAEYC Conference, Washington, DC
- 17 Virtual training on NAFCC Accreditation Overview, 7pm
- 17 Deadline for January newsletter

December

- 1 Apply for FFCCHA Board Positions to start in July 2023: President, Vice President, Area Rep Coordinator, Fundraiser, Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison, Odd-numbered Area Reps
- 14 Spanish virtual training on NAFCC Accreditation Transfer Workbook, 7pm
- 15 Virtual training on NAFCC Accreditation Self-Study, 7pm

January 2023

- 14 Latino FFCCHA Virtual workshop in Spanish
- 15 Deadline to apply for FFCCHA Board positions to start July 1, 2023
- 17 FFCCHA Virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Latino FFCCHA Network meeting

February

- 11 Latino FFCCHA Virtual workshop in Spanish
- 17 Deadline for FFCCHA April newsletter
- 21 FFCCHA Virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 25 FFCCHA in-person Leadership Summit / Full Board meeting

March

- 4 Latino FFCCHA Network meeting
- 6 Deadline for FFCCHA Parent Choice Awards
- 13 Deadline for FFCCHA Outstanding Accredited Provider Award
- 18 FFCCHA virtual Conference Team Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Deadline for FFCCHA Essay Awards: Hall of Fame, AHAP, Outstanding Chapter
- 26 Children's Week - Hanging of the Hands, Capitol, Tallahassee

Fall Membership News

Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

Congratulations to our FALL Chapter Membership-Drive Winners!!*Central Florida FCCA (July)**MultiCultural FCCA (August)**Heart to Heart FCCA (September)*

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

IMPORTANT:

Please renew your membership before it expires to avoid a lapse in your membership! Your expiration date is located just above your name on the back of this FFCCHA newsletter, **The Grapevine**.

You can renew your CHAPTER membership online going to our Chapter Membership link: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter-memberships/> If your Chapter is **not listed**, go to FFCCHA memberships <https://familychildcare.org/product/ffccha-membership/> and select CHAPTER PROVIDER, then write in your Chapter in the NOTE box. Please, please **do not join** as an INDIVIDUAL provider if you are a **member of a Local Association (Chapter)**. You must renew thru your Chapter. PLEASE **call me if you need any help (561)715-1361**.

So far, these CHAPTERS are online! Central Florida FCCA, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Multicultural FCCA of Orange County, and Putnam County FCCA, and North Florida CCA!! Remember, as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join **National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)** at a \$5-off discounted rate. You must join/renew under FFCCHA for the discount.

Membership breakdown as of 9/30/2022:

Chapter/Full Providers: 473	Chapters: 17
Advocates: 27	Co-Providers: 69
Individual Members: 54	Parent Members: 42
Agencies: 1	
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12	
Total: 657	

And again, when joining or renewing, remember to PLEASE use the correct and updated individual/parent/chapter membership forms available on the website.

If you have questions or need anything, please give me a shout!!

HUGS!



We are nearly at 900 likes on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!

www.facebook.com/FFCCHA
Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:



TALK OF THE TOWN AREA 31 - Miami-Dade County

Carmen Yesan



Carmen Yesan has been a family child care home provider for 21 years! Currently, she operates a Large Licensed Family Child Care Home in Hialeah in north Miami-Dade County. She has been NAFCC Accredited for 18 years and has earned the FL Gold Seal status.

Carmen is married with 4 children and has 6 grandchildren, who together with her husband, are her inspiration to always give her best. Carmen had always wanted to be a child educator and after doing various jobs in an educational center, she was given the opportunity to open her own family child care home. She started a family child care home with the idea of being able to stay at home with the youngest of her children as well as having them to be able to interact with other children. She offers the children in her home an environment that continuously strives for the highest and most appropriate quality for the children's development, without forgetting the family warmth.

Carmen is a member of APCID, FFCCHA and NAFCC. She has been nationally accredited with NAFCC for 18 years. She has served in several positions on the board of her local chapter, the Asociación Profesional de Cuidado Infantil Domiciliario (APCID). In the past, she has served in local leadership as: treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president of APCID.

Born in the South American country of Peru, Carmen completed her high school studies in Lima, Peru. She went on to study in the USA at Miami-Dade College and completed several courses. She enjoys and has a passion for what she does, and says if she had to do it all again, she would!

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 1 - 9.

Submissions must be submitted by November 17, 2022 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

Support FFCCHA

Gertrude Freeman-Ford, Fundraising

Touching base with you ALL here to thank you for being great supporters of FFCCHA and ALL we do!

Please continue supporting FFCCHA by putting aside your CLEAN and gently-used items (such as child care toys, supplies, and home-goods). At our regular in-person meetings and trainings, we set up our Green Table where we sell these items to support our FFCCHA. Remember, we encourage giving back to FFCCHA in this way, and in other ways, such as accepting new gifts and/or gift cards with values of at least \$25.00.



Hope to see everyone when we have our next in-person gathering, because it's so great to meet face to face.

Here are some more ways YOU can support FFCCHA just by shopping through these links!

Amazon Smile - Support FFCCHA every time you shop! Share the link!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0392120>

Benevity.org - We are also registered and eligible to receive donations and matching corporate donations through

www.causes.benevity.org

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 321-890-8366 or email me at fundraiser@familychildcare.org

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or give us a call at 1-877-FL-TEACH

Public Relations News

WE NEED YOU!!

Are you ready to come on board as our PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR?

Responsibilities will include working closely with our President, Executive Director, and Conference Coordinator, maintaining PR Materials, promoting FFCCHA, and mailing out PR resources throughout the state!

Is your Chapter or Area having a mini-conference, meeting or training session coming up? Create an incredible **DISPLAY TABLE** usig ou can even use any of our PR materials for virtual meetings and presentations with your ELC, Food Program and your own Chapter Association meeting.

No time to wait?? You can always print directly from our FFCCHA website under the Publications tab <https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/> Our many items include pull-up stand-up banners, display boards, and brochures and flyers in both English and Spanish. You can also advertise your business in our *Grapevine* Newsletter!

For more info, contact Lois Kendrick, president of FFCCHA, at president@familychildcare.org



Area Rep News

Dr. Angela-Perla Almodovar, Area Rep Coordinator

AREA REPRESENTATIVES VACANCIES

Learn more about who we are!

FFCCHA is a unique association where family childcare home providers join us from all backgrounds and counties in the state of Florida to work with the early childhood community to become active leaders.

We always want potential candidates for the Area Representative positions to learn more about the meaningful projects we work on please contact me at (305)321-6735.

If you are interested, please be sure to apply, and we look forward to reviewing your application!



MENTOR News July 2022

Abbie Bill - Mentor Program Chair

Mentors: please make sure you are sending me any updates on your credentials and in service hours needed for each year. If you have any questions on what is needed, contact me.

If you are not a mentor but 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.

Looking forward to 2023 and anticipating holding the MENTOR training at our June annual conference.

Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-445-7333



Chapter News

The Executive Board position of Chapter Representative Coordinator is open! If you are interested in becoming our next Coordinator for the Chapter Reps, please apply now! To get more information, please contact Lois Kendrick, president@familychildcare.org.

Chapter Reps, for now, please forward all paperwork and reports to Lois! Remember to get in touch with your members to connect with them. When signing on new members or renewing previous, **PLEASE use the updated** chapter membership forms available on the website, click here to print it out: <https://familychildcare.org/wp-content/uploads/ChapterMembershipForm2021-04-01WRC.pdf>

Multicultural Family Child Care Association of Orange County members are all excited after attending our state Annual conference in June, meeting up to bring training on strategies used to create lesson plans without stress.

Members attending our most recent chapter meeting included: Rendi Bethel, Sharon Singleton, Patricia Swasey, Fariah Zuberi, Lactetia Pickett-Figgins, Sonji Mitchell-Walker and Kissha Ballard. Multicultural Educators' monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am, and usually last for one hour.. Dates are subject to change. Please contact Rendi Bethel for more information.





FFCCHA Professional Development Zoom Virtual Training Application

Saturday, November 5, 2022

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Lunch Break: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Full Board Meeting

12:00 pm-2:30pm



Training Registration Fee: **\$30.00** (\$25 scholarships available)

FFCCHA members **Pay only \$5** (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers)

Online Payments available! <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/virtual-in-service-training/>

Make check payable to: **FFCCHA, Inc.**

Please submit this completed form with payment to: **FFCCHA**
c/o Arleen Lambert, VP
19811 NW 7th Ave
Miami, FL 33169

Questions email: ArleenLambert@gmail.com or call 305-793-4011

Deadline: Must be received by Nov. 4, 2022

Please print: _____ <--- Please check here if applying for a training scholarship! Pay only \$5!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **County:** _____

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 to sign in. Training starts promptly at 9:00 am!

Creating a Positive Environment: Attention to Detail Encourages Self-Regulation Skills

Hours: 2

Presenter: Dr. Pamela C. Phelps, Creator of *The Beyond Centers and Circle Time (BCCT) Curriculum*

Our work is hard and often the days are long. The appearance of the space we create is vital to our mental health and happiness. This presentation will provide ideas to help you create early childhood environments that are interesting spaces for yourself and for the children you work with each day. Self-Regulation skills are taught and environments that create positive learning spaces and experiences will support more than just knowledge of ABC's. Success in school depends on social/emotional development and the environment sets the tone for this development.

The deadline is November 4, 2022. There will be NO refunds after this deadline.

If you do not attend this training, the training fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process: contact Arleen Lambert at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 305-793-4011 between 9am - 5pm Monday through Friday.

Noticias Del Concilio Latino

Alma Diaz, Latino Liaison

Es con gran honor que me dirijo hacia uds. nuevamente, son todas muy especiales y un orgullo que representen a la comunidad latina. Quería participarles que represento el panel de **National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance**, El día Septiembre 18, 2022 viaje a Palm Spring, California, fui invitada a la conferencia de NARA (National Association for Regulatory Administration) Esta asociación se involucra en la concesión de licencias y la regulación del cuidado humano. NARA es la única organización de membresía para licencias de atención humana y personal. Como parte de este panel fui invitada a representar a los cuidados de niños en el hogar y presentar los siguientes puntos a las licencias de DCF (Department of Children and Families).

Involucrar a la FCC en la toma de decisiones sobre las reglamentaciones y los procesos de concesión de licencias. Tener respeto al entrar por nuestras puertas. Establecer una relación positiva. Aplicar las reglas de la misma manera. Que las visitas sean en el lenguaje de la proveedora. Traer entrenamientos con respeto a las regulaciones para ser mejor entendidas y ser cumplidas de la mayor manera, y muchos puntos mas de gran importancia, espero que nuestra voz sea escuchada ante las agencias para poder mejorar nuestros negocios y sentirnos mas confortables. Fue una experiencia unica, maravillosa y de mucho orgullo haber representado al Cuidado de Niños en el Hogar. Nunca dejes de creer que no te escuchamos siempre se llega el momento para poder presentar tus inquietudes, para esto estamos. Como siempre lo he dicho necesitamos unírnos cada día más, en al union está la fuerza. Ya estamos preparando la conferencia del próximo año, ven acompañanos prepara todo con tiempo, te necesitamos. Con mucho cariño, **Alma**

It is with great honor that I address all of you, you are very special and we are proud to represent the Latino community. I wanted to inform you that I represented the panel at the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance. On September 18, 2022, I traveled to Palm Spring, California, as I was invited to the NARA (National Association for Regulatory Administration) conference. This association is involved in granting licensing and human care regulation. NARA is the only membership organization for human and personal care licensing. As part of this panel, I was invited to represent Family Child Care and present the following points to DCF (Department of Children and Families) Licensing:

Involve the FCC in making decisions about regulations and licensing processes; Have respect when entering our doors; Establish a positive relationship; Apply the rules in the same way; That the visits are in the language of the provider; Bring training with respect to the regulations to be better understood and fulfilled in the best way; and many more points of great importance. I hope that our voice is heard before the agencies to improve our businesses and feel more comfortable. It was a unique, wonderful, and very proud experience to have represented Family Child Care. Never stop believing that we do not listen to you, the time always comes to be able to present your concerns, for this we are here. As I have always said, we need to unite more every day, in union there is strength. We are already preparing next year's conference, come join us prepare everything in time, we need you.

Important Upcoming Latino Liaison Events/Dates:

October 22, 2022 workshop
November 12, 2022 Network
January 14, 2023 Workshop
January 28, 2023 Network
February 11, 2023 Workshop
March 04, 2023 Network





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Emergency Preparedness



In the wake of Hurricane Ian, DCF encourages Child Care providers to review their emergency plans to ensure you are prepared to respond to an emergency. As a reminder, there are emergency preparedness requirements for facilities and homes before, during, and after emergencies.

For specific details, visit the [Child Care Emergency Preparedness website](#). You can also view the [Operating a Child Care Program Following a Declared Emergency](#) document for requirements following a declared emergency.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

[DCF Child Care Emergency Preparedness](#) - provides a brief outline of child care provider's responsibilities related to emergency preparedness and reporting

[DCF Disaster Services](#) - provides office closures and other information for affected counties

[Department of Health](#) - provides information on drinking water safety and other health precautions

[Division of Emergency Management](#) - provides information on evacuations and closings and helpful planning tools

[Red Cross](#) - disaster preparedness tools for many types of disasters, storm tracking information, safety checklists and safety information

[FEMA](#) - information on different types of disasters, disaster and emergency declarations, and current response and recovery information

Updates to the Child Care Training Transcripts

FLORIDA EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGISTRY

Student: [REDACTED]
Student ID: [REDACTED] Date: 06/27/2022

As of July 2022, the Department of Children and Families has updated the **Child Care Training Transcript**. In addition to a new design, the transcript now features the below enhancements:

- Field for Training Start Date
- Page numbers
- Additional Section for Training as Needed or Applicable
- Watermark, boarder, and landscape orientation design

A transcript guide has been developed to provide a sample of the new transcript. This guide can also be found on the DCF website on the Training and Credentialing page under "Credentials".

Students can view their transcript after logging into their Child Care Training Student Account.



Early Learning Parents Pages

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING

For the full newsletter go to: https://www.floridaearlylearning.com/Content/Uploads/floridaearlylearning.com/files/Sept_22_PP_FINAL-ADA.pdf

Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home

Language, communication, early literacy and writing are critical to children's ability to learn, work and play with others. Language and literacy development involves the way children learn to communicate with sounds,

words and gestures and, eventually, the way they learn to read and write. Children develop language and literacy through interactions with adults and other children, en-

gagement with materials and instructional experiences. Your child's foundation for reading begins at infancy. Their early experiences with books and language are a foundation for later reading success. When you read, talk or play with your child, it stimulates the brain and builds connections that become the building blocks for reading. Reading aloud to your child every day increases the brain's capacity for language and literacy skills. You can find resources to better understand your child's language and literacy development as well as activity ideas under the Families tab on the [Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards](#) website. Simply select your child's age from the drop-down menu.



Florida's Tax Relief

Florida's families are being provided tax relief!

The Governor and Florida Legislature delivered \$1.1 billion in tax savings for not only hurricane preparedness and back-to-school items, but also for purchases of Energy Star appliances, skilled workers' tools and even outdoor activities and events.

Some key tax dates include:

Gas Tax Holiday, October 1 – 31, 2022

Children's Clothing and Shoes,

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Children's Diapers, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

You can find out more information about these and all the upcoming tax holidays by visiting <https://bit.ly/TaxHolidaysFL>.



Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – October 2022

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	City	Zip	Phone	Email
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Membership	Wendy Corso-Ruud	Boca Raton	33431	561-715-1361	membership@familychildcare.org
Area Rep Coordinator	Angela "Perla" Almodovar	Doral	33178	305-321-6735	aperla3541@aol.com
Public Relations	Open - Apply Now!				
Chapter Coordinator	Open - Apply now!				
Latino Liaison	Alma Diaz	Hialeah	33018	305-467-2560	latinoliasion@familychildcare.org
Professional Development	Open - Apply now!				
Fundraising	Gertrude Freeman-Ford	Cocoa	32926	321-890-8366	fundraiser@familychildcare.org
Legislative Liaison	Lynn Gibson	Seminole	33777	727-397-6982	childcarelaws@aol.com
Executive Director, Asst. Conference & Contracts	NON-BOARD POSITIONS				
	Tammy Tener	Crystal River	34428	407-234-3473	info@familychildcare.org
Finance Manager	Sande Harper	St Petersburg	33710	727-345-0299	sharper3601@aol.com
Area #	Counties	Area Representatives – Full Board			
1	Escambia	Open	Temporary: Marcella Espinosa-Copeland	850-458-2486	mcella1821@aol.com
2	Santa Rosa	Eva Anderson	Navarre 32566	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
3	Okaloosa, Walton	Open	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	Open	Temporary: Eva Anderson	850-936-0348	myladyava@gmail.com
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	Tallahassee 32305	850-877-3885	area5rep@familychildcare.org
6	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union	Open			
7	Duval	Patricia Williams	Jacksonville 32209	904-403-8948	Pdt62@comcast.net
8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Open	Temporary: Renie Roach	904-436-5799	renieroach@yahoo.com
10	Alachua	Open	Temporary: Lyria Allen	352-339-2188	lyrialoving@bellsouth.net
11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	Open	Temporary: Tammy Tener	407-234-3473	tenerfcc@gmail.com
12	Marion	Open	Temporary: Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com
13	Flagler, Volusia	Jennifer Richards	Daytona Beach 32114	386-846-9567	ljrichards23@gmail.com
14	Lake	Open			
15	Seminole	Open			
16	Brevard	Joyce Burks	Cocoa 32922	321-292-2159	JoyceBurksChildCare@gmail.com
17	Orange	Open	Temporary: Kissha Ballard	407-616-5082	Ballardkissha@gmail.com
18	Osceola	Open	Temporary: Mayra Marquez	407-350-4239	mmlatinoliasion@gmail.com
19	Pasco, Hernando	Open			
20	Polk	Fariha Zuberi	Orlando 32837	407-361-0130	montessori.home@yahoo.com
21	Hillsborough	Annette Eberhart	Tampa 33612	813-493-0828	annettee05@gmail.com
22	Pinellas	Open	Temporary: Lynn Gibson	727.397-982	childcarelaws@aol.com
23	Manatee	Open			
24	Sarasota	Open			
25	Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte	Open			
26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	Open			
27	St Lucie	Open			
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Mary Morris	Palm Beach 33409	561-832-0472	msmlm57@msn.com
29	Palm Beach	Kelisha Buchanan Webb	Palm Beach 33410	561-805-4304	neicykelistcc@gmail.com
30	Broward	Open			
31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Danish Williams	Miami 33147	305-495-5029	danishwilliams@hotmail.com

Interested in serving as an Area Representative?
Contact aperla3541@aol.com OR call: 305-321-6735

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – October 2022

Area	CHAPTER NAME	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
5	North Florida FCC Assoc. (9 members)	Charlene Thornton	850-980-2824	LSLCKids@yahoo.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville (25)	Lucinda Hightower	904-300-3466	1thechildcareprovider@gmail.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association (8)	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com	Rotates cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association (25)	Deserie Dickson	352-789-6836	Dezplayland50@yahoo.com	Ocala
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC (61)	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association (7)	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FCCCHA of Orange Co (27)	Rendy Bethel-Avila	407-354-0840	ravila12@cfl.rr.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (36)	Gretchen Murphy	813-340-0445	gretchenm3@verizon.net	Temple Terrace
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association (28)	Robin Dean	813-205-4432	nanaslearningpost@gmail.com	Riverview
22	FLEXx Production Southside CCA (9)	Dorothy Jenkins	727-895-7101	Blueeyes33701@yahoo.com	St. Petersburg
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc (65)	Michelle Pugh	727-215-0946	mrp701@aol.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County (19)	Victoria Morgan	941-251-6431	mslilvick@aol.com	Bradenton
29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc (53)	Amanda Wallace	561-251-3365	amandawallace42@bellsouth.net	Palm Beach
30	Broward County FCC Association (7)	Phyllis Grant	954-873-2747	grant589@bellsouth.net	Lauderhill
30,31	APCID of Hialeah (61)	Sisi Molina	786-444-7853	sisi.molina@yahoo.com	Hialeah
31	South Florida Home CC Association (39)	Kelly Patterson	305-986-8826	kkbbabyinn@aol.com	Miami
31	FCCPA of Miami-Dade County (28)	Gladys Reyes	786-704-2012	Lalyreyes252@yahoo.com	Kendall

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (NON-BOARD POSITIONS)

Advisory	Gwen Wilson	352-351-5370	gwenlo50@hotmail.com	Latino Development	Open - Apply now!	
Awards	Renie Roach	904-436-5799	renieroach@yahoo.com	Member Development	Open - Apply now!	
Bylaws	Open - Apply now!			M.E.N.T.O.R.	Abbie Bill	561-445-7333 FLMentorpgm@aol.com
Chaplain	Open - Apply now!			Newsletter Editor	Wendy Corso-Ruud	561- 715-1361 ruud3@aol.com
Chapter Dev	Open - Apply now!			Nomination	Open - Apply now! nominations@familychildcare.org	
Finance	Delores Penn	561-274-9905	ddhpp@msn.com	Parliamentarian	Open - Apply now!	
Fundraiser	Al Kendrick	239-470-5616		Credential Scholarship	Abbie Bill	561-445-7333 credentialchair@familychildcare.org
Historian	Open - Apply now!			Social Media	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482 educate71@gmail.com
Hospitality	Lula Owens	904-779-9988	lulafrank@bellsouth.net	Translation	Open - Apply now!	
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR:				KARAN HIESTER	386-957-4482	conference@familychildcare.org
Contact a Chair if you would like to serve as a member of any of the above committees!						

FFCCHA: 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Phone: 954-581-1192

E-mail: info@familychildcare.org

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: 1,3,4,6,8/9,10,11,14,15,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,27,30

Submit Area Rep applications to: areacoordinator@familychildcare.org

Apply NOW for Vacant Executive Committee Officer Positions

(for July 2022-June 2024 term): Professional Development, Secretary, Public Relations, Chapter Coordinator

Apply NOW for Current Vacant Positions for Board Chairs:

Committee Chairs (non-board positions): see Committee Chair list above in chart

Applications are available at www.familychildcare.org on the "Forms" page under Resources, or contact our temporary Nomination Chair, Arleen Lambert. Applications can be submitted via e-mail, mail, fax, or hand delivered. Questions? E-mail: nominations@familychildcare.org OR call 305-651-9617.





FFCCHA 2021–22 Annual Report: 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Accomplishments / Achievements



July 1 - September 30, 2021

- ED, Officers and Members attend in-person NAFCC Conference, New Orleans (July 7-10)
- Full Board virtual meeting and training (Aug 7)
- Executive Committee **Board Development** Virtual (Sept 23)

October 1 - December 31, 2021

- Full Board virtual meeting and training (Nov 6)

January 1 - March 31, 2022

- Members & Executive Director attend in-person **Children's Week**, non-profit One Voice Sponsor (Jan 30-Feb 1)
- Annual **Leadership Summit** "*Leaders Are Made...Followers are Born*", 50 reg. scholarships, Virtual (Feb 26)

April 1 - June 30, 2022

- Full Board meeting/training, Virtual (April 30) and 3 more virtual trainings (two on May 21 and June 4)
- Hosted June state **conference** "*Enhancing Our Minds in...2022*" in Clearwater, **110 scholarships**, **200** attendees!
- VP and members attend NAFCC 2022 Conference, San Francisco (June 21-25)
- **Awarded a yearly total of \$13,270** in full and partial **scholarships** to **42** providers towards **credentials**
- **Awarded yearly total of 209** partial registration **scholarships** at **7** statewide **Virtual in-service trainings**

And FFCCHA represents YOU and YOUR profession by

Representing Family Child Care on LEGISLATIVE Issues - Executive Director, Vice President & 4 members attend Children's Week meeting with several legislators: House of Representatives and Senate members (Jan 2022)

Representing Family Child Care at STATE Conferences – Executive Director & Conference Coordinator attends One Goal Summer conference, Tampa (July), ED attends virtual **FLAEYC** Leadership Day and Conference (Oct)

Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL Conferences – ED, VP, Membership Officer and 10 members attend in-person National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Conference July 7-10, 2021) 5 attend Pre-Conference, 2 in Leaders Shaping Leaders, 2 in Leadership Class, 1 presents a workshop AND VP, Area 21 Rep & 5 members attend 2022 NAFCC conference in San Francisco, CA (June 21-25) 1 co-presented Observer training, 2 graduate from Shaping Leaders, 3 attend Affiliate Leader meeting, 7 recognized for Accreditation, **Annette Eberhart** honored as **NAFCC Observer of the Year**.

“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at STATE MEETINGS

- Executive Director attended DEL monthly **Professional Development** and the **Infant-Toddler** Meeting/Webinars
- Executive Director attended **FL HEROs ECE Recognition** Stakeholder Committee webinar/call (Sept, Dec 21, Apr 22)
- Executive Director participates on weekly **Early Learning Consortium** zoom calls as needed. (July-June) Consortium consists of Children's Movement, Children's Forum, Children's Trust, FL Alliance of Children's Services Councils & Trusts, United Way Florida, AELC, Head Start, FLAEYC and FFCCHA
- Executive Director & Legislative Liaison attend **FLAEYC Advocacy Chapter** or **One Voice** virtual meetings (monthly)
- Executive Director & a Past Pres attend in-person Children's Forum Advisory meeting, Tampa (July 20, 2021)
- Executive Director selected on **CRRSA Team** and attends virtual meetings (July 15, Aug 9 & 26, Sept 9, 2021) & **ARPA** calls (Dec/Jan)

“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Executive Director and Legislative Liaison attend **NAFCC** virtual with **NAFCC Policy Consultant** (Oct)
- Executive Director selected & attended NAFCC Accreditation Quality Standards Review Team (Sept-May)
- Executive Director and Legislative Liaison attend **NAEYC Public Policy Forum** (Feb)
- Executive Director spends 1 on 1 meeting with Matt Mears (Oct 27)
- Member, Annette Eberhardt serves on **NAFCC Accreditation Council** (monthly)
- Executive Director attends **NAFCC Community of Practice** (COP) virtual sessions about NAFCC Accreditation support led by NAFCC Accreditation Council members Mike Bachman (IN), Tammy Dwyer, ME (Nov, Feb, June)
- **FL Reps** attend **NAFCC Rep meetings**: Eva Anderson, Region A (Northwest & Northeast), Mayra Marquez, Region B (central) Cynthia Chipp, Region C (Suncoast & SE) and Arleen Lambert, Region D (South)



FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Application

Requirements: Must be a Florida Licensed Family Child Care Provider, a FFCCHA chapter provider member and NAFCC member.



Applying for: ☐ \$160 ☐ \$315 ☐ \$325 ☐ \$_____

- ☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study
- ☐ NAFCC New Accreditation: Application
- ☐ NAFCC Accreditation: Update
- ☐ NAFCC Re-accreditation: Application

Note: \$600/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

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 this application along with 2 letters of recommendation (dated within past 6 mos.)** from any of the following: Child Care Agency, Early Learning Coalition, local FFCCHA Chapter, FFCCHA Certified Mentor, current parent/client from your FCC home, Food Program sponsor, Training Instructor, Licensing, Community or State College.

Also include a copy of your current NAFCC Membership Card OR receipt of purchase.

FFCCHA Scholarships, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

ALL correspondence is by e-mail, so make sure your email is valid and check it often after applying.

Questions? Please call Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or e-mail aright933@aol.com

Office verification:

Regulation _____ Chapter _____ Member since _____ FFCCHA _____ NAFCC _____

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www.Childrensweek.org

Legislative News

Lynn Gibson, Legislative Liaison
Email: Childcarelaws@aol.com

Giving you all plenty of time to prepare to "HANG" with us in Tallahassee, Florida! This year the 28th Annual Children's Week Florida™ event at the State Capitol, will be held on **March 26th-31st!**

Meet us **Sunday, March 26, 2023**, to hang the collection of children's hand artwork in the Florida State Capitol Rotunda. Set up FFCCHA table as a Children's Week Partner.

Monday March 27, 2023, we will be traveling around the Tallahassee area to meet with different agencies. If time allows, we will head over to the capitol to meet up with Children's week partners who are sharing their agencies information around the rotunda. Possibility of meetings with legislators. Back to the hotel to change into our outfits for dinner and off to the **2023 Children's Week Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony.**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, Children's Day at the Capitol. What a fun day this will be. Put on your running shoes because we don't stop for long on this busy day. We attend multiple meetings with legislators while lots of special events are happening around the State Capitol inside and out. Children and Advocates fill the area making it an amazing day!

Don't you want to join in on the fun?! **Contact us to join the team.** Don't worry if this is your first time, we all started somewhere. Come get excited about the work that is being done to support the children and child care providers across the state of Florida. Hope to see you there!



Children's Week Advocacy Dinner 2022

FLORIDA'S HEROs

Florida's Healthy Environments for Reducing Obesity, also known as Florida's HEROs is a voluntary statewide recognition program that is open to all early care and education (ECE) programs that are licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Through this program, ECE providers, have access to FREE technical assistance from a local consultant using Go NAPSACC, an evidence-based tool designed to help ECE programs assess current practices, plan, and take incremental action toward improving environments and practices that help support healthy habits in children ages 0 to 5. Through Go NAPSACC, ECE providers have access to on-demand professional development trainings, a resource library full of supportive information, and even curriculum to choose from.

Once an ECE program has achieved its technical assistance goals, they can submit a Florida's HEROs Application. More information on the application process can be found here. All programs that meet certain benchmarks will receive Kaplan dollars and statewide recognition as a Florida's HEROs designated ECE program! Interested in getting started? Please submit an interest form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FBMSCK8> or contact floridasheros@gmail.com.

Please be advised that participating in the Florida HEROs initiative is voluntary and is not required for licensure.



FOCUS GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Are you an early care and education provider in Florida?

We are currently looking for early care and education providers to take part in a one-hour focus group!



What we ask of participants:

- To answer questions about:
 - Go NAPSACC
 - Florida's HEROs Recognition Program
 - Healthy eating and physical activity professional development

***No prior knowledge is required!**

Things to know:

- Your participation will remain **anonymous**
- You can participate in **one session only**
- All sessions will be **one-hour long** and held via **Zoom**

MULTIPLE SESSION OPTIONS

September 29th 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
September 29th 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
October 12th 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
October 13th 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

READY TO REGISTER?

CLICK ON A DATE AND TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

EMAIL US AT FLORIDASHEROS@GMAIL.COM



Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc
31st Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023

"Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023"

Location: Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767



Please email us to REQUEST A LINK to submit this information

Business Name: _____ **Website:** _____

Contact Person Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Business Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Note: Unless notified otherwise, all information listed above for Exhibitors will be in the Conference Program Book.

Service/Product: _____ **Signature:** _____

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and be an EXHIBITOR on June 21-24.

Each space includes: ONE 6 foot skirted table & one chair; **Thurs** Set-up 2-5pm & Opening 6-9pm; **Fri** 9am-5:30pm; **Sat** 9am-3:30pm (times may change) _____ # of tables X \$ _____ = \$ _____
plus your donation of **2 door prizes (\$25 value each)**. **Deadlines:** Early Bird \$175 if payment received by Dec 31, 2022; Jan 1 - April 30, 2023: \$200; if space available, after May 1: \$250; after June 1, 2023: \$300

WiFi: ☐ yes ☐ no **Electric order request:** ☐ yes ☐ no

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and ADVERTISE in the conference program book.

Email ads in color in **jpg** format. **Deadline: April 15, 2023**

☐ **Full page** \$225 (7½"x10") ☐ **¾ page** \$175 (7½"x7") ☐ **½ page** \$125 (7½"x5")
☐ **¼ page** \$75 (3½"x5") ☐ **Business Card** \$50

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and DONATE in-kind ITEMS: (describe)

☐ Door Prizes (\$25 minimum value) _____
☐ Grand Prizes (\$100 value or more) _____
☐ Centerpieces (30) for Luncheon Tables for prizes _____
☐ Gifts (50) to recognize Nationally Accredited (NAFCC) Providers _____

Yes! We would like to insert Promotional Items (300) into Conference Bag (no flyers, catalogs)

☐ \$200 Contact us by May 13, 2023 and send to address below. Describe: _____

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and RESERVE SPACE on the Resource Sharing Table:

☐ \$75 Contact us by May 13, 2023 and send to address below. Describe: _____

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and CONTRIBUTE a MONETARY LEVEL of SPONSORSHIP:

☐ **Curious Minds: \$250** ☐ **Creative Minds: \$500** ☐ **Caring Minds: \$1,000**
☐ **Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500** ☐ **Innovative Minds: \$2,500** ☐ **The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000 or more**
☐ **MIND MATCH** to match funds raised by parents up to a designated amount \$ _____

All MIND sponsorship levels include: Program book listing and On-site signage; \$1,000 or more includes one exhibit table and program book advertising at various sizes according to Sponsor Level.

Yes! We would like to ENHANCE MINDS & SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST:

☐ Keynote Speakers ☐ Award Plaques ☐ Program Book ☐ 350 Bags ☐ Provider Celebration Night
☐ Leader Recognition ☐ Audio Visual ☐ Appreciation Luncheon ☐ Name Tags ☐ Parent Choice Awards

Please email us to REQUEST A LINK to submit this information

DEADLINES: **Dec. 31, 2022** for listing in Conference Brochure (not Program); **Feb. 17** for April listing in The Grapevine newsletter; **May 1** for listing in Conference Program Book; **June 1** for listing at the conference

Make check payable to: FFCCHA **Mail to:** FFCCHA, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Need more information on HOW to ENHANCE Minds?

contact: Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-689-3046 conference@familychildcare.org

Tammy Tener, Executive Director & Conference Assistant 407-234-3473 info@familychildcare.org

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Call for Workshop Presenters

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc
31st Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023
“Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023”
Location: Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach
1160 Gulf Boulevard Clearwater Beach, FL 33767



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

Deadline: January 23, 2023

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 in the spring** 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 (Email us to get link to submit this info):

☐ 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/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 23 ☐ AM or ☐ PM ☐ Saturday, June 24 ☐ 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

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 **LINK we will send you**

Need more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds?** Contact **Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator**
via e-mail: conference@familychildcare.org or call **386-957-4482** or cell **386-689-3046**

Tammy Tener, Executive Director & Conference Assistant 407-234-3473 info@familychildcare.org

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Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2023 Conference Registrations

31st Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2023

"Enhancing Our Minds...In 2023"

Location: Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach

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



Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. **Be a current provider member of FFCCHA** (membership valid thru June 30, 2023) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** ---- Or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2023)
2. Complete and submit this scholarship form along with the **\$35.00 fee--NO Refunds**. Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee.
3. **Attend a volunteer orientation before going to conference:** check only one
 ____ **TBA** (English and Spanish orientations) at the Full Board meeting in person, **select your own volunteer times -- ONLY at this on-site meeting - check for on-site or virtual details**
 ____ **MAY TBA** (both in English) at 7:00pm via **ZOOM/phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May)
 ____ **MAY TBA in Spanish only** at 7:00pm via **ZOOM/phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May)
4. **Attend** the entire conference day(s) that you applied for. 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 shorts)
6. **Sign-in** at conference and **fulfill your 3-hour volunteer duties as assigned**, return hostess paper, and **sign-out**.

Payment options: Online Credit Card Payment, Check or Money Order made payable to FFCCHA will be accepted.

Mail to: FFCCHA Volunteers Karan Hiester 1859 Mango Tree Dr, Edgewater, FL 32141

Deadline: April 30, 2023

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 application received as to their acceptance status.

All applications received by the deadline will be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Select the Type of Registration you are applying for: EMAIL US to request a FILLABLE FORM.

- ☐ Full conference (Thur pm/Fri/Sat/Sun am) ☐ Friday conference 8am-5pm only
☐ Saturday conference 8am-5pm only ☐ Sat ALL Day/Sun am conference

Print Clearly:

Name: _____ Primary Language: _____ Secondary Language: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 County: _____ Local Chapter: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Name of FCC Home: _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Check all that apply: ☐ Registered ☐ Licensed ☐ Large Licensed ☐ VPK ☐ NAFCC Accredited ☐ NAFCC Observer
☐ CDA ☐ EHS (Early Head Start) ☐ Director Credential ☐ College Degree, Type: _____

Please rate your first 1st and 2nd preferences in volunteering (however, no guarantees)

____ English workshop hostess ____ Fundraising Table worker ____ Set-up Thur 2-5p ____ Provider Celebration Sat 7-10pm
 ____ Spanish workshop hostess ____ Registration Table worker ____ Clean-up Sat 5pm ____ other _____

You must write at least 30 words on how receiving a scholarship to this conference will benefit your child care.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ---> SIGN AND DATE!

I, the undersigned, do hereby state:

check one below:

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The report was compiled using background information from the work of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA), results of the Balance© Survey & Report conducted with FFCCHA membership, and anecdotal and survey information collected at the Family Child Care Listening Sessions held at the 2022 FFCCHA Annual Conference in Clearwater, Florida.

The purpose of this brief is to raise awareness of the state of family child care in Florida in order to inform investments and legislative action that supports recruitment and retention of Family Child Care business owners, strengthening predominantly women owned and operated small businesses, and securing this important early care and education option for children and families. <https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/>

