



Florida Family Child Care Home Association

"Quality Care from Providers with Love to Share"

www.familychildcare.org

Our Mission

Our mission is to represent a united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage professional family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love.

About FFCCHA

- 1993 - established and **incorporated** as a professional trade organization promoting professionalism among all family child care (FCC) providers in Florida
- 1994 - issued group **nonprofit status 501(C)(3)** and group sales tax exemption
- 2001 - established a **peer M.E.N.T.O.R.** certification program
- 2008 - granted **affiliate membership** by our national organization – National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- 2014 - **Hosted** the **3rd national conference** (NAFCC 98, 06), host to the **International Conference IFDCO (06)** held in conjunction with NAFCC, hosted Tour of Homes
- 2018 - celebrated the **25th birthday of FFCCHA at annual state conference!**
- 2019 - **Hosted** 4 Tours of FCC Homes at the National **NAFCC** conference in **Orlando, FL**
- 2024 - **18 local chapters** with **600 members** total, 33rd conference June 25-29

Our Objectives and Purpose

- ✓ **To promote** the development of *high-quality* educational programs and operational procedures which will enable the family child care provider/educator to more effectively furnish a safe, nurturing, creative and loving environment for the children they serve.
- ✓ **To foster** the development of local association chapters.
- ✓ **To encourage** and support the education of parents, businesses, corporations and the communities of Florida in general, concerning quality home child care.

To participate with policy-making agencies (city, county, state and federal) to work for changes, modifications, and implementation of standards necessary to provide high quality child care for all children.

Florida Facts

- **2,534 total Family Child Care Homes:** registered (552) licensed (1,536) large licensed (402) and military (44). FCC homes offer the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten-**VPK (43)**, Early Head Start-**EHS (70)**, School Readiness-**SR (1,212)** and participate on the USDA Child Care **Food Program (1,419)**. Children served: VPK(246), EHS(554) SR(9,161).
- Overall, **25,500** of our youngest, most impressionable **children** are being cared for and educated in regulated family child care homes!
- There are **151 Gold Seal** and **NAFCC (nationally) Accredited** family child care homes – **1st in the nation!**

Our Goal

- ❖ To give the highest quality of early care and education to Florida's youngest citizens. To achieve this, we offer high quality training and education to Family Child Care Home early educators.

