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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~Nelson Mandela~

THE GRAPEVINE

President Message: Thank You, Gracias, Merci!

Thanks to everyone who attended the 24th Annual FFCCHA Conference, "Enhancing Our Minds...in 2016" at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. I appreciate everyone who took the time and effort to be there to celebrate the profession of family child care with us, including NAFCC Board members.

I especially want to thank the Conference Coordinator, Tammy Tener, and her awesome Conference Team, for their hard work and dedication volunteering their time working on the conference. Thanks to our Mind Sponsors, exhibitors, hostess/volunteers, provider sponsors, special guests, presenters, keynote speakers who also contributed to the success of our conference. Thanks for your participation and sharing your ideas and expertise with FFCCHA. We met new members, laughed, networked and shared the love. And most of all we enhanced our minds! I encourage each of you to continue to grow and to implement the new knowledge that you received from the conference workshops. Please mark your calendars and join us again next summer to celebrate our 25th anniversary conference in Kissimmee, Florida (see 2017 Save The Date flyer on page 10).

Remember the mission and goals of FFCCHA, as we continue on our voyage of growing new members and leaders for our association. Share your love and enthusiasm with all Family Child Care Providers. I encourage you to bring a new member to attend our state quarterly meeting in Ocala in August. Everyone is welcome.

Remember, "Everyone does better when we know better, so let us do better!"

Gwen Wilson

President/Presidenta de FFCCHA

Mensaje de presidencia: Thank You, Gracias, Merci!

Doy gracias a todos por haber asistido a nuestra 24ava conferencia "Engrandeciendo nuestras mentes 2016" en el resort de la playa en Sheraton Sand Key de Clearwater en Florida. Agradesco a cada uno que se tomó el tiempo y el esfuerzo para estar allí celebrando con nosotros la profesión de cuidado de niños infantil incluyendo a los miembros de NAFCC.

Agradesco especialmente a nuestra coordinadora de conferencia Tammy Tener y a su gran equipo de trabajo por su dedicación, esfuerzo y duro trabajo en servir como voluntarios. Gracias a nuestros patrocinadores, exhibidores, anfitriones, voluntarios, invitados especiales, presentadores y oradores, quienes también contribuyeron al éxito de nuestra conferencia. Gracias por participar, compartir ideas y experiencias con FFCCHA. Conocimos nuevos miembros, nos reímos y compartimos con amor pero lo más importante es que engrandecemos nuestra mente. Les exhortó a cada uno de ustedes que continúen creciendo e implementando el nuevo conocimiento que adquirieron de los talleres en esta conferencia, por favor marquen sus calendarios y vengan otra vez a disfrutar y celebrar este próximo verano el aniversario de la conferencia 25ava en Kissimmee, Florida (véase las fechas en la página 10)

Recuerden la misión y metas de FFCCHA, así continuamos el viaje del crecimiento de nuevos miembros y líderes de nuestra asociación, comparta el amor y entusiasmo con todas/o proveedores de cuidado infantil. Los exhortó a que inviten a nuevos miembros a asistir a nuestra reunión trimestral estatal en Ocala en el mes de Agosto. Todos están cordialmente bienvenidos!

Recuerde que "todos hacemos mejor cuando conocemos mejor, entonces vamos a hacer mejor"



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By Law News

Jennifer Skriloff, By-Law Chair



Please continue to keep your chapter handbook up to date with new information and in good condition. This handbook is to be transferred to any new chapter representative that takes over your position when you leave your current chapter representative position.

Please email Jennifer Skriloff IN ADVANCE of the quarterly meetings that you require a new handbook so that it can be ready and provided to you when you attend the next available quarterly meeting.

jenniferskriloff@gmail.com

April Meeting News

There were two Area Representatives appointed: Tammie Leonard for Area Rep 16 (Brevard County) & Sheree Alexander for Area Rep 30 (Broward County). The appointments made on the Executive Board: Amanda Wallace was reappointed for membership officer, Tasheba Berry for Public Relations, Carole Caffentzis for Chapter Coordinator & Norma Collins for Secretary. The TD Bank account was voted to be closed. Barbara Gardner is certified as MENTOR 1. Executive Director and Conference Coordinator contracts were approved by the board for 3 years.

General Meeting News

FFCCHA's Annual General Meeting was held on June 26th in sunny Clearwater Beach! Gretchen Murphy was appointed to Treasurer. The new CEO of NAFCC, Bill Hudson was introduced. Save the Date for 2017 Conference in Kissimmee Florida at the Embassy Suites Orlando, June 21st -25th!

Congratulations to:

La Shawn Anderson of Palm Beach County for receiving a T&L Foundation for Child Care Information 2016 CACFP mini-grant for her Physical Activity and Parent Education project.

Members of FFCCHA who serve on Early Learning Coalitions:

Shurrea Daniels – ELC of Pinellas
Karan Heister – ELC of Flagler/Volusia County
Gwen Wilson – ELC of Marion County
Naomi Helligar – ELC of Osceola

Other Boards/Councils

Francine Williams – Pinellas County License Board
Mary Morris – Palm Beach County Health Department Child Care Advisory Council
Tammy Tener – Seminole State College Early Childhood Advisory Committee
Tasheba Berry – Broward County Professional Development Committee
Kathy Jones - Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners Family Child Care Home Advisory Board
Arleen Lambert - Miami Dade College Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Newly Accredited & Re-Accredited Providers in Florida!

Area 21~LaTonya Shemeka Campbell
 ~ Neomi R Thompson
 ~ Annette C Eberhart
 Area 29~Mary L Morris
 ~Amanda Eugenie Wallace
 Area 31~Ollie D. Anderson
 ~Arleen Louise Lambert
 ~ Ruby Maldonado
 ~Sister Elsie Cruz
 ~Terrie LaVonne Osman
 ~Cheary Delcilia Heath



for being an FFCCHA Accredited Provider!

FFCCHA Calendar of Events

July

- 6-9 NAFCC Conference, San Diego, CA
 20-22 One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa
 29 **Deadline** for August Full Board Meeting
 Reports: Executive Committee & Chairs
 send to: gwenlo50@hotmail.com Area
 Reps send to: weluvkids@comcast.net,
 Chapter Reps send to:
caffe072@yahoo.com

August

- 4 DCF Provider Mtg, 10am RSVP
 386-481-9264, Daytona Beach
 10 **Deadline** for Hotel reservations for
 August Meeting
 17 Newsletter **Deadline** for October issue
 19 **Executive Committee Mtg** 7:30pm,
 Best Western Hotel, Ocala
 20 **FFCCHA Area Rep, Chapter Rep, Latino
 Council, Full Board Meeting,
 Conference 2017 Team Mtg,**
 Rasmussen College, Ocala
 21 **FFCCHA Training, 9am,** Rasmussen
 College, Ocala

September

- 10 FFCCHA Executive Committee Leader
 Development
 21-25 FLA EYC Conference, Orlando

October

- 22 ELC of Pasco/Hernando Conference

November

- 2-5 NAEYC Conference, Los Angeles, CA
 TBA FFCCHA FB meeting/training
 17 Newsletter **Deadline** for January issue

January 2017

- 5 **Deadline for applications for Full Board
 Positions:** Executive Committee
 (President, Vice President, Fundraising,
 Latino Liaison, Area Rep Coordinator,
 Legislative Liaison) Area Reps (all Odd
 numbers) Terms begin on July 1, 2017
 17 **Deadline for conference workshop
 proposals**

February 2017

- TBA FFCCHA Leadership Summit & FB Mtg.
 17 Newsletter **Deadline** for April issue

June 2017

- 21-25 FFCCHA state conference,
 Kissimmee

July 2017

- 19-22 NAFCC Institute, Mobile, Alabama

**Credential Scholarship News**

Requirements: Must be a Florida regulated family child care provider and a FFCCHA chapter provider member for one year without a lapse in membership. **Note:** 300/person/year is the maximum awarded in time period July 1, 2016– June 30, 2017. Therefore, you must commit to pay the balance on credentials that exceed \$300.

Credentials that you can apply for:

Master Provider – New	Cuatro Pasos	NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study
Master Provider Renew	Second Helping	NAFCC New Accreditation: Application
Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 1	Sec. Help. T-T-T	NAFCC Accreditation Renewal
Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 2	SH Renew T-T-T	NAFCC Re-Accredit Application
National CDA Renewal	NAFCC Observer	NAFCC Observer Refresher

FFCCHA Scholarship applications are on the website: www.familychildcare.org Click on “For Providers” Look under the first bullet “Scholarship.” Find and click on the word “credential” and print it out. All the requirements are listed on the application. However, if you are applying for your CDA renewal, you must send and pay for your renewal packet and then contact Scholarship Chair for specific instructions before you proceed. Go to www.CDACouncil.org for renewal information. **Mail your completed FFCCHA application to: Victoria Morgan, Credential Scholarship Chair, 2809 8th St. Ct. W., Bradenton, FL 34205 Questions? Email:** Mslilivick@aol.com or Call 941-745-2401.

Congratulations to the following providers who have recently been awarded scholarships April - June: \$300.00 for NAFCC Re-accreditation: **Mary Morris, Barbara Gardner, LaRonya McGlothlin, and Dorothy Duck**, \$50.00 for Cuatro Pasos: **Mayra Marquez**, \$300.00 for NAFCC Self Study: **Aleta Ford**, \$300.00 for NAFCC New Application: **Andrea Grace and Erika Montoya**, \$150.00 for NAFCC Annual Update: **Laureana Melendez**, \$50.00 for Pathfinders Master Provider: **Victoria Morgan and Mayra Marquez**, \$50.00 for Second Helping TTT: **Victoria Morgan and Mayra Marquez**.

Summer Membership News

Membership Officer – Amanda Wallace
 Email: amandawallace42@bellsouth.net

Congratulation to our Spring Member Drive Winner!!

The Monthly Membership Drive :

HCC OF Hillsborough County (March)

Palm Beach County (April)

Heart to Heart Child Care (May)

Parent Member:

(Amanda Wallace)

The winners for the current Membership Drive will be announced during at the next Full Board Meeting in in Ocala. Remember, acknowledgements are given to the Chapter that submits the most new, renewals, or advocates members monthly. Providers that submit the most new parent members are also acknowledge each month. Please renew your membership before it expires, to avoid a lapse in your membership. Your expiration date is located on the back of the FFCCHA’s newsletter, *The Grapevine*, just above your name on the address label. All FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at a \$5 discounted rate through your local Chapter.

Membership breakdown as of 3/31/2016

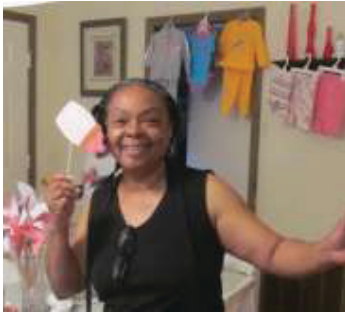
Chapters: 24
 Chapter Providers: 550
 Co-Providers: 34
 Individual Members: 85
 Advocates: 46
 Lifetime & Honorary Members: 8
 Parent Members: 37
 Agencies: 3
Total: 787

Thank you for your patience and assistance



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Of the Town



Victoria Morgan
*All about FFCCHA, Inc.,
 Family Child Care Providers*

TALK OF THE TOWN

Area 23 (Manatee County)

Victoria Morgan – is the owner and operator of Victoria Morgan Family Child Care Home. She currently resides in Manatee County in the city of Bradenton, FL. She has been in Family Child Care for 13 years. Her licensed home operates from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday thru Friday. She has been married to her soul mate and husband Jay for 31 years. She is the mother of three children, two sons 34 and 31, and one daughter, 27 and 13 grandchildren plus waiting on a new arrival to the family in July. Victoria has always loved working with kids, when she was young she would watch all the neighbors kids **free of charge** just because she loved having kids around.

Her love of and for children is still evident today, hence the career path she has chosen.

She never thought that having her own family child care home could bring such joy or that this was her calling or her destiny to care, love, and educate children. Since the starting of her child care business she has attended her local State College of Florida and graduated with an AAS Degree in Early Childhood Education. She continues to strive for excellence by attending various trainings, webinars, and FFCCHA Annual Conferences and more.

Currently, Victoria serves on the FFCCHA Full Board as a Chapter Rep for Home Child Care Providers Association of Manatee County of which she is the President. She also serves the FFCCHA Credential Scholarship Chair. Her program has been NAFCC Accredited for two years. She has achieved her Master Provider status along with Second Helping Train-the-Trainer Certification and is a Beyond Cribs and Rattles Trainer.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 24-31. Submissions must be submitted by August 17th to the Newsletter Editor: myladyava@gmail.com Thank you!

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- hold a high school diploma (from an accredited high school) or a GED
- work at least 520 hours per year

You can earn a staff credential or renewal, an Associate Degree, and now you can even earn a Bachelor Degree. The TEACH scholarship will pay 80% of your tuition, 80% of books, provide a \$75.00 stipend per semester, and will pay \$8.00/hour release time, three hours per week, to offset the cost of a substitute.

For more details, contact the TEACH Early Childhood Scholarship Program at:

Toll free: (877) 358-3224 | (877) FL TEACH | www.teach-fl.com



Chapter News

Submitted by Nancy Nairns, FFCCHA Chapter Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS CHAPTER REP of the YEAR

CAROLE CAFFENTZIS

of Natures Coast Family Child Care Home Association

This year I have seen such an amazing growth in leadership within all the Chapter Representatives. Everyone has stepped up to help not just FFCCHA but each other grow within their association and as individual leaders. During our last quarterly meeting we were sharing many ideas on why joining a local association helps the provider as well as multiple fundraising ideas and other creative ways your associations are growing. This was so exciting to hear and watch. Congratulations to all of you!

These last two years have been wonderful. I have come to know so many of you and have enjoyed watching many of you take leadership roles both within your local association as well as with FFCCHA. Continue sharing good ideas with each other and watch how strong you will all become.

REMINDER for Chapters from Area 18-22 to please bring your door prizes valued at \$25.00 to the next quarterly meeting in Ocala.

"The Challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude. Be kind, but not weak. Be bold, but not a bully. Be thoughtful, but not lazy. Be humble, but not timid. Be proud, but not arrogant. Have humor, but without folly. The Treasury of Quotes by Jim Rohn"

Message from new Chapter Coordinator

Carole Caffentzis

Hi there everyone! I will be the new Chapter Representative Coordinator and I am so excited to step in with this awesome group of ladies. The new year will bring new ideas and much sharing on each chapters' progress on their individual journeys. I have been the Chapter Rep for Natures Coast FFCCHA the past 2 years and was able to learn about the functioning of the meetings in Ocala and the responsibilities of being the Chapter Rep. I live in New Port Richey, where I operate my modest FCCH, plan to participate in the Office of Early Learning funding pilot program, and I am preparing to pursue the 5 STAR program as well. It is my belief that training is important to our professionalism and I will encourage each chapter to plan and implement their training strategies in order to enhance the well being of their local providers in child care.

This transition is exciting, so please come to our next board meeting in Ocala so we can get together and brainstorm ideas that will help all of us become better and stronger.



Thank you to Conference Sponsors of Providers

(may include partial or full scholarships for any or all of the following: registrations, pre-conference, hotel, travel expenses and memberships)

ELC of the Big Bend Region
ELC of Broward County
ELC of Duval
ELC of Flagler & Volusia
ELC of Florida's Gateway
ELC of Hillsborough County
ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe
ELC of Manatee County

ELC of Orange County
ELC of Osceola County
ELC of Pasco Hernando
ELC of Palm Beach County
ELC of Pinellas County
ELC of Sarasota County
ELC of Seminole
ELC of Southwest Florida
ELC of St. Lucie County

Children's Forum
Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc.
Eckerd Kids EHS
Ghazvini Consulting Services
Episcopal Children's Services
Lutheran Services Florida
Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA



Florida Family Child Care Home Association

Quarterly Full Board Meeting & Training

August 19-21, 2016 Weekend Agenda

Ocala, Florida

Friday, August 19, 2016

Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Rasmussen College

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Area Rep, Chapter Rep, Latino Council Meetings
and First Time Attendees Orientation**

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

11:15 a.m. – Noon

Lunch (*on your own*) OR pre-purchased lunch

12:00 – 4:45 p.m.

**FFCCHA Full Board Meeting and Conference 2017 Team
Meeting immediately following the FB Meeting**

Visitors are welcome to Chapter Rep, Area Rep, Latino, Full Board & Conference Team Meetings

8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet – everyone is invited!

Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

Hosted by SFHCCA and BCFCCA Chapters

Come and enjoy “Caribbean Hour”

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Rasmussen College

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Training \$30 registration (\$25 scholarships available!)

All About NAFCC Accreditation presented by Lois Kendrick OR

Making the Chapter Work for You! presented by Tasheba Berry and Cynthia Chipp

2 Locations

Best Western Hotel, I-75, Exit 350 West
3701 SW 38th Ave. Ocala, FL 34474
352-237-4848

Rasmussen College Exit 350 West
4755 S.W. 46 Ct., Ocala, FL 34474
Near West Marion Community Hospital

Directions to Rasmussen College

Allow 5 minutes for driving time from Best Western Hotel

1. From I-75, exit 350, SR 200 (same exit as hotel) and go **West** for 1 mile
2. The college is on the right side of the road
3. Turn right, then make the first right into the college parking lot
4. Upon entering building, look for signs for directions on room location



**FFCCHA Professional Development
Quarterly Training
Sunday, August 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



Rasmussen College, 4755 SW 46th Ct., Ocala, FL 34474 (1 mile west of Exit 350 and I-75)

Registration Fee: \$30.00 (\$25.00 scholarships available)

Registration forms & payment must be received by August 10, 2016. NO REFUNDS.

Mail to: FFCCHA c/o Arleen Lambert, 19811 NW 7th Ave, Miami, FL 33169

Make check or money order payable to: FFCCHA, Inc.

Please submit this completed form with payment (pay only \$5 if you are a FL Registered OR Licensed family child care provider OR co-provider FFCCHA member & complete 30 words below).

Note: Returned checks will be assessed \$47 in additional fees.

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (305) 793-4011 or stimaz71@yahoo.com

Deadline: Must be received by August 10, 2016

Please Print:

Name: _____

Name of FCC home as listed on License/Registration _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____

Chapter that you are a member of _____

YOU MUST BE PRESENT THE ENTIRE TRAINING SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

Training starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.! Choose one of the following trainings:

 All About NAFCC Accreditation by Lois Kendrick, NAFCC Accredited Provider
Thinking about getting accredited? Want to know more? Then, this class is for you! Learn all about the accreditation process: Self- study applications, Accreditation applications, Observer visit and Annual updates.

 Making the Chapter Work for You! by Tasheba Berry-McLaren & Cynthia Chipp
This training will teach chapter leaders and members strategies to plan effective fundraisers, recruit new chapter members, market to local business, create an agenda and plan activities for chapters.

 Please check if applying for a training scholarship. Explain on the lines below (30 words minimum) why you want to take this training and how you plan on using it in your family child care home business. **Please write neatly on lines below only.**

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process: contact FFCCHA at least two weeks prior to the first training date at (305) 793-4011 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m Monday through Friday.

Deadline – August 10, 2016 - NO REFUNDS after this date. Training fees are non-transferable.

Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee in addition to the amount of the check.

Confirmation will be emailed to you by 8/15/16.



August 19-21, 2016

FFCCHA Quarterly Meeting Hotel Application

Best Western Hotel

3701 S W 38th Ave. Ocala, FL 34474 (off 1-75, exit 350, go west)

Hotel reservations are for one or two (2) nights (Friday evening, August. 19 & Saturday evening, Aug. 20) while you are attending the FFCCHA Full Board meeting and/or training at Rasmussen College (exit 350, go west).

Limited number of hotel rooms available. Make your reservation early. First come, first served.

To qualify for room reservations recipients must:

1. Be a FFCCHA member.
2. Attend the State Full Board Meeting on August 20, 2016.
3. Complete form(s) and send so they are received no later than August 10, 2016.
4. Include full payment with this form or the application will not be accepted. **Payments will be available online via Credit Card (cc) payments. Those making payments by cash/check/MO will be given discounted prices.**

Optional Networking Lunch \$10.00 – select one: ☐ Ham Sandwich ☐ Roast Beef Sandwich ☐ Turkey Sandwich

For sandwiches **ONLY** choose one side: ☐ pasta salad ☐ mandarin pineapple dream ☐ tropical fruit ☐ chips

☐ Chef Salad ☐ Roasted Turkey Caesar Salad

Hotel **reservations** must be **made by FFCCHA!** Room reservations will **NOT** be made without the proper form(s) and the money submitted. If also attending Sunday, **training scholarship applications must be sent in with this hotel form.**

If you select option 1 or 3 below, please list your roommate preference. If you do not designate a roommate, one **will be assigned, if available.** All considerations will be taken in order to meet your request.

Hotel Reservations for August 19-21, 2016

Check one option:

Option 1 ____ Two people to a room for two nights. Each person pays **\$ 74.50 (cc)** or **\$71.50** (Cash /Check)

Option 2 ____ Single or Family Room for two nights. One payment of **\$148.00 (cc)** or **\$143.00** (Cash/Check)

Option 3 ____ Two people to a room for ONE night only – check: ____ Fri 8-19-16 or ____ Sat 8-20-16
Each person **pays \$37.75 (cc)** or **\$35.75** (cash /check)

Option 4 ____ Single or Family Room for ONE night only - check: ____ Fri 8-19-16 or ____ Sat 8-20-16
One payment of **\$74.50 (cc)** or **\$71.50** (Cash /Check)

*Add'l charges: 3rd & 4th person in the room, add \$7 each per night. Rollaway beds are \$10 per night

Your Name: _____ **Roommate Name:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

Please Read The Following Statement ----- Sign & Date!

I, the undersigned, do hereby state: the above information is correct to the best of my understanding. I understand that these rooms are being paid for with FFCCHA, Inc. money. Friends and family members may **NOT** use this room, unless I have chosen option # 2 or # 4. I understand that I will be assigned a roommate, if available. I understand if I do not attend the Full Board meeting, I will be responsible for the **full cost** of my hotel room. I understand my reservations will be voided if I do not abide by the guidelines of this contract.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please make money order or check payable to: **FFCCHA, Inc.**

Returned checks will be assessed a \$47 fee in addition to the amount of the returned check. **NO REFUNDS.**

Mail to: FFCCHA, 19811 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33169

Any questions, please contact: FFCCHA (305)793-4011 or stimaz71@yahoo.com

Only completed form(s) with payment will be accepted and deadline will be strictly adhered to!

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process, contact FFCCHA at least two weeks prior to the first training date at (305) 793-4011 between the hours of 8:00a.m – 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed forms will be dated as received, in case we exceed the allotted amount of FFCCHA room block. Your hotel reservation and scholarship confirmation will be e-mailed to you by August 15, 2016. Please print your e-mail address clearly.

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Area Rep News

Submitted by: Bernie Heikkila, Area Rep Coordinator

Area Representatives are diligently working on getting providers to join FFCCHA at the local chapter, as well as, promoting provider attendance at quarterly Full Board meetings in Ocala. **Area Rep challenge for each quarter:** Each Area Rep is encouraged to bring in new members from their local area association and to the quarterly state association meetings.

The two Reps which bring in the most members, will be honored and each will receive a \$25.00 gift card at April 2017 meeting in Ocala. Welcome to Diana Bembery-Rhodes, the new Area 29 Representative for Palm Beach County on becoming the latest edition to the Area Rep Team.

We are currently, looking for new Area Representatives in the following open areas:

2,3,4,5,6,10,11,14,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25, 26, 27, 28 & 31. If you like working as an advocating for children and families in your community, sharing information with your peers and child care partners, this is the job for you!

Please contact Bernie Heikkila (941-371-0344) or email: weluvkids@comcast.net

Mentor News

Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair

Congratulation to the following family child care providers who attended the 12 hour mentor training at the June 2016 conference:

Annette Eberhart, Aleta Ford, Ethel Jones, Yorislav Matos, Linda Mitchell, Renie Roach, and Elizabeth Ward. Also attending was **Sylvia Castillo**, a former mentor who wishes to get back into the mentor program.

Eva Anderson and Lois Kendrick attended as Mentor Instructor trainees.

Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-482-6038



Save the Date!



Enhancing Our Minds... in 2017

FFCCHA

25th Annual Conference | June 21-25, 2017

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Pre-Conference

FFCCHA Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. Training • Off-site Training
• Early Learning Environments in FCC Homes

Saturday Keynote

How Diet & Dietary Habits Impact Children's Health with Julie L. Wei, MD
Pediatric Otolaryngologist, Professor and Author

Concilio Latino y Talleres en Español
(Latino Council and Spanish Workshops)

Provider Celebration on Saturday Night!

Visit www.familychildcare.org for more conference updates!
Visit orlandolakebuenavistasouth.embassysuites.com
Call 800-551-1841 to reserve your hotel room today!



FLORIDA FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ASSOCIATION, INC. – JULY 2016

Executive Committee - Officers	Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone/Fax	Email
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3	Okaloosa, Walton	Open				
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Washington, Calhoun, Gulf	Open				
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Open				
6	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union	Open				
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8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Renie Roach	2050 Ryan Road	St. Augustine 32092	904-436-5799	rrrroach@bellsouth.net
10	Alachua	Open				
11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	Open				
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14	Lake	Open				
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20	Polk	Open				
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22	Pinellas	Open				
23	Manatee	Open				
24	Sarasota	Open	Temporary contact:	Bernie Heikkila	941-371-0344	weluvkids@comcast.net
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26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	Open				
27	St Lucie	Open				
28	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier	Open				
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31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	Open				

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2	Emerald Coast Professional CCA	Daffraaneeze Riley	850-623-5315	rileykarefch@yahoo.com	Rotate cities
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8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association	Karla Carnes	904-781-4495	grammysplace@comcast.net	Rotate cities
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Fundraising News

Submitted by Cynthia Chipp

Please keep in mind ALL the Fundraising Events below and PROMOTE them to your parent clients, relatives and friends! All are very EASY to participate in!

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Coin Rally – Keep a container near your entry way to collect loose change from your parent clients and bring coins to quarterly meeting.

Green Table – continue to bring your child care items to Ocala to donate for resale.

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Estoy bien agradecida por todo el apoyo que recibimos en el concilio latino. Gracias por haber tenido el detalle de compartir con nosotros ya que nos gozamos, reímos y aprendimos un poquito de todas nuestras culturas. Esperamos verlas el próximo año en Kissimmee ya que nuestra próxima conferencia será en el hotel Embassy de esa ciudad. Exhorten a otros para que nos acompañen para que también ellos puedan aprender un poco más en esta profesión de cuidado infantil.

Espero que todo lo que aprendieron en los talleres lo pongan en práctica y pasen a otros su experiencia. Ya empezamos a trabajar en la conferencia y en talleres para ustedes. Queremos conocer que clase de talleres les gustaria para la proxima conferencia y si decean presentar su conocimiento en algun taller específico o saben de alguien que le gustaria presentar por favor no duden en comunicarse conmigo. Estamos recibiendo sugerencias!

No olviden que la próxima reunión trimestral será el 20 de agosto, los esperamos!



FFCCHA 2016 Award Honorees

Provider Hall of Fame: **Karan Hiester**
Advocate Hall of Fame: **Sande Harper**
Outstanding NAFCC Accredited Home: **Lula Owens**

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Professional Development Officer Service Award (2012-2016): **Abbie Bill**

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Parent Choice 2nd Place: **Connie Foster**
Parent Choice 3rd Place: **Amanda Wallace**
Parent Choice Honorable Mention: **Adrienne Jitta Donaldson, Yorislay Matos, Lois Kendrick, Lula Owens, and Marcella Espinosa-Copeland**

Area Rep of the Year: **Tasheba Berry-McLaren**
Chapter Rep of the Year: **Carole Caffentzis**
Volunteer of the Year: **Eva Anderson**
Outstanding Teamwork: **Bernadette Heikkila**
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Thanks to 50 presenters for 7 pre-conference, 57 workshops and 4 keynote sessions at our 24th Annual conference

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