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"The more we work together, the stronger FFCCHA, will Grow and Develop." ~Eva Anderson~

THE GRAPEVINE

President Message: CHEERS! FFCCHA Team (Voyage Continues)

I would like to welcome all new provider members and the new leaders on the Executive Committee to the FFCCHA TEAM. Your journey to the voyage is about to begin. You have taken the steps to become leaders of our association. Thank you for stepping up for the voyage of growing new members and leaders.

You have filled my heart with joy, as I see how you have climbed aboard. I celebrate in a loud voice "FFCCHA has grown new members and leaders!" We continue to move forward with the FFCCHA mission to represent a "united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage quality professional family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love".

I would like to challenge you to move the voyage to another level! What level? To a level to extend the voyage. How can we do that? Reach out and touch somebody's hand and hold on tight and lead them on to become one of our next new leaders or new members. Where are we going? We are going on the "Voyage to FFCCHA's future" and we are calling all Professional Family Child Care Providers to join in and become a part of the team of growing new leaders and members. "Let's make this happen!"

Remember this famous Quote: "Leadership is the opportunity to serve, it is not a trumpet call to self – importance" ~Donald Walters~

Gwen Wilson, President

Mensaje de presidencia: Aplausos al equipo de FFCCHA (el viaje continúa)

Quiero darle la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros del equipo del comité ejecutivo de FFCCHA. Su jornada en este viaje esta por empezar. Ustedes han tomado el primer paso para liderar su asociación. Gracias por haber tomado la iniciativa en este viaje.

Han llenado mi corazón de alegría, porque estoy viendo cómo han saltado abordó. Digo en voz alta que en "FFCCHA han nacido nuevos miembros y líderes. Así como continuamos hacia delante en la misión que representa FFCCHA "Una voz unida a favor de todos los niños para promover y exhortar la calidad profesional del cuidado de niños en familia a través de educación, legislación, apoyo mentoría, afecto y amor.

Los reto a que mueva este viaje a otro nivel! Que nivel se preguntarán? Y yo les contesto: el nivel que extiende este viaje. Y Preguntaran cómo podemos hacer esto? Y yo les contesto alcanzando y tocando la mano de alguien aguantarlo bien y dirigiéndolos que se convierta en nuestro próximo líder o miembro. Donde iremos se preguntarán? Y yo les contesto: vamos hacia el futuro viaje de FFCCHA y estamos llamando a todos los profesionales de cuidado de niños infantil para que juntamente con nosotros hagan parte de este crecimiento.

Permitamos que esto suceda y recuerden la frase: "líderazgo es una oportunidad para servir no es una trompeta llamada importancia personal". ~Donald Walters~



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Congratulations to:

Barbara Gardner

for earning a 5 Star QRIS rating in Orange County. Barbara is the first and only FCCH to participate in QRIS/ Quality Stars in her county.

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

- 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

By Law News

This position is open, if you are interest in applying please fill out application available on our website at:

<https://familychildcare.org/wp-content/uploads/ChairApplicationKH2-14.pdf>



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.

August Full Board Meeting News

Submitted by Norma Collins, FFCCHA Secretary

FFCCHA’s Full Board Meeting was held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Rasmussen College in Ocala. We were pleased to have guest speaker, Patrick Capriola, Ed.D., present about a training resource opportunity for FFCCHA members with Early Learning Florida. Cynthia Chipp, Fundraiser Officer, recognized Mr. Alfonso Kendrick with a plaque for his many conference volunteer hours and overall support of FFCCHA in 2016.

FFCCHA voted to increase the scholarship amount for CDA Renewals for FCC providers from \$100 to \$150 to reflect the change in cost with the CDA Council of Recognition fees.

The Executive Director reported that FFCCHA submitted a letter of recommendations to the Infant-Toddler Committee at the Florida Office of Early Learning on August 3rd.

A reminder was given about FFCCHA’s state conference location for next year has moved: Save the Date June 21-25, 2017 conference will be at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, Florida.

Newly Accredited & Re-Accredited Providers in Florida!

- Area 12~Janice Renee McClain
- Area 18~Alethia G Dittren
- Area 29~Evvie S Fashaw
~Patricia Oliver
- Area 31~ Lorraine Abrahams
~Tina Ali
~Elaine Mosby
~Juana Rodriguez



FACT: Florida has 161 NAFCC Accredited providers, 2nd highest number of accredited homes in the nation!

FFCCHA Calendar of Events

October

- 6 OEL & ELC meeting, Tampa
- 7 ELAC meeting, Tampa
- 22 ELC of Pasco/Hernando Conference
- 23 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
- 27-29 Green Apple Accreditation Conference, Jacksonville

November

- 2 Deadline** for Hotel reservations for November FB Meeting
- 2-5 NAEYC Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 11 Executive Committee Mtg** 7:30pm, Best Western Hotel, Ocala
- 12 FFCCHA Area Rep, Chapter Rep, Latino Council, Full Board Meeting, Conference 2017 Team Mtg,** Rasmussen College, Ocala
- 13 FFCCHA Training, 9am,** Rasmussen College, Ocala
- 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 FFCCHA conference workshop proposals**
- 21 Broward Early Childhood Educators Conference

February

- TBA FFCCHA Leadership Summit & FB Mtg.
- 17 Newsletter **Deadline** for April issue
- 24-25 Early Childhood Conference, Seminole State College, Sanford

March

- 25 CFC Early Childhood conference, Ocala
- 26-31 Children’s Week, Tallahassee Events

April

- TBA FFCCHA FB Meeting/Training
- 17 Deadline** for Conference Volunteer Scholarships

May

- 1 Worthy Wage Day
- 10 Newsletter Deadline** for July issue
- 12 National Provider Appreciation Day

June

- 1 Early Bird Deadline** for FFCCHA conference

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:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Provider – New | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuatro Pasos | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC New Accreditation: Self Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Provider Renew | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Helping | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC New Accreditation: Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. Help. T-T-T | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified M.E.N.T.O.R. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> SH Renew T-T-T | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Re-Accredit Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National CDA Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Observer | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 instruction 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: Msllivick@aol.com, fax 941-744-1851 or call 941-745-2401.

Congratulations to the following providers who have recently been awarded scholarships July – August 2016: \$300.00 NAFCC Self Study: **Shalonda Montgomery**, \$300.00 NAFCC Re-Accreditation: **Kelene Robinson and Jannie Small**, \$300.00 NAFCC New Application: **Delores Penn.**

Fall Membership News

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

Congratulations to our Member Drive Winners!!

The Monthly Membership Drive:
HCC of Hillsborough County (June)
Quality FHCC Provider Association (July)
South Florida Home CC Association (August)

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 8/31/2016

- Chapters: 22
- Chapter Providers: 542
- Co-Providers: 34
- Individual Members: 87
- Advocates: 36
- Lifetime & Honorary Members: 9
- Parent Members: 36
- Agencies: 3
- Total: 769**

Thank you for your patience and assistance!



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TALK OF THE TOWN
Area 24 (Sarasota County)

Bernie Heikkila
*All about FFCCHA, Inc.,
Family Child Care Providers*

When Bernie Heikkila moved with her family to Florida in 1989 from New Jersey, she met a woman who was a family child care provider. The FCC provider encouraged and mentored her into becoming a licensed family child care home in 1990 with her own children (5 and 2 years old at the time) in care. Currently, her son and daughter are 31 and 28 years old, respectively. Bernie has been operating "Heikkila Family Child Care Home" for 26 years in Sarasota. Currently, her home has earned a 4 1/2 Star rating. Bernie Heikkila is genuinely a dedicated and caring provider. The children affectionately call her "Momo". When they see her, they naturally fall into her loving arms.

Every month she has *Granny Goose* come to her home to entertain the children by reading stories and singing with the use of wonderful puppets, encouraging the children to participate and have more interest in reading books.

Bernie also prepares lesson plans to meet all of the standards and targets each child individually to meet their learning needs in order to make fun and educational learning experiences for them. She loves what she does and cares so much for the children in her care (and their families too). She goes shopping when one of the children is in need of shoes or clothing.

When a family did not have Christmas gifts for their children, she asked all of the providers that she could reach to help provide gifts for the children in her care. She prepares home cooked meals for family members in her care for sad occasions such as illnesses and deaths. She not only does this for her child care business, but her community relies on her too. She is on several committees for the betterment of her neighborhood.

Bernie has been very active in FFCCHA for the past 20 years, serving as past Treasurer and Fundraising officers. Currently, she serves as Area Rep Coordinator on the FFCCHA Executive Committee and is a member of the Conference Team. Now, Bernie, is always readily available to help other providers with professional development, learning materials, licensing and dealing with parent client issues too. Bernie puts her whole heart and lots of effort in everything she does. Those who know her are blessed!

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 1-9. Submissions must be submitted by November 17th to the Newsletter Editor. Thank you!

FACT: Our
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EXPERIENCE
replicates the
REAL WORLD.

At Rasmussen College, our students receive hands-on learning and gain advanced and relevant career skills to help them achieve the career success they want.

To learn all the facts about how we make higher education a successful investment for our students, visit rasmussen.edu/LearnTheFacts.

5 LOCATIONS IN FLORIDA » rasmussen.edu

Are you a family child care provider?
Are you considering going back to school?
If so, have we got a deal for you!

If you live in Florida and work at least 20 hours per week with children from birth through prekindergarten, you can apply for a scholarship to help you advance your education. In addition, you must:

- 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 TE.A.C.H. 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 TE.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] Scholarship Program at:
Toll free: (877) 358-3224 | (877-FL-TEACH) | www.teach-fl.com

Chapter News

Submitted by Carole Caffentzis, Chapter Coordinator

**Congratulations to Chapter Rep of the Quarter
Rendy Bethel-Avila**

WOW! I have seen the Embassy Suites hotel in Kissimmee, where will have our 2017 FFCCHA state conference. This place is absolutely beautiful! In my opinion our individual experience at the next conference will be so nice. The rooms are all suites so that means there are 2 queen size beds in the bedroom and a pull sofa in the living room. Free hot breakfast buffet and early evening reception with appetizers and mixers included with hotel room reservation.

Why am I telling YOU this information? Everyone has time now to save money for the cost of attending this conference. We, as FFCCHA members, need to get the word out to others that if you haven't attended a conference in a few years...this is the ONE to attend. And now that you have peeked into the crystal ball for June of 2017 you can make your plans and schedule with your child care business to come and have a great time at this FFCCHA conference.

Now back to reality....Please make sure you also attend the FFCCHA state meetings in Ocala. These quarterly meetings are so important for you to attend because you and your local associations are very important. When you attend, information will be given to you so it can be brought back to your own association. If your local chapter representative does not attend the quarterly meeting then your local association may not be informed or represented in voting and giving and receiving ideas.

Your mission ...1.) Come up with at least 3 ideas on how to help your local association members attend our next state conference. 2.) Do your best to bring at least 1 other member from your association to the quarterly meeting. 3.) Be prepared for fun, ideas, and a door prize for those who attend the Chapter Rep meeting on Saturday morning.

***More ways to support FFCCHA***

Amazon Smile - When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Florida Family Child Care Home Association Inc. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0392120> and support us every time you shop. Also Share this link with others to help us too!

Benevity.org - Florida Family Child Care Home Association Inc. is registered with [causes.benevity.org](https://www.benevity.org) and is eligible to receive donations and matching corporate donations.

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.

Mabel's Labels–visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select our organization before your shop and we earn a percentage of every purchase. Share this link!



**Florida Family Child Care Home Association
November 11-13, 2016 Weekend Agenda
Ocala, Florida**

Friday, November 11, 2016

Best Western Hotel, Pool House

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

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Rasmussen College

**9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Area Rep, Chapter Rep, and Latino Council Meetings
and First Time Attendees Orientation**

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

11:15a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Networking Lunch (on your own) OR pre-purchased lunch
Optional advance lunch orders for \$10 (see order info on hotel form)

**12:00 – 4:30 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 Meetings

8:00 pm Meet & Greet – everyone’s invited!

Best Western Hotel, Pool Room

Hosted by NWFCCA and Brevard Sunshine FCHA

“Bringing back the 70’s”

It’s Saturday Night Fever once again - Let’s make it a night to remember

Prizes for the Best dress 70’s attire and the Best dance moves!

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Rasmussen College

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

Turning Trash into Treasures presented by Adrienne Donaldson OR

Departamento de niños y familias y sus reglas presented by Mayra Marquez

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, Ct, Ocala, FL 34474
Near West Marion Community Hospital

Directions to Rasmussen College

Allow 10 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, November 13, 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 November 2, 2016. NO REFUNDS. Mail to: FFCCHA c/o Arleen Lambert, 19811 NW 7th Ave, Miami Gardens, 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 November 2, 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.! CEU's are available online through FLAEYC for an additional fee. Choose one of the following trainings:

Turning Trash into Treasure Presented by Adrienne Donaldson Want to learn how to create a learning environment on a low budget? Do you have empty shoe boxes, broken crayons and time? This training is for you! Learn simple ways to use everyday materials to create art projects for children that support children developmental domains and encourage parents' involvement.

Departamento de niños y familias y sus reglas Presented by Mayra Marquez Sabe usted Los últimos cambios que hay en los reglamentos del departamento de niños y familia? Si no lo sabe esta es su oportunidad para conocer más, en este taller repasaremos las reglas de Family Childcare home y también descubriremos los nuevos cambios que hay surgido en el último tiempo.

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 - November 2, 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 11/2/16.



**November 11-13, 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, November 11 & Saturday evening, Nov.12) 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 November 12, 2016.
3. Complete form(s) and send so they are received no later than November 2, 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 November 11-13, 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 11-11-16 or ___ Sat 11-12-16
Each person **pays \$37.75 (cc)** or **\$35.75** (cash /check)

Option 4 ___ Single or Family Room for ONE night only - check: ___ Fri 11-11-16 or ___ Sat 11-12-16
One payment of **\$74.50 (cc)** or **\$71.50** (Cash /Check)

*Add'l charges: 3rd & 4th person in the room, add \$7each 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 Ave, Miami Gardens, 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 **November 2, 2016.** Please print your e-mail address clearly.

Office Only: **Rec'd** **Payment Type** **Amount \$** **Member Date** **Scholarship: Approved/Denied**



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M.E.N.T.O.R. News

Submitted by Abbie Bill

Family Child Care Providers – if you would like personalized, one-on-one technical assistance from a trained, knowledgeable family child care provider, then consider contacting a FFCCHA certified mentor. For more information, visit our website Mentor page at: <http://familychildcare.org/mentors/>

Prospective Mentors – if you are an experienced family child care provider who enjoys helping others and are interested in learning about becoming a new certified mentor, please contact me.

Current Mentors - Reminder to complete your paperwork and mentoring hours for the past year. If you wish to remain a certified mentor and be listed on FFCCHA’s website, I need your documentation. This includes copies of local, state and NAFCC memberships, your license, any credentials earned or renewed, 16 hours training hours and mentoring hours between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Thank you to the mentors who have already submitted.

Questions? E-mail flmentorpgm@aol.com or call 561-482-6038, Abbie Bill, Mentor Program Chair

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 responsible to bring in new members to each of their local area association and to each quarterly state association meeting, FFCCHA. The two Reps who bring in the most members will be honored and each will receive \$25.00 cash at April 2017 meeting in Ocala.

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 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

New info on the DCF website:

<http://www.myfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care>

Guide to School-Age Program Quality Standards and Self-Assessment (SALT) is a 12-hr online course which is a combination of two courses: The 4-hr Standards for Quality Afterschool Programs (SQAP), and the 8-hr Quality Self-Assessment and Improvement for Afterschool Programs (QSAI), of which the content of the two individual courses have not changed. What is different is individuals will now register for a single course and upon completion of both courses (SQAP and QSAI) will have access to a single CEU assessment and competency exam.

2017 Conference News

Tammy Tener, Conference Coordinator

If you are interested in serving on the team, please contact me immediately via my email, tenerfcc@gmail.com. I am looking for an Assistant to work with me who would eventually become the full time Conference Coordinator in the future. We also need someone for the program book layout, workshops or DJ night (DJ Patrick Cullen is performing). Our Saturday closing keynote will be Steve Sanders, author of a 3 book series on physical activity for infants, toddlers, and pre-school. **A hotel link is on the FFCCHA website on the conference page for you to book your hotel room now!**

Our next Team meeting is Nov 12 in Ocala, immediately following the Full Board meeting.



Save the Date!



Enhancing Our Minds... in 2017

FFCCHA

25th Annual Conference | June 21-25, 2017

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs 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

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

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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

Whoop!!!! Whoop!!!!

The World's Finest Chocolate will be at our next meeting. I am asking that everyone please come prepared to take candy back to your area. The price is \$60 a box which will need to be paid at the time you pick up your candy. Also, keep in mind that the green table will still take place and I am asking that you continue to bring your items for resale. Everything that does not sell, you will be responsible for taking it back home with you.

Chapter Reps from areas 23-31 are asked to bring a gift in the amount of \$25.00 for the door prize. Please, let us keep in mind all of the other Fundraising Events that are going on. (See page 5). Please feel free to contact me with any other suggestion or ideas.

Cynthia Chipp 813-632-3229 or email:

cynthchipp@yahoo.com Thanks!

Latino News

Submitted by Mayra Marquez

Es tiempo de decir adiós!

Queridas proveedoras del Estado de la Florida. Es triste ver a alguien irse, pero es muy emocionante ver a alguien nuevo que llega. Como dice nuestra presidenta Gwen en los artículos pasados este es un viaje interesante y divertido, necesitamos nuevos miembros y líderes en los años venideros.

Quiero informales que mi mandato se termina el próximo junio 30 del 2017. Y en verdad sinceramente necesito que alguien sea valiente y tome esta posición de latino liasion. Por Favor piensen sobre este viaje y el futuro de FFCCHA sin latinos siempre se va a sentir un vacío en su asociación. Latinos por favor no dejen que su voz se desaparezca en su asociación. Yo les exhorté que tomen el primer paso y tomen esta posición, creadme que van a tener mi apoyo incondicional y van a tener el apoyo de su comité ejecutivo así es que animense y dese la oportunidad de saltar abordó en este viaje.

También quiero dar las gracias por todo el apoyo que me brindaron las proveedoras, de verdad disfrute mucho el haber trabajado para ustedes. Dios los bendiga mucho!

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

JULY 19-22, 2017

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FFCCHA goes to California!
July 6-9, 2016



Florida was well represented at the National Association for Family Child Care Institute in San Diego, California with a total 34 attending which included 14 FFCCHA members and 9 Early Head Start staff. FFCCHA is one of 10 state affiliates of NAFCC. Florida is ranked #2 in the nation for the number of accredited providers and #2 in the nation with the highest number of NAFCC members. Florida is part of NAFCC Region 6 which also includes: Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. **Louis Finney** (from Largo, FL), serves on the NAFCC Board of Directors as Vice President. **NAFCC has a new**

Executive Director, Bill Hudson.

FFCCHA’s Executive Director, **Tammy Tener**, along with FFCCHA’s President, **Gwen Wilson**, FFCCHA’s Fundraiser Officer, **Cynthia Chipp** arrived early to attend the NAFCC Leadership Day on Wednesday for an 8 hour advocacy training, *Leadership and You: Paving the Road for Family Child Care*, presented by Ken Jaffe. At the end of class, they were given his autographed book: *Six Steps to Successful Child Advocacy Changing the World for Children*. Four members: **Linda Mitchell, Latonya Campbell, Annette Eberhart, Kelene Robinson** also arrived early to attend the 2 day NAFCC Observer training. In the evening, **Tammy Tener** attended the NAFCC Affiliate meeting and a meeting with Rachel Schumacher of the Office of Child Care from Washington, DC. She also talked to all the vendors to recruit for FFCCHA 2017 conference and served as a workshop table hostess.

Accredited Providers were recognized on Friday night at the Tribute to FCC with a *Red, White, and You!* theme celebration with dinner, desserts and dancing. There was an accredited provider slide show and walk across the stage that included 10 Florida NAFCC Accredited providers in attendance from Marion County: **Bernadette Jones, Gwen Wilson**; from Hillsborough County: **Cynthia Chipp, Latonya Campbell, Annette Eberhart, Kelene Robinson, Gretchen Murphy**; from Broward County: **Tasheba Berry-McLaren and Sheree Alexander**; from Duval County: **Linda Mitchell**. They each received a gift bag of assorted children’s books. Other members attending conference were **Aleta Ford** from Hillsborough County and **Wendy Corso-Ruud, Monica Turner and Corrine Williams** from Palm Beach County. Next year the NAFCC Institute (conference) will be July 19-22, 2017 in Mobile, Alabama. Make plans to attend!

Photos L to R: Wendy Ruud, Tammy Tener, Aleta Ford, Bill Hudson, Gretchen Murphy





Child Growth and Development (CGDR)



The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation has updated the 6-hour course to teach you basic principles of child growth and development. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe each of the basic principles of child growth and development
- Summarize the main ideas of each child development theory
- Describe characteristics that influence child growth and development
- Summarize the developmental domains
- Identify appropriate behavioral expectations of children in early childhood classrooms
- Define Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)

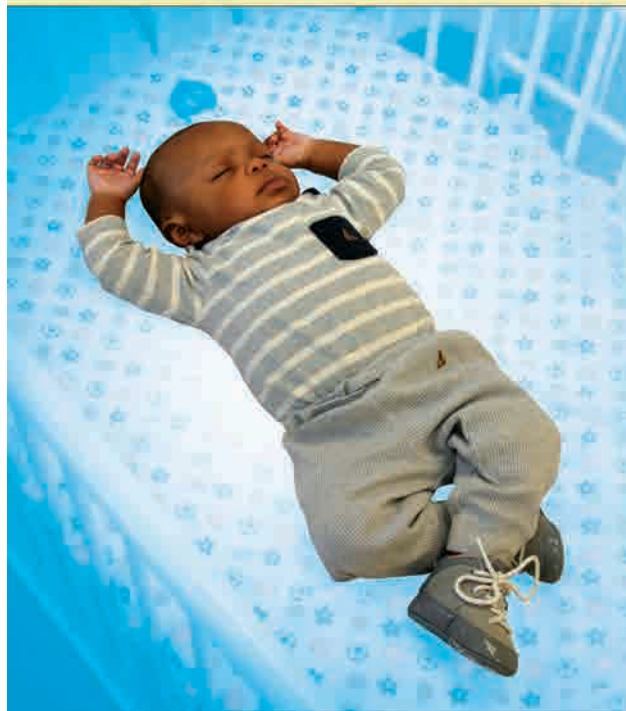
Individuals who have completed the Child Growth and Development (CGAD) course prior to July 1, 2016 will have until March 31, 2017 to register for the corresponding competency exam.

Individuals who have completed the Child Growth and Development (CGD or CGAD) course to meet the Part I or Family Child Care Home training requirements do not have to retake the course and their existing certificates will remain on their child care training transcript. However, individuals may choose to take the new course to earn CEUs or in-service credit.

To access this course, go to www.myflfamilies.com/childcare and select "Training and Credentialing."



Safe Sleep Practices for Child Care (SAFE)



The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation is offering a new 1-hour course to ensure that caregivers are familiar with, and properly use, safe sleep-related practices. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the consequences of unsafe sleep-related practices
- Identify safe sleep-related practices used in a sleeping environment
- Explain The Safe Sleep Campaign
- Identify several resources that can be used
- Develop a plan to share resources with parents and others

To access this course, go to www.myflfamilies.com/childcare and select "Training and Credentialing."

FFCCHA 2015 – 2016 Annual Report: 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Accomplishments/Achievements

July 1 – September 30, 2015

- 7 FL provider members attend **NAFCC Conference, Minnesota** (July 2015)
- August EC & new leader training, Ocala

October 1 – December 31, 2015

- October FB meeting/training, Ocala

January 1 – March 31, 2016

- FFCCHA Annual Leadership Summit, Ocala, awarded 56 registration scholarships

April 1 - June 30, 2016

- President attended “Children’s Week” and visited Legislators, Tallahassee
- April FB meeting/training, Ocala
- Awarded a yearly total of \$12,000 in partial scholarships to 54 providers towards credentials
- Conducted a yearly total of 7 statewide **in-service trainings** and awarded partial registration **scholarships to 82 providers** for professional development
- Awarded 45 pre-conference including MENTOR certification training and 104 conference partial registration scholarships for providers to attend the FFCCHA conference (June 2016) in Clearwater



And FFCCHA represents YOU and YOUR profession by Representing Family Child Care on LEGISLATIVE Issues

- Executive Director attended weekly FL Partnership for Children phone conference calls January - March
- **Representing Family Child Care at LOCAL Conferences** - Display boards, brochures, flyers at county conferences in Osceola County, President attends conference at CFC conference in Marion Co.
- **Representing Family Child Care at STATE Conferences** - FFCCHA Boards, brochures, and flyers were displayed and workshops presented: **One Goal Summer Conference, Tampa** (July 2015)
- **Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL Conferences** –
- **NAFCC** - National Association for Family Child Care Conference - Minnesota (July 2015), Executive Director presented workshop *“Putting the Home Back into Family Child Care”*
- Executive Director attended **NAEYC conference, Orlando** (Nov 2015)
- **“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at STATE MEETINGS**
- **Past President #6 attended** the statewide **Children’s Forum Professional Development Advisory Council**, yearly meetings in Tampa (July 2015)
- Executive Director attended the **OEL and ELAC** (Early Learning Advisory Council), **September 2015 meetings in Orlando and February (2016) in Tallahassee**. ED made public comment and passed out brochures, flyers to ELC and ELAC members and audience at every meeting.
- Executive Director presented at **ECE College Network Meeting, Tallahassee** (April 2016)
- Executive Director on **Early Learning Florida Advisory Committee Webinar Meeting** (May 2016)
- Executive Director attends monthly **NAFCC affiliate phone calls** with NAFCC Policy Consultant
- **“At the Table” Representing Family Child Care at NATIONAL MEETINGS**
- Executive Director attended **Affiliate Leadership training and meetings** at NAFCC conference (July 2015)

This position is open, apply for: The Grapevine Newsletter Editor
Submitted by Eva Anderson, FFCCHA Newsletter Editor

If you love working with graphics, layouts, designing, and writing, then this will be the perfect position for you. Come and share your knowledge and skills with FFCCHA, please step forward and become the next newsletter editor for The Grapevine Newsletter. This is a Chair Position (Non-board), it is also a fun and rewarding position.

If you are interest in applying, please fill out the application available on our website at:

<https://familychildcare.org/wp-content/uploads/ChairApplicationKH2-14.pdf>. I will be available for technical assistance if needed. Contact me at: myladyava@gmail.com. Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you soon!



Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2017 Conference Registrations
"Enhancing Our Minds... In 2017"

June 21-25, 2017

NEW Location: Embassy Suites, 4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746



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

Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:

1. Be a current **provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** ----Or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30) verify membership: amandawallace42@bellsouth.net
2. Complete and submit this scholarship form along with the **\$30.00 fee-NO Refunds**. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee.
3. **Attend a volunteer orientation before going to conference:** check only one
 ___ **Saturday** (English and Spanish orientations) at the **April** (Date TBA) **Full Board meeting** in Ocala, **select your own volunteer times – only at this on-site meeting (EVERYONE is encouraged to attend this face-to-face orientation!)**
 ___ **May 16(Tue) or 18(Thur)** both in English at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May)
 ___ **May 19(Fri) or 22(Mon) in Spanish only** at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (call details emailed to you in May)
 ___ **May 23(Tue) in English for NEW First-Time hostesses only** at 7:00 PM via **phone conference call** (details in May)
4. **Attend** the entire conference day(s) that you applied for. Turn in a **completed conference evaluation**.
5. **Wear a white blouse** with **black skirt or pants** 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**.

Only a **completed form** submitted with a **\$30.00** check or money order made **payable to FFCCHA** will be accepted.

Or pay with credit card on-line on FFCCHA website: www.familychildcare.org

Mail to: FFCCHA Volunteers, c/o Connie Foster, 164 Poplar Drive, Interlachen, FL 32148

Deadline: April 30, 2017

Qualifying applications will be dated as received and **selected on a first come, first serve basis** until all scholarships have been awarded. All providers will be notified when received as to their acceptance status.

All applications received by the April FB meeting will be entered in a drawing for a prizes!

Select the Type of Registration you are applying for: Full conference (Thur pm/Friday/Saturday/Sun am)

Friday conference (8am-5pm only) Saturday conference (8am-5pm only) Saturday-Sunday 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) FFCCHA MENTOR 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 night
 ___ Spanish workshop hostess ___ Registration Table worker ___ Clean-up Sat 5pm ___ other _____

You must write 50 words or less 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:

* I am a current Florida family child care **member** of FFCCHA, Inc. ___ **registered** ___ **licensed** ___ **co-provider**

* I understand that **if I do not attend** the conference or **fulfill** my three hours as a volunteer, my scholarship will be voided and **I will be responsible for the full cost of my registration**.

* All of the above information is correct.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process; contact, Tammy Tener, Executive Director at least two weeks prior to the first training date at 407-234-3473 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Calls can be received Monday - Friday.

Questions? Contact Connie Foster at (386)684-1235, e-mail: cfoster206@aol.com or fax (386)684-2345

Conference scholarships go quickly. So don't be left out! Send completed form today!

Office use only: Ck# _____ Received date: _____ Verified membership/expiration date: _____



Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.
25th Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2017

"Enhancing Our Minds... In 2017"

NEW location: Embassy Suites, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, **Kissimmee**, FL 34746

Business Name: _____ Website: _____

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Business Address: _____

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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 22-24:**
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**
2 door prizes (\$25 value each) Deadlines: Early Bird \$175 if payment received by Dec 31, 2016
Jan 1 - April 30: \$200, If space available, after May 1: \$250, after June 1: \$300
WiFi: yes no **Electric** order request: yes no (\$80 extra if paid by 6/8/2017 to Edlen Electric)

_____ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and **ADVERTISE in the conference program book:**
Email ads in color in jpg format. **Deadline: April 17, 2017**
_____ Business Card \$50 _____ 1/4 page \$75 (3 1/2"x5") _____ 1/2 page \$125 (7 1/2"x5") _____ 3/4 page \$175 (7 1/2"x7") _____ Full page \$225 (7 1/2"x10")

_____ **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 (27) for Luncheon Tables for prizes _____
_____ Gifts (65) to recognize Nationally Accredited (NAFCC) Providers _____

_____ **Yes!** We would like to insert **Promotional Items** (350) into Conference Bag (no flyers, catalogs)
_____ \$200 Contact us by May 17, 2017 to 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 17, 2017 and send to address below. Describe: _____

_____ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS and CONTRIBUTE a **MONETARY LEVEL of SPONSORSHIP:**
_____ **Curious Minds: \$250** _____ **Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500**
_____ **Creative Minds: \$500** _____ **Innovative Minds: \$2,500**
_____ **Caring Minds: \$1,000** _____ **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

Need more information on **HOW to ENHANCE Minds?**

contact: Tammy Tener, Executive Director, 407-234-3473 tenerfcc@gmail.com

Deadlines: Jan 7, 2017 for listing in Conference Brochure, 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 to: FFCCHA, Mail to: Exhibitor Chair, 13286 Palladium Rd. Brooksville, FL 34613
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Call for Workshop Presenters

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.
25th Annual Conference, June 21-25, 2017

"Enhancing Our Minds...In 2017"

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

Workshop Proposal Applications will **ONLY be accepted via email submissions in .doc or .docx** word format or files that are typed in the computer (not handwritten and not scanned). Deadline: Jan. 17, 2017

All **workshop sessions** will be **75 minutes** (1.25 hours) with 30 minute breaks in between (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 the **primary presenter only** 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.

Submissions must include ALL of the following information:

English Track Spanish Track

Short Title (2-3 words): _____ for use on the At-a-Glance page in program

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

Curriculum Health/Safety/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.

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

Submit the following information on the FFCCHA CEU form: (request from: info@familychildcare.org)

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

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

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