

# THE GRAPEVINE

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FROSTY New Year's Wishes!!

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## President's Message:

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

On behalf of the Executive Committee and myself, I wish you a Happy New Year. Every new year presents new opportunities, challenges, and possibilities. As we step into 2024, I want to encourage all family home providers to take a moment to reflect on their accomplishments, challenges and new ventures in 2023. Let's use these experiences as a catalyst to set new goals and targets for the coming year.

Looking ahead, I am optimistic that we will continue to make great strides as an association. In 2023, FFCCHA had a successful annual conference and Leadership Summit, which were well attended and insightful. Many childcare providers have stepped into leadership roles, serving on the Executive committee and as Area Reps and Chapter Reps.

As we move forward, let us continue to reinforce our commitment to the vision and mission of our association, which is "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." Although we all have unique circumstances that influence our daily lives, let our core values as providers be filled with integrity and commitment to exemplify FFCCHA's core values.

Despite the uncertainty that comes with early childcare, the Executive Committee is dedicated to expanding our capabilities and enriching the lives of our members. Please stay connected by checking your emails and our website for updated information and upcoming training and resources.

To quote Albert Einstein, **"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."**

Sincerely,

Arleen Lambert

FFCCHA President

## Mensaje de Nuestra Presidente:

### Feliz Año Nuevo

En nombre del Comité Ejecutivo y en el mío propio, les deseo un Feliz Año Nuevo. Cada año nuevo presenta nuevas oportunidades, desafíos y posibilidades. A medida que nos acercamos al 2024, quiero animar a todos los proveedores de cuidados infantiles familiares a que se tomen un momento para reflexionar sobre sus logros, desafíos y nuevas aventuras en 2023. Usemos estas experiencias como un catalizador para establecer nuevas metas y objetivos para el próximo año.

Mirando hacia el futuro, estoy optimista y creo que continuaremos dando grandes pasos como asociación. En 2023, FFCCHA tuvo una exitosa conferencia anual y una Cumbre de Liderazgo, que fueron muy concurridas y perspicaces. Muchos proveedores de cuidado infantil han asumido roles de liderazgo, sirviendo en el comité ejecutivo y como representantes de área y representantes de capítulo.

A medida que avanzamos, sigamos reforzando nuestro compromiso con la visión y la misión de nuestra asociación. "representar una voz unida a favor de todos los niños para promover y exhortar a la calidad profesional del jardín de niños en familia a través de educación, legislación, apoyo, mentoría, afecto y amor." Aunque todos tenemos circunstancias únicas que influyen en nuestra vida diaria, dejemos que nuestros valores fundamentales como proveedores estén llenos de integridad y compromiso para ejemplificar los valores fundamentales de FFCCHA.

A pesar de la incertidumbre que conlleva el cuidado de la primera infancia, el Comité Ejecutivo se dedica a ampliar nuestras capacidades y enriquecer la vida de nuestros miembros. Por favor manténgase conectado revisando sus correos electrónicos y nuestro sitio web para obtener información actualizada y próximas capacitaciones y recursos. Citando a Albert Einstein: **"Aprende del ayer, vive para el hoy, espera para el mañana"**. Sinceramente,

Arleen Lambert, FFCCHA Presidente



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**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

**Members of FFCCHA who serve on other Boards / Councils**

- 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
- Karen Robinson** - Palm Beach County Health Department Child Care Advisory Council and Palm Beach State College Advisory Council
- Patricia Williams** - North Florida Chapter of FLAEYC

**Credential Scholarship News**

By Abbie Bill, Scholarship Chair

5 Scholarships were awarded this quarter (October 1 – December 31, 2023) \$1370

**NAFCC Update \$160:** Robin Dean, Regina Bernice Butler  
**NAFCC Re-accreditation \$325:** Katherine Uribe, \$525 Yasbel Lopez Acevedo, Gwen Wilson

**WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW!!**

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



**November Meeting News**

Submitted by Renie Roach, Acting Secretary

Following an informative, well-received and enthusiastic training called **Empower Leaders, Strengthening Associations** presented by Arleen Lambert, the FFCCHA Full Board Meeting was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. It was called to order at 3:11pm with 44 in attendance, including 9 first-timers.

Motions made and approved: Lula Owens Area Rep - #10; Shannon Richardson Area Rep - #21; Salary increases of 20% for Executive Director, Conference Coordinator, Financial Manager, Conference Finance, General Register Agent, and Conference Registration, all effective November 1, 2023; FFCCHA Membership fees increase to start January 1, 2024; all Chapter are mandated to pay and renew Chapter memberships online on the FFCCHA website. The FFCCHA Executive Committee will continue working on the OKR's.

The Meeting was adjourned 5:12PM



NAFCC CONFERENCE **ST. LOUIS** July 24 - July 27, 2024

*Creating our Gateway to THRIVE!*



**National Association for Family Child Care Conference**

Hyatt Regency St. Louis @ the Arch (\$169/night)  
 315 Chestnut St  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63102

**February 29 Deadline to Submit for FFCCHA Scholarships** for NAFCC Conference Early Registration (\$319) and Hotel nights as needed (July 23 earliest check in, July 28 latest check out). Pre-conference attendance is included but is not required. Awardees notified by March 15

Link: [FFCCHA Scholarship Application for 2024 NAFCC Conference Registration & Hotel](#)

**Events Calendar 2024**  
February - November 2024

- \* **Start planning** for FFCCHA June 2024 conference – make your hotel reservations!
- \* FFCCHA current **OPEN** Board Applications **to start now:** **Secretary, Latino Liaison, Legislative Liaison and OPEN Area Reps and Chair positions**
- \* **Apply NOW** for FFCCHA Board Positions and Even number Area Reps to **start in July 2024:** Membership, Treasurer, Professional Development, Chapter Coordinator, Professional Development, Public Relations

**February**

- 3 FFCCHA Training & Full Board Meeting
- 17 Deadline for April newsletter
- 24 Deadline for FFCCHA Call for Conference Workshop Proposals
- 25-29 Children’s Week, Tallahassee; Visit: [childrensweek.org](http://childrensweek.org)
- 25 Hanging of the Hands, Capitol, Tallahassee
- 26 Advocacy Dinner and Ceremony
- 27 Children’s Day, Tallahassee

**March**

- 1 Deadline to Apply for FFCCHA Board positions
- 4 Deadline for FFCCHA Parent Choice Award Nominations
- 14 Deadline for FFCCHA Outstanding Accredited Provider Award Nominations
- 24 Deadline for FFCCHA Essay Award Nominations

**April**

- 1-5 Week of the Young Child
- 6 College of Central Florida 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Conference, Ocala Keynote: Rachel Giannini
- 27 Full Board Meeting/Training (in-person), Volunteer Orientation, Orlando
- 30 Deadline for Volunteer Scholarships for Conference Registration

**May**

- 5 Deadline for Photo Contest for Child inside heart
- 12 National Provider Appreciation Day
- 17 Deadline for July 2024 Newsletter
- 24 Deadline for Hotel Reservations for FFCCHA Conference
- 26 Early Bird Deadline for Conference Registration

**June**

- 26-30 FFCCHA Enhancing Our Minds 2024 Conference, Clearwater Beach
- 30 FFCCHA General Meeting, Clearwater Beach

**July**

- 17-19 One Goal Summer Conference, Hilton, Tampa, FL
- 24-27 NAFCC Conference, St. Louis, MO

**August**

- 3 FFCCHA Training and Full Board Meeting, Virtual
- 17 Deadline for November 2024 Newsletter

**September**

- TBA FFCCHA Executive Committee Leadership Training

**October**

- 19 Hotel Deadline for FFCCHA Nov 9 Leadership Summit
- 15-20 FLAAYC conference, Omni Hotel, Orlando

**November**

- 6-9 NAEYC Conference, Anaheim, California
- 9 FFCCHA Leadership Summit & Full Board Meeting, Location TBA

**Winter Membership News**

Membership Officer – Wendy Corso-Ruud

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

**Congratulations to our FALL Chapter Membership Drive Winners!!**

*Palm Beach FCCA (October)*  
*Heart to Heart (November)*  
*FFCCHA of Miami-Dade County (December)*

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

**Remember, Chapter Reps must now renew/join chapter members ONLINE!! Thank you!**

**These 13 CHAPTERS** have memberships available to join/renew online! *Brevard Sunshine FCCA, Central Florida FCCA, FCCA of Jacksonville, NE Hillsborough CCPA, Heart to Heart FCCA, HCCPA of Manatee, Marion County FCCHA, Multicultural FCCHA of Orange County, North Florida CCA, Palm Beach County FCCA, Putnam County FCCPA, Quality FCCHPA, and South Florida HCCA!!*

**Chapter members** may renew **membership** online by going to our Chapter Membership link: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/chapter-memberships/> If your Chapter is **not listed above**, go to FFCCHA memberships <https://familychildcare.org/product/ffccha-membership/> and in the membership option, select **CHAPTER PROVIDER**, and write 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. And remember, as an added benefit, all FFCCHA Members can join NAFCC at \$5 off.

**Our numbers are keeping steady!! Membership breakdown as of 12/31/2023:**

Chapter/Full Providers: 442	Chapters: 19
Advocates: 35	Co-Providers: 72
Individual Members: 58	Parent Members: 28
Lifetime & Honorary Members: 12	
Agencies: 1	
<b>Total: 667</b>	

And again, if joining or renewing by mail, remember to **PLEASE** use the correct and up-dated individual/parent/chapter membership forms available on website. If you have questions or need anything, please give me a shout 561-715-1361 !! **HUGS!**



**We are up to 963 likes on our Facebook page!! WOOHOOO!!**

**[www.facebook.com/FFCCHA](http://www.facebook.com/FFCCHA)**  
Share and Like us NOW! :) Click on our link below:



**TALK OF THE TOWN**  
**AREA 5 - Leon County**

**Charlene Thornton**



Charlene is from Myrtle Beach, SC, and now resides in Tallahassee, FL. She is the oldest and only girl of three, has been married to her husband for 7 years. She has a very active and smart 14-year-old daughter, who dances 6 styles of dance; ballet, jazz, tap, dance battle, hip-hop, and Caribbean African Dance, and sings and models and is signed to 2 agencies. Her family of 3 has been vegan (no processed foods or dyes) for 11 years.

Charlene came to Tallahassee geared up to attend FSU for her Masters, and needed to make some money while being a student, so accepted a job as a lead 4-year-old teacher. It was then, while teaching at that preschool, she decided to make a change in the development of children's education.

She runs a registered family child care home, and has been operating for 19 years. What makes her home unique is that she runs a structured learning environment that thrives from experiencing new things, but puts family first.

Charlene is the Chapter Representative for FFCCHA. She is the Membership Chair and Secretary of North Florida Family Child Care Association. She is a member of Sigma Chi Psi, Sorority Inc., the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI), the International Honor Society of Psychology, Psi Chi, the American Psychological Association (APA), the Florida Psychological Association (FPA), the American Board of Professional Psychology, Golden Key Honor Society, a member of the Honor Society, a presidential member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, a member of Autism Speaks, the Autism Society, and a member of the National Association of Professional Women. Last, but certainly not least, she is the Owner and CEO of a private nonprofit (K-8) academy (B&B Scholar Academy) that will open its doors in the fall of 2024.

Her hobbies include shopping, reading, cooking, baking, traveling, listening to music, spending time with family and watching old sitcoms (Sanford & Son, The Jeffersons, Good Times, the Dukes of Hazzard, and Martin). Charlene received her BS degree in Child & Family Development with a minor in Childcare Administration from Benedict College, SC., a Business Certificate from Walden University, her Master of Business Administration (MBA) specializing in Entrepreneurship and Small Business from Walden University, her Master of Philosophy from Walden University, and her Ph.D. in Development Psychology specializing in Child & Adolescent Psychology. Her biggest achievement is everything that she has accomplished this far.

Please submit a "Talk of the Town" article about someone special from Areas 10 - 17.

Submissions must be submitted by February 17, 2024 to the Newsletter Editor: Wendy Corso-Ruud at ruud3@aol.com Thank you!

**Support FFCCHA**  
Danish Williams, Fundraising



to all FFCCHA members!! I hope that everyone's New Year started off with a bang. I attended the (MCI) Miami Children Initiative.

I am still thinking of new fundraising ideas, I will be sending the fundraising letters out to different companies for the our Conference in June. If you have any ideas please let me know.

The association would love for you to donate clean items that you may have at your school for the green table.



If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Danish at 305-495-5029 or email her at fundraiser@familychildcare.org

**Noticias Del Concilio Latino**  
Open Position APPLY NOW



**Feliz Año Nuevo a nuestro concilio latino**, espero y es totalmente mi deseo que este año sea un año lleno de ilusiones, metas y ante todo de mucha felicidad y paz en sus corazones. Increíblemente hemos llegado a un nuevo año, quiero recordarles que la posición Latina aún continua vacante y necesitamos llenarla lo más pronto posible. No permitamos que nuestro grupo latino que con tanto esfuerzo se ha mantenido desaparezca, necesitamos tu ayuda FFCCHA necesita de tu apoyo aplica hoy. Les recuerdo que las aplicaciones para las becas de acreditación pueden ser encontradas en nuestra página web <https://familychildcare.org>. Nuestra conferencia 2024 se apróxima y ya puedes hacer tu reservación en hotel Sheraton

**Book your hotel for FFCCHA 2024 Annual Conference.** Las aplicaciones para aplicar para la beca como voluntaria en nuestra conferencia tiene un costo de \$50.00, somete la foto de tu niño para la competencia, también llena la aplicación para que tus padres voten por el mejor proveedor, la mejor proveedora acreditada por este año.

Queremos ver que tus aplicaciones sean enviadas y que sean reconocidas en nuestra conferencia.

Mientras la posición Latina no sea tomada puedes llamarme para cualquier pregunta al (305) 467-2560 o enviarme un mensaje a latinolai@familychildcare.org.

Con mucho carino, *Am a*



FFCCHA Professional Development
Zoom Virtual Training
Application
Saturday, March 2, 2024
9:00 am to 11:00 am



Training Registration Fee: \$40 (\$30 scholarships available)
FFCCHA members Pay only \$10 (for FL licensed or registered providers or co-providers)

Online Payments are 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 Annette Eberhart
1907 E Bougainvillea Ave.
Tampa, FL 33612

Email Form to training@familychildcare.org Questions? Email or call 813-493-0828

Deadline: Form must be received by February 26, 2024.

----- <--- Please check here if applying for a training scholarship! Pay only \$10!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Navigating the ABCs of Finances and Tax Preparations in FCC

Presenter: Lorrie Brinson, CPA, MBA/PA

2 hours

Family child care educators will gain insights into Schedule C deductions for their FCC home business, specifically focusing on "Profit & Loss" statements. Explore the intricacies of managing other business expenses effectively and the importance of proper tracking, bookkeeping, and record-keeping practices.

About the Presenter: Ms. Brinson is a Certified Public Accountant providing advisory, tax preparation, and e-file services for individual tax returns and small businesses. She holds a bachelor's and a master's in accounting, and a master's in business administration/public administration.

If you need accommodation because of a disability to participate in the childcare training process, contact Annette Eberhart at least two weeks before the first training date at 813-493-0828 between 9 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

There will be NO refunds after deadline. If you do not attend this training, the training fees will not be refunded or transferred to another person.

**Legislative News**

Position Open - Apply Now

The Florida Legislative Session begins early this year, starting January 9 and ending March 8. Children's Week in Tallahassee begins February 25 with Hanging of the Hands in the Capitol Rotunda. February 26 is the Advocacy Dinner and February 27 is Children's Day at the Capitol Plaza.

For more information about these events, visit: <https://childrensweek.org/>

If you would like to submit hand prints for display at the Capitol, then visit <https://childrensweek.org/events/celebration-of-the-hands-2024/> for details on how to submit hands postmarked before February 12th. **If you would like to attend these three events** with FFCCHA members, please contact FFCCHA President, Arleen Lambert.

The position of **FFCCHA Legislative Liaison** is currently vacant. If you are interested in this position, please apply or contact Mayra Marquez at [nominations@familychildcare.org](mailto:nominations@familychildcare.org) for more information.



**Don't be a DISTRACTED ADULT!**

Semi-annually in the months of April and September, child care providers are to provide families with guidance for preventing accidents or incidents related to distractions when getting in and getting out of a vehicle.

A change in daily routine, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, cell phone use, and simple distractions are some things parents experience and can be contributing factors as to why children have been left unknowingly in vehicles...



For more information, and to obtain a copy of the "When life happens... Don't be a DISTRACTED ADULT" brochure, click on this website link: <https://myflfamilies.com/sites/default/files/2023-02/distracted-adult.pdf>



**Facts About Heatstroke:**



⚠ It only takes a car **10 minutes** to heat up 20 degrees and become deadly.

⚠ Even with a window cracked, the **temperature inside a vehicle** can cause heatstroke.

⚠ The body temperature of a child increases **3 to 5 times faster** than an adult's body.



**Opening a Family Child Care Home Program (OPENH)**

The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation is offering a new online course, Opening a Family Child Care Home Program. The goal of this course is to provide individuals with an overview of opening a family child care home program in Florida.

Upon completion of this course, child care professionals will be able to:

- Describe the responsibilities of a family child care provider
- Analyze the need for a family child care home in your area and what services are needed
- Establish goals and a guiding philosophy for your family child care home
- Identify the operational requirements of opening a family child care home
- Develop finance and budget management plans for the program
- Identify elements of program structure that need to be developed that may cause delays in the development of literacy

For this three-hour course, 0.3 CEUs may be earned (if this course is taken in the Training and Registry Portal). To access the course, go to: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/> and select "Training Credentialing."



**Public Relations News**

Rendy Bethel-Avila, Public Relations

Having a meeting, workshop, or training session in your area coming up soon? We now have large and small display boards as well as brochures and other professional resources. FFCCHA display Boards are in Spanish and English.



You can 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 print directly from our FFCCHA website under the Publications tab <https://familychildcare.org/resources/publications/>

Do not forget to take advantage of advertising your business in our quarterly Grapevine newsletter!

For more info, call Rendy at 407-354-0840 or contact [publicrelations@familychildcare.org](mailto:publicrelations@familychildcare.org)

**MENTOR News January 2024**

Abbie Bill -- MENTOR Program Chair

The next **Mentor Training** will be at our June 2024 conference in Clearwater Beach. The dates are Wednesday, June 26 from 8 am – 5 pm and Thursday, June 27 from 8 am – Noon. You must attend both days. Contact me for qualifications and an application.

**All Family Child Care Providers** - If you 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. (such as setting up your child care indoor or outdoor environment, contracts and policies, marketing, obtaining your CDA, handling difficult situations, etc.)

**FFCCHA Certified Provider 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 at 561-445-7333 or [aright933@aol.com](mailto:aright933@aol.com)



**Chapter Rep News**

Angela-Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator



**Congratulations!**

**Cynthia Bedford**  
Chapter Rep of the Quarter  
from United Professional Childcare  
Providers of South Florida

Dear Chapter Representatives,

We are so grateful for not only your continued relationship with the Florida Family Childcare State Association, and for your alliance, and we look forward to working together in the new year. Thank you to the Chapter Representatives for spreading the word to the local associations about the importance of the membership electronic payments.

I wanted to thank every one of the Chapter Representatives for their hard work and dedication to the Association/ Chapter. Your leadership and ability to constantly push the bar motivates the entire group and doesn't go unnoticed. The way you handled the community projects during the holidays this year is commendable. Thank you for always going above and beyond to ensure your chapter success in everything they do.

**Remember, chapter reps must now renew/join chapter members ONLINE!! Thank you!**

I'm grateful to have you as part of the Florida Family Childcare Association, the results are impressive, I look forward to your continuous growth. You're a true asset to the Association. make new friends and grow our Chapter Memberships. Questions, please contact me at (305) 321-6735.



**Area Rep News**

Jennifer Richards, Area Rep Coordinator

**Congratulations!**

**Cynthia Durr**  
Area Rep of the Quarter  
(Area 13, Volusia/Flagler County)

**Thank you for your dedication to family childcare!**



FFCCHA wants to thank all Area Reps for doing an excellent job in building positive relationships in their local areas. Area Reps will continue to promote FFCCHA by hosting Meet and Greets to educated non-members providers and community leaders about the mission and vision of our state association. For the Area Rep who has not already signed up to serve on one of FFCCHA's committee, please do so now before the New Year. Remember, *Teamwork is the key to success.*

We are currently **looking for Area Representatives** for the following vacant areas: **1,3,4,6,11,12,14,15,18,19, 22,23,24,25,26,27,30 and 31.** Area rep positions are for 2 years. If you would like more information on job duties please feel free to reach out to me anytime. All even numbered areas are opened now, and we are accepting applications. If you like working as an advocate in your local community, share information with peers and child care partners, this is the perfect job for you. If you like working as an advocate in your local community, share information with peers and child care partners, this is the perfect job for you. Please contact me (386) 846-9567 or email [jjrichards23@gmail.com](mailto:jjrichards23@gmail.com).



**Get your program full and save time with Wonderschool**

<https://wonderschool.com>



**What's Wonderschool?**

Sign up for the child care management platform that allows providers to manage business tasks and grow revenue.

Through our licensing support, peer and expert coaching, website and marketing tools, and enrollment & business software, all providers get the support they need to run high-quality, sustainable childcare programs.

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24/7 expert training & support for you and your unique program.



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**Parent Engagement & Communication**

Communicate instantly with interested families and share daily updates with enrolled families.



**Community of Practice**

Connect with other child care providers & leaders - we are stronger as one!



# 2023-2024 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 Accreditation quality Ambassador Certified Trainer
- 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, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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**Chapter in the News**  
by: Lucinda Hightower

**Marion County Family Child Care Home Association (MCFCCCHA)** is thrilled to recognize and celebrate two of their loyal and faithful Family Child Care Providers who recently retired. We the members of MCFCCCHA and FFCCHA would like to Congratulate **Ms. Cora Williams** for **40 years of service** and **Ms. Deserie Dickson** for **25 years of service**.



Thank you for your faithful commitment to the families served in our community and your loyalty to MCFCCCHA and FFCCHA. We pray a relaxed and successful retirement be upon each of you.



**Chapter in the News**

by: Angela\_Perla Almodovar, Chapter Rep Coordinator

In early January, local chapter **Quality FHCC Provider Association** met at the Bloomingdale Library, which was a very nice and welcoming space to attend for this informative training. There were 13 people present, with Jennifer Biles from QEES at HCC, who shared about the QEES program.

Our training was "Enhance Your Child Care Program through Grants" as Beth Sickles and Angela-Perla just went to the training at ELCHC about the many grants available.



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Area #	Counties	Area Representatives – Full Board				
1	Escambia	<b>Open</b>				
2	Santa Rosa	<b>Open</b>				
3	Okaloosa, Walton	<b>Open</b>				
4	Holmes, Jackson, Franklin, Bay, Calhoun, Washington, Gulf	<b>Open</b>				
5	Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison	Matline Ford	Tallahassee	32305	850-877-3885	area5rep@familychildcare.org
6	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union	<b>Open</b>				
7	Duval	Patricia Williams	Jacksonville	32209	904-403-8948	Pdt62@comcast.net
8,9	Nassau, Baker, Clay, Bradford, Putman, St. Johns	Renie Roach	St Augustine	32092	904-392-5366	renieroach@yahoo.com
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11	Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Gilchrist, Sumter	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Tammy Tener		407-234-3473	tenerfcc@gmail.com
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15	Seminole	<b>Open</b>				
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24	Sarasota	<b>Open</b>				
25	Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto, Charlotte	<b>Open</b>				
26	Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin	<b>Open</b>				
27	St Lucie	<b>Open</b>				
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31	Miami-Dade, Monroe	<b>Open</b>	Temporary: Danish Williams		305-495-5029	danishwilliams@hotmail.com

**Interested in serving as an Area Representative?  
Contact Jennifer Richards areacoordinator@familychildcare.org OR call: 386-846-9567**

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. – January 2024

Area	CHAPTER NAME	FULL BOARD Chapter Rep.	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting City
5	North Florida FCC Assoc. (11 members)	Charlene Thornton	850-980-2824	LSLCKids@yahoo.com	Big Bend Area
7	Family Child Care Assoc. of Jacksonville (32)	Myrna Wright	904-477-2965	Jbear_226@yahoo.com	Jacksonville
8,9	Putnam County FCC Provider Association (16)	Karan Hiester	386-957-4482	educate71@gmail.com	Rotates cities
12	Marion County FCCH Association (33)	Marjorie Wheeler	352-299-7203	marjoriejanae19@gmail.com	Ocala
15,17,18	Central Florida Association for FCC (53)	Alethia Dittren	407-870-1569	dittren01@netzero.com	Orlando
16	Brevard Sunshine FCH Association (8)	Cheryl Guest	321-537-8751	cguest08@gmail.com	Cocoa
17	Multicultural FCCHA of Orange Co (37)	Stephanie Minus	407-373-5090	elementzofbusiness@gmail.com	Orlando
21	HCCPA of NE Hillsborough County (45)	Cynthia Brown	813-766-4682	robinsontrainingconsultant@yahoo.com	Temple Terrace
21	Quality FHCC Provider Association (32)	Robin Dean	813-205-4432	nanaslearningpost@gmail.com	Riverview
22	FLEXx Production Southside CCA (7)	Dorothy Jenkins	727-895-7101	Blueeyes33701@yahoo.com	St. Petersburg
22	Heart to Heart Child Care Assoc (67)	Michelle Pugh	727-215-0946	mrp701@aol.com	Pinellas Park
23	HCC Providers Assoc. of Manatee County (17)	Victoria Morgan	941-251-6431	mslilvick@aol.com	Bradenton
29	Palm Beach County FCC Assoc (67)	Nichola Griffiths-Butts	561-506-4739	nicholagriffiths@yahoo.com	Royal Palm Beach
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ASSISTANT 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

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**PROVIDERS: Win a Free Hotel Night in Clearwater Beach, FL, for our 2024 Conference!!**

and Get YOUR Name and Family Child Care Home listed in the conference program book!



**Here's how:** Encourage your parent/clients to participate as a Parent Sponsor of the **FFCCHA conference**. For every \$25 collected, your name (Provider) will be entered in a drawing for a chance for the free night. The winner will be announced at the end of the Full Board Meeting on April 27. There could be more than one winner depending on the amount of funds raised.

Copy **PARENT Sponsor** forms from the January and April issues of the Grapevine newsletter or print forms from Conference Page on the website [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) Give the forms to parents and collect the payments. FFCCHA must receive the payments **POSTMARKED** by April 23rd to be received by the Full Board Meeting to be eligible for the drawing.

**For parents** entering the photo contest, the deadline to EMAIL photo to the Children's Forum at [jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com) is **MAY 5, 2024**, and payment must be sent separately to be received by May 5, 2024, as well.

**Here are some ideas** that providers can use to get parents to participate: the provider takes a photo of each child and displays it on a wall at the FCC home and asks parents to make a donation. If the parent makes a \$15 donation or more, then the provider emails the child's photo into the photo contest for the parent. You can also mail the form to all past and current parent clients with a handwritten note asking for a "generous" donation. See more details of the Parent Sponsor/Photo Contest on pages 19 and 20.



If you have questions or want ideas on how to get your chapter members and parents to participate, contact Patricia Williams or email: [fundraiser@familychildcare.org](mailto:fundraiser@familychildcare.org)



**Call for FFCCHA Conference Workshop Proposals**

**Deadline February 24, 2024**

***"Enhancing Our Minds...in 2024"***

**June 26-30, 2024**

Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd.  
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

Use this link: [2024 Call for Workshop Proposals](#)

Please list contact information, workshop title, and description **as you want it printed** in the Conference program book. However, FFCCHA has the right to edit all submissions.

And please remember to email your resume to: [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)





## 2024 Parent Choice Award

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to: FFCCHA Parent Choice Award**

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 4, 2024**

**OR e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com**

Please type **PARENT CHOICE** in the subject line

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

## PARENTS!! Nominate YOUR Provider for the Parent Choice Award!

Do you think your family child care provider is a very special person and goes above and beyond your expectations? If so, then please submit a short essay of 300 words or less titled:

***My Provider is Outstanding...*** and describe in detail how, what, or why.

Be sure to include the full name and complete contact information (address/phone/email) of the provider member and the full name of the parent and signature of parent submitting the essay. A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website <https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/>

Note: The **Parent Choice Award** is given to **3 outstanding FFCCHA provider members** nominated by a parent. The three winners will be recognized at the FFCCHA Conference Luncheon in June in Clearwater Beach. Each provider-winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach during the 2024 FFCCHA Annual conference. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We also encourage the provider to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.



## 2024 Outstanding Accredited Provider Award

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to: FFCCHA Accredited Award**

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Emailed or Postmarked by March 14, 2024**

**OR e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com**

Please type **ACCREDITED PROVIDER ESSAY** in the subject line

Questions? Call Renie Roach at 904-436-5799

## NAFCC Accredited Providers: Apply for an Award!

Accredited Providers must submit a short essay of 300 words or less titled:

***My Accredited Program is Outstanding...*** and describe specific details

of what makes your program unique and outstanding. Be sure to include your full name and complete contact information and the name of your local FFCCHA chapter. A form is also available on the Conference Page on our website <https://familychildcare.org/resources/forms/>

Note: The **Outstanding Accredited Provider Award** is given to one FFCCHA provider chapter member currently accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The winner will be featured at our table-display and recognized at the FFCCHA conference during the General Session in Clearwater Beach. The winner of this award will receive one complimentary hotel night accommodation at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach during the 2024 FFCCHA Annual conference. Registration to the FFCCHA conference is the responsibility of the winner. We encourage providers to apply separately with FFCCHA for a registration scholarship as a hostess/volunteer.





## 2024 Annual Essay Awards

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

**Send essay to:** FFCCHA Awards

2050 Ryan Road, St Augustine, FL 32092

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 24, 2024**

or e-mail: renieroach@yahoo.com

Questions? Call Renie Roach 904-436-5799

Type **ESSAY AWARD** in the subject line of the email

The following awards will be presented at the June 2024 conference at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach. Select one: (Please submit a separate form with Essay for each award)

- Advocate Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Chapter
- Provider Hall of Fame
- AHAP-Agency Helping Association Prosper

Please Print:

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FFCCHA Member Name Submitting Essay:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Submitting Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** FL **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT a 300 word essay describing specific examples of how and why the person or organization you nominate is outstanding, fits the description, and is well-deserving of the annual award.**

### AHAP - AGENCIES HELPING ASSOCIATIONS PROSPER

The AHAP award is given to an organization such as an Agency, Coalition, Food Program, College, etc. that has given support and helped your local chapter association above and beyond their regular services.

### OUTSTANDING FFCCHA CHAPTER

The Outstanding Chapter award is given to one local FFCCHA chapter that is doing extraordinary things. It could be a parent involvement event, an outstanding membership drive, or maybe your association made a big difference by being involved with your local coalition or special activity. The chapter event must have taken place between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. They will need to submit a chapter display board spotlighting the event at the conference and will receive one comp hotel night at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach.

### FFCCHA – FAMILY CHILD CARE HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame awards are the most prestigious awards given by FFCCHA, Inc. This award is given to a FCC Provider and an Advocate (non-provider) in the state of Florida that exemplifies Family Child Care. Each has separate qualifications. The winners must submit an 8 x 10 photo for the conference Hall of Fame display board.

#### Qualifications:

**PROVIDER HALL OF FAME** - The Provider must promote the state association - FFCCHA, Inc. throughout the state of Florida and have outstanding leadership qualities such as: a professional role model, positive character, integrity, and be a mentor to all providers. They must be a member of FFCCHA for at least 3 years.

**ADVOCATE HALL OF FAME** - The Advocate is a non-provider who is very supportive, promotes the state association of FFCCHA, Inc. and promotes family child care as a profession.





## Volunteer Application for Scholarships for 2024 Conference Registrations “Enhancing Our Minds...In 2024” June 26-30, 2024

Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767  
Approved applicants applying for a scholarship will be required to volunteer 3 hours.



Click on one of these links for the forms:

[2024 Conference Volunteer Scholarship Form](#)   [2024 Aplicación de Voluntarios de Becas para Conferencia](#)

**Volunteer Qualifications/Requirements:**

1. Be a current **provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2024) operating as a **FL registered or licensed provider** or be a current **Co-provider member of FFCCHA** (keep valid thru June 30, 2024)
2. Complete and **submit this scholarship form** along with the **\$50.00 fee**.
3. **Attend** a virtual OR in-person volunteer **orientation before going to conference**. Details will be emailed after application has been received.
4. **Attend** the entire conference day(s) that you applied for and 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 short shorts).
6. **Sign-in** at conference and **fulfill your 3-hour volunteer duties as assigned**, return hostess paper, and **sign-out**.
7. Turn in a **completed conference evaluation**.

Payment options:

- online credit card payment <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>
- check or money order payable to **FFCCHA – NO Refunds**. Returned checks assessed a \$47 fee

Mail to: **FFCCHA Volunteers, Abbie Bill, 9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434**

**Deadline: April 30, 2024** 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 deadline will be entered in a drawing for a prize.**

Select only ONE Type of Conference Registration you are applying for (check ONE only)

Friday-Saturday-Sunday    Saturday-Sunday    Saturday Special (8am-5pm only)    Friday only (8am-5pm)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of FCC Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

How will receiving a scholarship to this conference benefit your child care? Only write on the lines below:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**

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

*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 Abbie Bill at (561) 445-7333 or via e-mail: [registration@familychildcare.org](mailto:registration@familychildcare.org)**

Other contacts: [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org) or [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)

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

Office use only:

Online/Cash/Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ Received date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_ Verified membership/expiration date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



# Call for Exhibitors, Ads, & Donations

Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc. 32<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual Conference, June 26-30, 2024

## "Enhancing Our Minds...In 2024"

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

Pay Online: <https://familychildcare.org/product-category/ffccha-conference/>

Please use this Link to submit info: [Call for Exhibitors, Sponsors, Ads & Donations](#)

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 27-29:**  
Each space includes: ONE 6-foot bare table & one chair - **Thurs** Set-up 2-5pm & Opening 6-8:00pm,  
**Fri** 9am-11:30 1:30-5:30pm, **Sat** 9am-3:30pm (times may change) \_\_\_\_\_ # of tables X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plus 2 door prizes (\$25 value each) Deadlines:** Early Bird: Jan 1 - April 30: \$250, If space available, May 1: \$300  
after May 25: \$350 **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, 2024  
\_\_\_\_\_ Business Card \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page \$175 (3 1/2"x5") \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page \$250 (7 1/2"x5")  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 page \$350 (7 1/2"x7") \_\_\_\_\_ Full page \$500 (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 (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 15, 2024, 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 15, 2024 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** We would like to ENHANCE MINDS & **SELECT A SPECIFIC REQUEST:**  
 Keynote Speakers  Award Plaques  Program Book  300 Bags  
 Leader Recognition  Provider Celebration Night  Appreciation Luncheon  
 Audio Visual  Name Tags  Parent Choice Awards

**Deadlines: Jan. 1, 2024 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?**  
**Exhibitor Chair: Arleen Lambert, 305-793-4011 arleenlambert@gmail.com**

**Other contacts: Karan Hiester, Conference Coordinator, 386-689-3046 [conference@familychildcare.org](mailto:conference@familychildcare.org)**  
**Tammy Tener, Executive Director, 407-234-3473 [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)**

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*Parents! Sponsor the Florida Family Child Care Home Association 2024 Conference!*

**Provider Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount**

- \$5 - Display photo at 2024 conference (must be submitted by June 1, 2024).
- \$10 - Display photo at 2024 conference AND Capitol for Children's Day (must submit two forms by February 14, 2024).
- \$15 - Enter photo contest (See photo instructions on back of this form and submit photo separately by May 5). Also includes display at both conference and Capitol (2 forms must be submitted by February 14, 2024).
- Other donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Assembly and Submittal instructions**

1. Print out hands from our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org) in color or print in black and white on bright green, orange or yellow paper.
2. Cut out the white heart in the middle of the hands. Place a photo of your child behind the hands, tape in place and fold on the dotted center line **OR** have your child color or decorate the heart.

**Photo Release**

By signing this form, you, the parent/guardian of the person(s) photographed, hereby give the Children's Forum and the Florida Family Child Care Home Association permission to publish submitted photographs. You understand that photos will NOT be used in any other content without your written consent and the photos will NOT be released or sold to any third party. Your signature warrants that you are over the age of 18 and competent to contract in your name and/or sign on behalf of your minor child as listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents – Send your child to  
the Beach for only \$5!*

FFCCHA needs assistance from parents of young children to support our annual statewide conference, “Enhancing Our Minds in 2024” in Clearwater Beach. The total \$ amount of donations from parents and what they are able to sponsor collectively will be listed in the conference program book. If your child’s photo or artwork is submitted on forms along with donations, then it will be displayed at the conference and/or Capital. Provider names from family child care homes that submit \$25 or more in parent donations will be listed in the conference program book.

*and let them “Hang in Tally”  
with the Governor for \$-10!*

For a **\$15 donation**, your child can also **enter a photo contest** for the hand-shaped heart FFCCHA Conference Logo for “Enhancing Our Minds in 2025.” Note: Parent or child(ren) name will not be printed on conference marketing materials.

**Photo Contest Rules** in order to be able to use the photo in print publications.

1. **E-mail entries** must contain a hi-resolution color photograph uploaded in compliance with the Contest requirements, in JPEG format with picture dimensions at least 1800 x 1200 pixels and 300 dpi. Send to: [jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:jjbrown@thechildrensforum.com).
2. Entries that contain photographs (digital) that do not comply with the specifications or any other requirements stated herein will be automatically disqualified.
3. All Entries become the property of Sponsor, and none will be acknowledged or returned. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, or misdirected entries.
4. Entries that contain inappropriate images such as but not limited to nudity will be disqualified.
5. Entries that contain any type of advertising or logo images will be disqualified. This includes visible clothing brands.
6. Child(ren) must currently be in care at a family child care home of a provider member of FFCCHA.
7. Parent or legal guardian must sign and submit a photo release.
8. Deadline for photo submissions is May 5, 2024.

**Tips for making sure your photo qualifies for the contest:**

1. Make sure your camera is set on the highest pixel setting. The file size will be large, but big can be reduced by the graphic designer. Small pictures can’t be enlarged!
2. When emailing your digital photo, do NOT reduce the file size. Keep it at the original size.
3. If your computer or email system does not want to send it because the file size is too large, save the picture to a CD and mail the CD in a protective CD case.
4. Close up shots are best, zoom in on the child(rens) face. These are the priceless shots we need for the FFCCHA publications.
5. Photography from professional photographers are not acceptable and will not be acknowledged or returned.

**Mail your forms and donations to: FFCCHA, Inc., 1526 W 15th St. Jacksonville, FL 32209**

**Call: 904-403-8948 or email: [Patriciawilliamsfcch@yahoo.com](mailto:Patriciawilliamsfcch@yahoo.com) if you have any questions**

**Spanish version available on our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)**



# FFCCHA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

Enhancing Our Minds...in 2024

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Pre-Conference June 26-27 • Conference June 28-30

## PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING

June 26-27 (additional fee required)

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1)** by Lois Kendrick and Mayra Marquez  
For experienced providers who like working with other adults to **Mentor, Educate, Nurture, Train, Observe and Role Model**. This is the first part of the 12 hour Florida peer M.E.N.T.O.R. program for family child care providers to become a certified Mentor. This part is also open to support staff that mentor family child care providers. **Applicants must be accepted into the program prior to attending this class.** Contact Abbie Bill at 561-445-7333 or [FLMentorpgm@aol.com](mailto:FLMentorpgm@aol.com) for qualifications and an application. **Applications are due by May 1, 2024.**

**NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 1)**

by Michael Bachman and Annette Eberhart

If you are passionate about helping people reach their highest potential, join a network of professional leaders who are committed to moving the Power of Family Child Care forward and become a Certified NAFCC Accreditation Trainer. Network with like-minded professionals from across the field to assist in the career journey of Family Child Care providers. Fee includes a NAFCC Accreditation Self-Study Guide.

**Trainer Recertification for Second Helping** by Eva Anderson

Invitation only for past trainers to recertify and update materials. Email [infosecondhelping@gmail.com](mailto:infosecondhelping@gmail.com) for application.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior**

by Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro and Robyn Atkinson

Are you ever stumped by what to say and do when a child has done something hurtful, impulsive, disruptive, or disrespectful? Discover four simple and effective steps to help transform a difficult moment into one where everyone can learn and grow. Help children (ages 2-8 yrs) learn about their feelings and gain self-control by using the mnemonic: Feelings, Limits, Inquiries, Prompts.

Thursday, June 27

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 2)**

by Michael Bachman and Annette Eberhart

This is the second part of the 2-day training.

**Second Helping Module 4: The Children** by Eva Anderson

This revised course focuses on the children and the importance of having a solid foundation in child development and using developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) in your family child care home. Gain valuable insights and skills in creating both a nurturing and educational environment for children resulting in exceptional relationships and improved outcomes for children. New book included.

8:00 a.m. - Noon

**Mentor I Certification (Part 2)** This is the second part of the 2-day training.

**Hands, Hearts & Minds Play** by Dr. Walter Drew and Pamela Hinson, FCC Provider

Participants will construct knowledge and create action plans using the Drew's Discovery Blocks and open-ended materials to make connections with children's learning and environment. This hands-on training focuses on STEM, art, emergent literacy, and narrative storytelling based on the play experience.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements** by Janis Nakagama

Uncover the root causes of physical, behavior and academic hurdles and, most importantly, acquire knowledge of enjoyable movements that are designed to improve children's brain-body connections. Suitable for ALL age groups!

**CLASS Strategies and Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers**

by Dawn Espinoza, Mark Cerasaro and Robyn Atkinson

The most brain development happens before the age of three. During these early years, children are most receptive to learning new things through the modeling of behaviors and language. Discover strategies and activities to promote optimal brain development while using CLASS as a guide.

## WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Legislative & FCC Rules Update
- Tax Information & Updates
- Insurance & Liability
- NAFCC Accreditation, Gold Seal
- Parent Involvement
- Contracts & Policies
- Marketing Your Home
- FCCPC & CDA
- VPK in Family Child Care
- School Age Activities
- Sing, Dance & Play, Early Literacy
- Curriculum for FCC Homes
- Equity, Diversity and Disabilities
- Nutrition, Preventing Obesity
- Infant and Toddler Activities
- How to Handle Challenging Behaviors
- Sign Language and More!

## KEYNOTES & SPECIAL GUESTS



**Cari Miller**, the Chancellor for Early Learning, directing the Florida Department of Education's Division of Early Learning. This includes working with 30 Early Learning Coalitions and Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to deliver high-quality child care and early learning programs. She is a Governor's appointee for the Council for Early Grade Success. Cari previously served as DOE's Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement, implementing literacy policy and initiatives. Visit [www.floridaearlylearning.com/](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/)



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



**Nigel Smith** studied voice, multiple instruments, and began performing in several R&B, jazz, gospel and vocal groups, winning several awards. In 2004, Nigel began visiting schools and preschools in North Carolina and beyond as Mr. Nigel's Music, sharing his passion for educating children through music with over 2,500 children every week. "Mr. Nigel & Friends" takes this joy and musical excellence to an even larger audience by reaching out to the whole family with "The Ultimate Family Experience." Visit: [www.mrnigelandfriends.com](http://www.mrnigelandfriends.com)



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



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



**Francia Wisnewski** serves as Director of Membership and Community Engagement for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). She has 25 years of experience in nonprofits, education, and organizing. Originally from Colombia, her journey began as an educator in South America. Her passion for equity drives Francia's mission to enrich family child care through education, advocacy, and empowering providers' voices to secure millions to support family childcare workforce structures across multiple states. Visit [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org)



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

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Wednesday, June 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials (Part 1)
- NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training (Part 1)
- Trainer Recertification for Second Helping

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior

## Thursday, June 27

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Mentor I Certification (Part 2)
- Hands, Hearts & Minds Play

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador (Part 2)
- Second Helping Module 4: The Children

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements
- CLASS Strategies & Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers

6:00 p.m.

- Opening Ceremony *Apertura de Ceremonia*

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Registration & Exhibits Open *Registro de Asistentes y Exhibiciones Abiertas*

8:00 p.m.

- First-Timer Orientation *Orientación para los que asisten por primera vez*

## Friday, June 28

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Registration *Registro de Asistentes*

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Concurrent Workshops *Talleres Concurridos*

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Exhibits Open *Exhibiciones Abiertas*  
Exhibits Closed from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. *Exhibiciones cerrados*

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- All Conference Luncheon / Awards / Keynote:  
**Cari Miller and Francia Wisnewski** *Almuerzo, Conferencista y Galardones*

## Saturday, June 29

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- Registration *Registro de Asistentes*

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- General Session / Keynote: **Nigel Smith**  
*"The Super Power in You"*

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Exhibits Open

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Concurrent Workshops

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Concilio Latino

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Closing Session Keynote: **Dr. Pamela Phelps**  
*"Releasing the Power of Play" Sesión de Clausura*
- Prizes & Evaluations *Premios y Evaluaciones*

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. **Midnight** NOTE: Children permitted 8pm-9pm only

- Provider Celebration! **Dancing & Fun with Nigel Smith**  
*¡Celebración para Proveedoras con Baile! Solo se permiten niños de 8:00 -9:00.*

## Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Complimentary Breakfast *Desayuno de Cortesía*
- Annual General Meeting *Reunión General Anual*
- General Session Keynote: **Marica Cox Mitchell**
- Full Board Installation *Instalación de Miembros del Comité*
- More Prizes!! *¡Más Premios!*

### PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!

*Infants and Children under 16 are NOT allowed in Workshops, Keynotes, Friday Luncheon, and Sunday Annual Meeting.*

### Continuing Education Units (CEU)

*are available for pre-conference training and workshops for an additional fee.*

### PAMPER YOURSELF DURING THE CONFERENCE!

*Get a complimentary chair massage in the Exhibit Area on Friday and Saturday!*

# CONFERENCE HOTEL



## Sheraton Sand Key Resort - 1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Beach, FL

**Room Rate** (does not include tax or gratuity: \$205 per room per night (double, triple or quad occupancy). There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate.

**For hotel reservations call 727-595-1611.**

**Deadline is May 24, 2024**

To book your room directly use this link: [Book your 2024 Hotel Reservation NOW!](#)

## DON'T MISS OUT! DO NOT MISS OUT!

Friday, June 28 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**ALL Conference Luncheon, Keynote & Awards**

## Concilio Latino

Sabado, Junio 29 - 3:00 p.m.

**Expresen sus preocupaciones y compartan sus ideas.**

## Provider Celebration!

### Nigel Smith

Saturday, June 29 - 8 p.m. - Midnight

(Family time 8-9pm, Adults only after 9pm)

Born into a musical family, Mr. Nigel takes his joy and musical excellence to fully engage his audience with top-notch entertainment for all ages! [www.mrmigelandfriends.com](http://www.mrmigelandfriends.com)



Everyone is welcome to attend, network, share, dance, listen and enjoy!  
Refreshments Sponsored by Sheraton Sand Key Resort.

## "MIND" SPONSORS (as of 01/16/2024)

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* Caring Minds: \$1,000	* Inquisitive Minds: \$1,500
* Innovative Minds: \$2,500	* The Ultimate Mind: \$5,000

Call for [Exhibitors, Sponsors, Ads & Donations](#) or email [info@familychildcare.org](mailto:info@familychildcare.org)

**We look forward to working together!**

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

**State Trainings and Full Board Meetings** February 3, March 2, April 27, August 3, and November 9, 2024. All members and guests are welcome. Training and meetings may be virtual or on location. Training Scholarships are available for FCC provider and co-provider members.

**National Provider Appreciation Day** Friday, May 10, 2024. For more information, visit [www.providerappreciationday.org](http://www.providerappreciationday.org)

**NAFCC Annual Conference** "Creating Our Gateway to THRIVE!" July 24-27, 2024, St. Louis, Missouri. For more info, visit <https://nafcc.org/conference/>

**One Goal Summer Conference** July 17-19, 2024, Tampa, FL - For more information, go to [www.onegoalsummerconference.org](http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org)

**FLAEYC Annual Conference** October 15-20, 2024, Orlando, FL - For more information, go to [www.flaeyc.org](http://www.flaeyc.org)

For more information about this event, contact  
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### Registration Form (print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first FFCCHA conference?  Yes  No County: \_\_\_\_\_ FFCCHA Area #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Child Care Provider (check all that apply)  Registered  Licensed  Large Licensed  VPK  NAFCC Accredited  NAFCC Observer  CDA  
 EHS (Early Head Start)  Director Credential  College Degree

Scholarships toward Conference registration are available to Florida provider members who volunteer. Apply for Conference Volunteer Scholarship by April 30!

### Pre-Conference Training - June 26-27, 2024

Day	Time	Activity	Cost
Wednesday, June 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> ME! Mentoring Essentials * Part 1	\$99
		<input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training Part 1	\$325
		<input type="checkbox"/> Trainer Recertification for Second Helping	\$350
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't FLIP OUT, Use FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behavior	\$79
Thursday, June 27, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAFCC Accreditation Quality Ambassador Training Part 2	—
		<input type="checkbox"/> Second Helping Module 4: The Children	\$99
	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor I Certification * Part 2	\$99
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hands, Hearts & Minds Play	\$79
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Igniting Success with Brain-Body Movements	\$79
<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS Strategies and Activity Ideas for Infants/Toddlers		\$79	

\*To become a Certified Mentor OR Accreditation Trainer, you must attend both sessions and submit a pre-qualifying application.

Pre-Conference Total

### Conference - June 28-30, 2024

DESCRIPTION	FFCCHA Members	Non-Members	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three Day Conference Registration</b> (includes Thursday Night, Exhibit Hall, all day Friday with Luncheon, all day Saturday with DJ night, and Sunday Keynote with Continental Breakfast)	\$199	\$234	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Friday - Are You Prepared?</b> (includes Infant, Child and Adult CPR, AED and Basic First Aid certificate, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. only)	\$45	\$55	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One Day - Friday only</b> (includes Friday luncheon)	\$149	\$184	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Two Day - Sat. &amp; Sun. only</b> (includes Saturday night DJ and Sunday keynote)	\$149	\$184	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One Day - Saturday Special</b> (8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. only)	\$119	\$154	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hostess/Volunteer Scholarship Registration</b> (must have submitted application by April 30)	\$50	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NAFCC Individual Membership</b> (save \$5 thru FFCCHA)	\$40	\$45	
<b>FFCCHA Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<b>Type of Membership:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Provider (\$70) <input type="checkbox"/> Agency (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual FCC Provider (\$40) <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (\$10)		
<b>Additional Friday Luncheon Guest Ticket</b> Guest name(s): _____ (must be pre-purchased by June 10, 2024)	\$55 per person	\$55 per person	
<b>Conference Total</b>			
<b>Total Due (Pre-Conference Total + Conference Total)</b>			

Credit card payment available on our website: [www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)

No Refunds - Make check or money order payable to FFCCHA

All onsite registrations will be an additional \$20. Returned checks are assessed a \$47 fee.

For registration questions, please call 561-445-7333 or email [registration@familychildcare.org](mailto:registration@familychildcare.org)

Mail completed registration to: FFCCHA • 9207 Edgemont Lane • Boca Raton, FL 33434

DEADLINE: **MAY 26, 2024** (after this date, you must register online or onsite)



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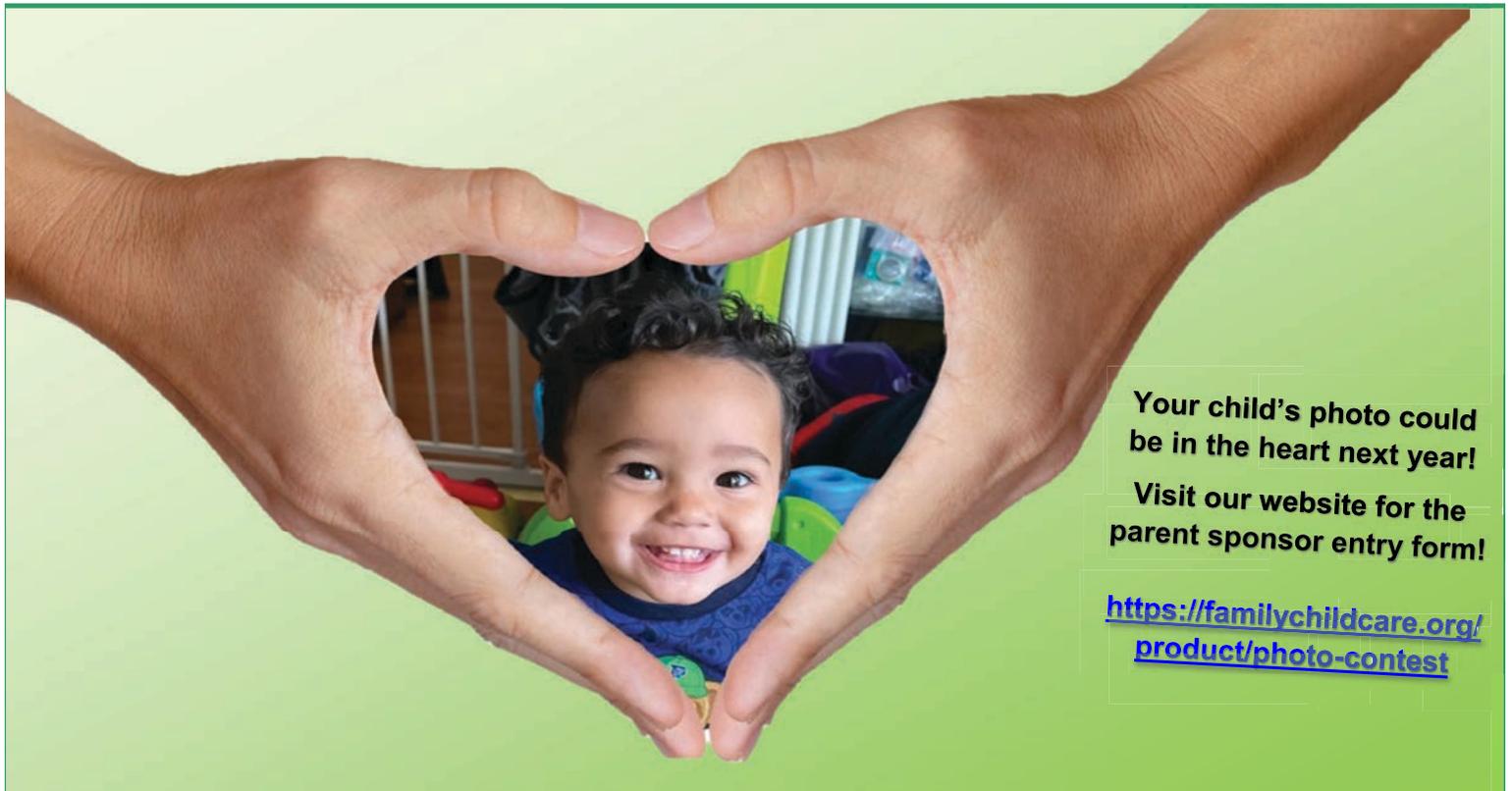
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product/photo-contest](https://familychildcare.org/product/photo-contest)**

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