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**MDCFAPA is open to ALL  
co-parents (foster, adoptive,& kinship, non-relative caregivers and biological parents) in Miami Dade County as well as those interested in being advocates of our mission**

**WE ARE NOW ON“ZOOM”**

**3th Saturday Meeting**

**SAT.**

**MARCH 16, 2024**

**10:30am – 12:30pm  
*2.0 hrs in-service training hours***

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**”SCHOOL DATES”  
MIAMI DADE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**March 25-29**: Spring recess for **March 31** - Teacher planning day; no students in school, available to opt   
April 1

**April 18:** - Teacher planning day; no students in school;

**May 26:** Memorial Day; holiday for students and employees

**June 5:** Last Day of School

**Spring Break Ideas for the Entire Family**

Parents can get in on the fun, too! These at-home activities involve the entire family, and they're perfect for bonding with loved ones.

* Have a [family movie night](https://www.parents.com/kids/development/should-you-let-your-kids-watch-horror-movies/) (and don't forget the popcorn!)
* Lay out sleeping bags for a living room slumber party
* Tackle household chores together (washing the car, giving the dog a bath, etc.)
* Play classic board games like Clue or Monopoly
* Reminisce by looking at old home videos or photos

**Energetic Spring Break Activities**

After months of sitting in class, your children are probably full of pent-up energy. Let it loose with these action-packed spring break activities to do at home.

* [Set up an obstacle course](https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/indoor/indoor-obstacle-course-ideas-for-kids/) (you can do this indoors or outdoors)
* Throw a dance party with your family's favorite tunes
* [Learn classic yard games](https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/great-outdoor-games/) like Red Rover, Hopscotch, or Kick the Can
* Go bowling outdoors; you simply need some bottles and a ball
* Try out an online exercise video
* Host your own family Olympic games in the backyard
* [Play "floor is lava"](https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/indoor/ways-to-play-floor-is-lava-game-at-home/)

  
**ALL MIAMI DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** have a “foster parent liaison” from the Miami Dade Public School system-- whether elementary, middle or senior high school.   
Check the website to get the point person for your foster child’s school.

<https://www3.dadeschools.net/FosterCare/home>

**Get to know that foster care person and make sure they know YOU!!!**

**A close-up of a cell phone

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**Foster Placement Line  
(305) 810-1004**

**Citrus FCN Incident Report Hotline** 305-445-1055

**Placement On-Call/After Hours**305-810-1004

**ADOPTION UNIT**: **ADOPTION SUBSIDY ISSUES, POST- HEALTH CARE AND MORE?**[BBofill@citrusfcn.com](about:blank)

[postadopt@citrusfcn.com](about:blank)  
Katrella -786-521-6194    
Sergio 786-501-5317   
 Madalina 786-817-7240

**F. A. S. T. Foster Allegation Support Team 1-800-327-8119 \*** [http://www.floridafapa.org](about:blank)

**Florida Domestic Violence Hotline** **1-800-500-1119**, Florida Relay 711, TTY: 1-800-621-4202 **Florida Sexual Violence information line** 1-888-956-7273

**National Suicide & Mental Health Pevention Hotline**

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Description automatically generatedDID YOU RENEW OR OBTAIN YOUR MDCFAPA 2024 FAMILY REGISTRATION?**

**Memberships is $25.00 per calendar year**

**Membership gets you**

1. Tickets to plays, concerts
2. Movie premieres
3. Private parties
4. Distribution of foods, school
5. Support & more  
     
   **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** [**www.mdcfapa.org**](http://www.mdcfapa.org)

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

First Star UM Academy is hiring teachers, program coordinators and college student youth coaches for the summer.  Please feel free to contact Kele Stewart for more information:

Kele M. Stewart, Professor  
Co-Director, Children & Youth Law Clinic Co-Founder/Faculty Advisor, First Star UM Academy  
University of Miami School of Law  
1311 Miller Drive Suite B400  
 Coral Gables FL33146  
 T: 305-284-8827

**SCAM ALERTS**

**#1** Slow it down — Scammers often create a sense of urgency so that they can bypass your better instincts. Take your time and ask questions to avoid being rushed into a bad situation.

**What a scammer might say:**

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You need to act fast.

If you don’t make a payment now, we’ll be forced to take legal action against you.

**#1** — Do your research to double check the details you’re getting. If you get an unexpected phone call, hang up. Then look up the bank, agency or organization that’s supposedly calling and get in touch directly.

**#2**

What a scammer might say:

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This is the IRS

calling. We haven’t received your tax payments for four years. That’s a federal crime.

#**3**

**Stop! Don't send** — No reputable person or agency will ever demand payment on the spot. Often, scammers tell you to go buy gift cards—which are meant only to be given as a gift, not as payment under threat. So if you think the payment feels fishy, it probably is.

**What a scammer might say**:

Please send us EnormoMart GIFT CARDS of $100 or $200 face value. I need 20 of each card.

**STOP: DO NOT SEND  
AND NEVER GIVE OUT INFO ON THE PHONE**