



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

("MDCFAPA")

(Our Motto: "You Are Not Alone")

*** **OCTOBER** ***

2025 Newsletter



2025

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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

MDCFAPA LIVE & IN PERSON TRAINING MEETINGS (new dates)

*** NORTH DADE ***
Sat. October 4

1st Saturdays

10:00am – 12:00pm

**The Institute
5120 N.W. 24th Avenue
Miami, Fl 33142**

- 2 hrs. of credit in-service training
- Door prizes galore
- Refreshments
- Free childcare & teen mtgs during general meeting
- Free groceries distribution too!

**** JOIN US ****

SOUTH DADE *
No meeting this month
3rd Saturdays

National Center for
Adoption Competent
Mental Health Services

& **NFPA**
NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

**Working in partnership
to promote mental
health wellness in
children.**



**NFPA
MANY STORIES
ONE COMMUNITY**

**NATIONAL FOSTER
PARENTS ASSOC.'s 54th
EDUCATION
CONFERENCE**

**'Many Stories. One
Community.'**

Online

October 10th – 20th, 2025

Live Sessions

October 24th

And

October 28th

**Join The National Foster
Parent Association 54th
annual conference on zoom
and receive your credited
service training hours**

<https://nfpaeducation.com/>



"SCHOOL DATES"
MIAMI DADE PUBLIC
SCHOOL
2025-2026

***TPD – Teachers Planning Day**

October 2 - TPB no school*

November 11 - Veterans' Day

November 24-26 – Recess Days

November 27-28 –Thanksgiving

December 22 - January 2, 2026 -
Winter recess

FOSTER CARE WORKER BY
SCHOOL

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

NEW SCHOOL DRESS CODES

“no dresses or shorts”
you can wear pants, shirts &
scorts

NEW FLA LAWS ABOUT
FOSTER PROGRAM

CS/CS/HB 989 (2025)

- Licensure of Family Foster
Homes

Requires DCF to adopt rules to streamline licensure application process for licensed foster parents who relocate within this state; requires such rules to include priority review of applications, expedited home studies & background checks, & recognition of prior foster parent training coursework.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

SB 1620 — Baker Act Changes
Senate Bill 1620 strengthens
Florida's Baker Act, which allows a person to be involuntarily detained and examined if they may be having a mental health crisis and

pose a danger to themselves or others.

The law requires that individual treatment plans for people under this act be reevaluated at least once every six months.

In addition, this law requires the state to prioritize licensing for short-term residential treatment facilities in underserved counties and high-need areas.

SB 584 — Housing Support

Senate Bill 584 expands housing access and support services for homeless students who are current or former foster youth.

Under this law, Florida state universities must work with the state to develop plans to prioritize the placement of these students in campus housing.



CELEBRATION OF
SUPERWOMAN

*“A buffet luncheon honoring foster
 & adoptive mothers
 giving them a day of respite &
 fun”*

Sat., November 18, 2025
10:30am – 3:30pm

94th Aerosquadron Restaurant
 1395 NW 57th Avenue
 Miami, FL 33126
 (adjacent to Miami Int'l Airport)

Cost: \$100.00 per person

MDCFAPA
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Church's Chicken
 10% off each order

Jiffy Lube
 \$15.00 off



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HOTLINES

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?

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 Sergio 786-501-5317
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Wesley House (WHFS)
305-809-4999 (on call)

Family Resource Center (FRC)
786-801-8858 (on call)
305-374-6006

West Care (The Village South)
1- 833-544-6825 (on call)

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