



# MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

\*\*\* **SEPTEMBER** \*\*\*

**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 \***  
**Sept. 6th** *1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays*  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**The Institute**  
**5120 N.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Miami, FL 33142**

**\* SOUTH DADE \***  
**Sept. 20th** *3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays*  
**3:00pm-5:00pm**

**First Church of the  
Nazarene**  
**11805 SW 232 Street**  
**Goulds, FL 33170**

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

**\*\* JOIN US \*\***



## **“SCHOOL DATES” MIAMI DADE PUBLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026**

**\*TPD – Teachers Planning Day**

**September 23 – TPB no school\***

**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**

**January 16 - TPB no school**

**January 19 - Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr.'s birthday**

**February 16 - All Presidents Day**

**March 20 - TPB no school\***

**March 23-27 - Spring recess**

**April 23 - TPB no school\***

**May 25 - Memorial Day**

**June 4 - Last day of school**

## **Miami Dade Public School Board**

1450 NE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL  
Phone: (305) 995-1000

## **Foster Care MDCPS Contacts**

[https://www3.dadeschools.net/  
FosterCare/home](https://www3.dadeschools.net/FosterCare/home)  
these schools have a liaison  
for youth in foster care!!!



## NO MORE “CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION” FOR YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please check your youths IEP & speak with your school. Under a new Florida law, [HB 1105](#), and the board's vote, students with disabilities **will no longer be able to get a certificate of completion at the end of their school career**, starting this year. Students with severe disabilities who can't earn a standard high school diploma, will leave school without any formal recognition upon graduation. That's ESE, EMH, etc.



### CELEBRATION OF SUPERWOMAN

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

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

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

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Info: 305-474-0078



### FREE CELL PHONES & HOT SPOTS

Students (K-12) could be eligible for a  
free hotspot & more.



**T-Mobile** Get 200GB at no cost and an optional data pass for \$10—all current and newly qualifying customers included. It takes 5 minutes to apply and you'll have it for 5 years.

Plus, there are no annual fees or recertifications.

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million-form/start>

*Free Lunch affords youth in school free internet packages. Check with your local school office for more details. Schools also offer free laptops*

### MDCFAPA PERKS

**Church's Chicken** – 10% off each order

**Jiffy Lube** - \$15.00 off sv



### March Savings Are Here with **MDCFAPA's** Member Program!

September News & Happenings You Won't Want to Miss! April is here, and we're celebrating YOU! As a valued member of MDCFAPA, you have access to exclusive savings on travel, entertainment, shopping, and more—all through Plum Benefits.

It's free and easy to enroll! Simply visit [www.plumbenefits.com/](http://www.plumbenefits.com/) and use company code **MDCFAPAPERKS** to start saving today.

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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?

BBofill@citrusfcn.com  
postadopt@citrusfcn.com  
Katrella -786-521-6194  
Sergio 786-501-5317  
Madalina 786-817-7240

**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)**

**F. A. S. T. Foster Allegation  
Support Team 1-800-327-8119 \***  
<http://www.floridafapa.org>

**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 Prevention Hotline  
9 8 8**

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