



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

("MDCFAPA")

(Our Motto: "You Are Not Alone")

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2026 Newsletter



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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

* **NORTH DADE** *

Sat. Oct. 3rd

1st Saturdays

10:00am – Noon

**The Institute
5120 NW 24th Avenue
Miami, FL**

MEETINGS OFFER:

SPEAKER#1: "PNC Bank" -

learn about banking opportunities for you, your business and your family.
AND*****

If you open a PNC Bank account for your youth with "\$5.00" MDCFAPA will match it with "\$5.00" to help jumpstart their future thanks to our partnership with PNC Bank! Bring your info with you to speak to the Bank representative at the meeting

SPEAKER #2: "Family Initiative" - Learn all about the different types of "AUTISM /Autism Spectrum Disorder" and if you're interested in becoming a foster parent to a youth with autism learn how to become that special foster parent!

GIVEAWAYS: We have free luggage to give away to foster parents for their foster youth (first come first served, limited)

RAFFLES: A \$25.00 Walmart Gift Card, a Starbucks card, and many other prizes. Additionally, ONE (1) lucky mother will win a FREE TICKET to MDCFAPA'S "CELEBRATION OF SUPERWOMAN LUNCHEON" being held in November, 2026 (value \$100).

GROCERY FOOD BAGS TO EACH FAMILY: filled with rice, pasta, canned goods and other items

TEEN TALK & youth arts and crafts

Light refreshments will also be available.

AND

WE WILL HAVE FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS For ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS IN ATTENDANCE!!!



Great learning experiences
for all youth with lot of
activities for the family!

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***



**EMPRESS & QUEENS
MOTHERS' BREAKFAST**

*(for all our adoptive, foster &
relative care mothers)*

**Saturday,
October 31, 2026
8:00am – 11:30am
1737 West 49th Street
Hialeah, FL 33012**

Cost: \$16.00pp

for MDCFAPA members
(open to the first 40 mothers
pay in advance)
\$21.00 afterwards

Cost: \$21.00pp nonmembers

Pay by zelle:

weems27073@bellsouth.net

- Speakers & Entertainment
- All You Can Eat
- Networking
- Door Prizes



**House Bill 5301E Room
and Board Rate increase
“Effective 7/1/26”**

**Ages 0-5 \$663.03
Ages 6-12 = \$680.01**

Ages 13=21 = \$795.94
*(see FLFAPA newsletter
attached)*



Holidays & no school

**Election Day
Wednesday, Nov 11th**

**Thanksgiving Week Break:
November 23-27, 2026**

**Winter Recess:
December 21, 2026 –
January 1, 2027**

MDCFAPA PERKS

**MDCFAPA membership offers
the below perks to all foster,
adoptive & kinship families BUT
the plays, concerts and more you
must be a member!**

Church's Chicken
10% off each order

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Code: 51C260

Great Wolf Lodges
30% discounts
Code: MDCF330A

Jiffy Lube
\$15.00 off

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MDCFAPA's

Member Program!

Giant discounts on travel,
entertainment, hotels, airb&b's
theme parks, shopping, and
everyday essentials. We are the
employer and you are the employee
so get those benefits now!

- www.plumbenefits.com/
an use company code

HOTLINES

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

**Citrus FCN Incident Report
Hotline 305-445-1055
FCN Incident Report
incidentreport@citrusfcn.com**

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

**ADOPTION UNIT:
ADOPTION SUBSIDY ISSUES,
POST- HEALTH CARE, ETC?
BBofill@citrusfcn.com
postadopt@citrusfcn.com
Katrella -786-521-6194
Sergio 786-501-5317**

**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)**

**HOMELESS YOUTH
ages of 13 and 24 Helpline at
1-877-994-4357**

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