



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

("MDCFAPA")

(Our Motto: "You Are Not Alone")

**** **DECEMBER** ****

2025 Newsletter

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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



DECEMBER IS THE
END OF YEAR
& HOLIDAY
CELEBRATIONS

**MDCFAPA
LIVE & IN PERSON
TRAINING MEETINGS**

**"NO MEETINGS IN
DECEMBER—just parties"**



**Miami-Dade County
Public Schools**

1450 N.E. Second Avenue,
Suite 912

Miami, Florida 33132
(305) 995-1430

School closes: Fri Dec. 19th

**School Opens: Mon. Jan. 5,
2026**



**YES, IT IS TIME TO
RENEW OR OBTAIN
YOUR MDCFAPA 2026
FAMILY
REGISTRATION?**

**Memberships is \$30.00 per
calendar year 2026**

Membership gets you

1. Tickets
2. to plays, concerts
3. Movie premieres
4. Private parties
5. Distribution of foods, school items, clothing and more
6. New friends and networks & support



WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 2025

Believe it or not, there are quite a few FREE or reduced 2025 winter break camps

www.miamidadeparks.com/fl/miami-dade-parks-recreation/catalog

[Catalog - Miami-Dade County Park Link \(miamidadeparks.com\)](#)



FAMILY THINGS TO DO AT CHRISTMAS

1. Drive around to see Christmas lights
2. Drink hot chocolate and watch classic Christmas movies
3. Give a gift to a family in need
4. Create an annual keepsake memory
5. Write a letter to kids from Santa
6. Camp out by Christmas tree
7. Bake for friends and family
8. Do a family zoom meeting

www.miamidade.parks/wintercamp



ADOPTION & POST-ADOPTION FAIR

**SAT.
JANUARY 31, 2025
10:30am – 2:00pm**

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

Workshops galore

FREE Admission!

For those who have adopted youth:

- Scholarship information
- Vocational schools & programs
- Local and state university reps.
- Juvenile behavior help
- Medical & mental health advisors
- Tax credit info up to \$5,000

Interested In Adopting?

- Learn how to adopt!

*Registration Opens on
January 5, 2025*



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December Savings Are Here with MDCFAPA's Member Program!

You'll unlock exclusive savings on travel, entertainment, theme parks, fall festivals, shopping, and everyday essentials. Whether it's tickets to a football game, planning a cozy weekend getaway, enjoying festivities, or stocking up on fall must-haves, Plum Benefits helps your money go further. Plum Benefits helps your money go further.

- www.plumbenefits.com/ an use company code
- MDCFAPAPERKS to unlock your exclusive savings today.



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)**

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