



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION



(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

**** **MAY** ****

2026 Newsletter

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MDCFAPA is pen 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

*** NORTH DADE ***

Sat. May 1st

1st Saturdays

10:00am – Noon

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

*** SOUTH DADE ***

Sat. May 16th

3rd Saturdays

3:00pm – 5:00pm

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

Both meetings offer:

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

MAY IS “NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH”

It is observed every May to honor foster parents, family members, volunteers, and mentors who help children in out-of-home care. Initiated in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan, this annual designation raises awareness about the needs of over (390,000+) children in the U.S. foster system



FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

10:00a-Noon

Almost “50” foster parents will be honored by Mayor Daniella Levine Cava at Government Center in the Atrium 111 NW 1st Street.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

11:30am – 2:00pm

Mother’s Lunch

FREE but you must register to get the location & confirmation.

Call 305-474-0078

leave your name, tele and if you reside in North or South Dade.

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND



Marlins vs. NY

Mets 7:00pm

FREE tickets for you and your immediate household family.
RSVP: 305-465-7615

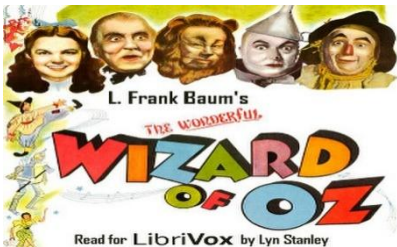


**MDCFAPA
FT. MYERS, FL
“FAMILY GETAWAY”**

**Fri. July 24 –
July 26th**

(see details in attached flyer)

**Embassy Suites Ft. Myers
Miromar Outlets
Broadway Palm Dinner
Theatre**



Trip includes:

- (3) breakfast daily,**
- (2) dinner**

**Friday & Saturday (lunch
on your own Sat. afternoon)**

Pool party and more.....

**RSVP & payment info call:
305-474-0078**

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

**IN-HOME COMPUTER
REPAIR \$50.00**
(most basic repairs)
Benin Parris
786-768-7697

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theme parks, shopping, and
everyday essentials. We are the
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**”SCHOOL DATES”
MIAMI DADE PUBLIC
SCHOOL 2026**

May 25 ... Memorial Day

June 4 ... Last day of school

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, ETC?**
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)

HOMELESS YOUTH
ages of 13 and 24 can call the
Helpline at 1-877-994-4357

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