



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

("MDCFAPA")

(Our Motto: "You Are Not Alone")

**** AUGUST ****

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

MDCFAPA LIVE & IN PERSON TRAINING MEETINGS

**** NO MEETINGS **
IN
AUGUST**

*Check your emails, text
messages and voice mails
for exciting events for the
entire family in August!*

WE RETURN IN WITH OUR MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER 2026.

Both meetings offer:

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



SHOPPING & TAX-FREE SAVINGS

Sales Tax Holiday:

Runs from July 20 through August 20, 2026, covering clothes, school supplies, and personal computers under \$1,500.



First Day of School:

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Thanksgiving Week Break:

November 23-27, 2026

Winter Recess:

December 21, 2026 –
January 1, 2027

Spring Break:

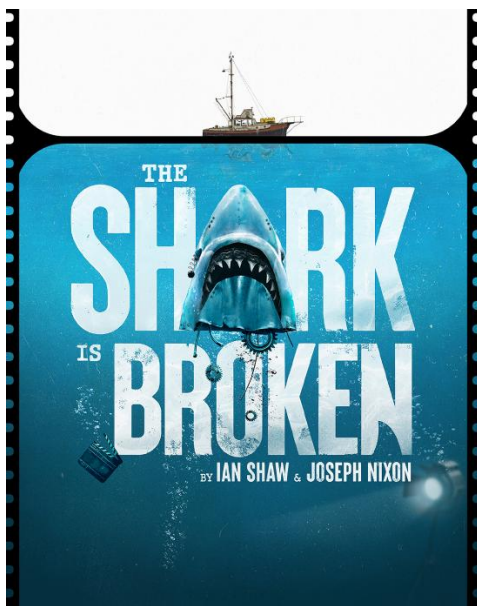
March 22–26, 2027

Last Day of School:

June 3, 2027

**AUGUST 18th
is PRIMARY
ELECTIONS DAY**
<https://www.votemiamicade.gov/elections/voters/information.page>

Please use the above link to ensure your voter registration is intact and viable. Your vote is urgently needed to help all of our families!



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH
7:30PM**
Actors Playhouse
280 Miracle Mile
Great for ages 13+

**** FREE TICKETS**
RSVP: 305-474-0078
Leave your name, tele and total tickets needed!
This play will take a bite out of you!!!!



PAW PATROL: THE DINO MOVIE
**** Advance Screening**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
AMC Aventura
19501 Biscayne Blvd #3001,
Aventura, Florida 33180

11:00 AM

LINK TO PASSES:
<https://gofobo.com/dUotH89585>

The code (if the link doesn't automatically enter it from the link) is dUotH89585

You must arrive at least 30 minutes early to get a seat as seats are NOT guaranteed!

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

plumbenefits
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

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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