



MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION



(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

MAY

2022 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!

HAPPY FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH!!!

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC WE ARE NOW ON “ZOOM”

Only on the 3rd Saturday

3th Saturday Meeting

SAT.

MAY 21, 2022

10:30am – 12:30pm

Meeting ID: 837 9489 8997

Passcode: 065893

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83794898997>
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Try to register at least 15 mins before the meeting!

Great Info

Great Networking

Get Zoom Prizes & More

2.0 hours of credited

in-service training



DID YOU RENEW OR OBTAIN YOUR “FREE” MDCFAPA 2022 FAMILY REGISTRATION?

Membership gets you

1. Tickets to plays, concerts
2. Movie premieres
3. Private parties
4. Distribution of foods, school items, clothing and more
5. New friends and networks
6. Support &
- 7.

*****SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP application mdcfapa@gmail.com**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

WHAT WE HAVE DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC 2020-2021

- Bi-weekly food distributions for our members throughout the County (no-waiting)
- School supply distributions
- School uniforms
- Assisted with bill payments & referrals
- “face mask campaign” raising over **8,000 face masks** for our foster/adoptive community
- Health checks on families
- Gift Card distributions
- 4,000 toys
- 3,000 Easter Baskets

MAY 2022 EVENTS

**SAT. MAY 14TH
11:00AM**

**Perez Art Museum
1103 Biscayne Blvd.**



Join us for “family fun day” – with a park outing afterwards free and discounted parking included (\$5.00)
(great for youth ages 3-11)
Register: 305-474-0078
leave your name tele

**TEEN SUMMIT #6
SATURDAY
MAY 14, 2022
9:00am – 12:30pm**



**SELF DEFENSE &
COMMON SENSE
(jewels & gems 12-20)**
(adopted, foster, relative, bio)

FREE

**Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Social & Economic Institute
5120 NW 24th Avenue, Miami,**

**Workshop, lunch, door prizes
CONDUCTED BY
“MDCFAPA & NOMI & COB”**

RSVP to: mdcfapa@gmail.com



SENATE BILL 7034

April 12th, 2022 Governor Ron DeSantis was joined by foster families and legislative leaders to sign Senate Bill 7034, furthering Florida’s support for foster families. Among its provisions, Senate Bill 7034 raises monthly payments for relative and nonrelative care givers, increases the monthly subsidy for child care and expands postsecondary education waivers for foster children. Through historic support, since 2019 Florida has added more than 4,000 foster families across the state. “Not only does this bill allow DCF to expand support for foster parents, but it also creates more opportunities for foster children. Including work on early literacy and fatherhood, Florida is a national leader in setting young children up for success.”



**MIAMI DADE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

School Ends: Wed., June 3, 2022

School Begins: Mon., August 19



**SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY
2022**

 **MUNCHKIN FUN Miami**
<https://www.munchkinfun.com/miami/camp22>

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS



**FLORIDA FAPA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

June 10-12, 2022

Orlando, FL

www.floridafapa.org



HOTLINES

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

**Citrus FCN Incident Report
Hotline 305-445-1055**

**Placement On-Call/After Hours
305-810-1004
786-374-8881**

**ADOPTION UNIT: ADOPTION
SUBSIDY ISSUES, POST-
HEALTH CARE AND MORE?**

**BBofill@citrusfcn.com
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Katrella -786-521-6194
Sergio 305-748-7434
Madalina 786-817-7240**

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

Citrus FCN Incident Report line at 305-455-2888, if no response from FCMA staff

FCMA Intake department if the Case Manager does not answer. On-Call

- CFCE: 786-354-6888
- CHS: 786-376-1629
- FRC: 786-618-4256