



# Florida State FAPA

## FSFAPA Sets Goals for New Year

Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association recently established goals for 2011 to better serve our foster and adoptive parents throughout the state. As an organization, we want to provide you with more relevant information through enhanced monthly conference calls, timely newsletters, productive quarterly meetings and a can't-miss annual conference. Our goals also include a new website and blog format for our members.

Committees tasked themselves with goals individually and following is a sample of those goals.

**Regional Vice Presidents:** Organize and build more local associations and help existing associations increase their membership. Help local associations communicate effectively with Community-Based Care agencies and community partners. Increase awareness of the monthly conference calls, quarterly membership meetings and the annual conference through face-to-face contact or phone calls monthly. Increase awareness of the needs of local associations and work with CBCs to respond to those needs.

**Adoption:** Create a centralized resource for statewide post-adoption services. Research other states' approach on rights for foster and adoptive parents and approve a Bill of Rights for adoptive and foster



parents in Florida.

**Independent Living:** Develop contact network of all Independent Living coordinators to share successful practices throughout the state. Increase participation and fundraising for the 2011 NexGen teen conference.

**Membership:** Expand FSFAPA's collective voice through increased voter registration forms and create discussion of membership fees to better serve our foster/adoptive parents.

**F.A.S.T.:** To increase the awareness of F.A.S.T. by presenting in MAPP classes and other foster parent trainings.

Your support is very much needed in helping us reach our goals as we can't do it alone. Please provide feedback on any of these goals to [fsfapanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fsfapanewsletter@gmail.com) or to any board member listed on our website at [www.fsfapa.org](http://www.fsfapa.org).

### QUARTERLY MEETING:

The next FSFAPA Quarterly Meeting will be held February 12, 2011 in West Palm Beach. All foster/adoptive parents are invited to attend. The schedule is listed below:

Saturday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. – noon: President's Council -- Open to all local association presidents or representatives

10 a.m. – noon: F.A.S.T. Training -- Open to everyone

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Quarterly Meeting (*Topic: Advocacy and Awareness Day in April*)

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.: FSFAPA Board Meeting

### Meeting Location:

Foster Adoptive Parent Association of Palm Beach County  
4100 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL

### Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Palm Beach Airport  
1301 Belvedere Road  
West Palm Beach, FL  
\$99/night

### MONTHLY CONFERENCE

**CALL:** FSFAPA conducts a conference call the first Monday of each month for all foster parents.

First Monday, 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Call-in Number: 888.808.6959  
PIN: 9229094

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# Voter Registration Form

**ALL** foster/adoptive parents are automatically members of the Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association. However, in order to vote in any election, you must register with this form. Please print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Foster Parent? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an Adoptive Parent? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not registered, you will not be able to vote.

Send application by snail mail to:

**Trudy Petkovich, 21731 SW 97 Court, Cutler Bay, FL 33190**

Send by e-mail to:

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## Upcoming Events for FSFAPA

- April 5, 2011: Advocacy Day, Children's Week, Tallahassee, FL
- June 16-18, 2011: 12th Annual FSFAPA Education Conference, Orlando, FL

## F.A.S.T.

FSFAPA has a Foster Allegation Support Team (F.A.S.T.) hotline. This toll-free hotline, 800.327.8119, is available 24 hours, seven days a week to foster parents impacted by abuse allegations.

**Contact FSFAPA at 866.913.0977 or visit us online at [www.fsfapa.org](http://www.fsfapa.org).**