



Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

FSFAPA Annual Conference
June 10-12
Orlando



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Renew FSFAPA Membership now for 2016!

It is that time of year! Membership Chair Harry Dubia asks you to reach for your checkbook or go to FloridaFAPA.org and renew your membership dues. It's just \$10 for individual and \$15 for a family membership and it helps support all our programs!

NOMINATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN

FSFAPA

Is now accepting
Nominations for the
Following positions

PRESIDENT
&
TREASURER

Send your
Nominations to
Curtis Byrd at
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FSFAPA Awards
Are being accepted
Nominate a deserving
Person to be recognized
e-mail nominations
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Website.

FLORIDA STATE FOSTER ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL MEETING & EDUCATION CONFERENCE

JUNE 10TH - 12TH,

2016 RENAISSANCE ORLANDO

AT SEA WORLD
6677 SEA HARBOR DRIVE
ORLANDO, FL 32821

BELOW IS THE LINK TO REGISTER AT HOTEL

[HTTPS://RESWEB.PASSKEY.COM/
GO/2016FSFAPA](https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2016FSFAPA)

OR CALL 1-800-266-9432 AND REFERENCING 2016 FLORIDA STATE FOSTER ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION. THE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 18, 2016.

CHILDCARE REGISTRATION FEE \$50 PER CHILD

****PLEASE GO TO WWW.SUPER-SITTERS.COM, SELECT RATES AND RESERVATIONS, AND COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS.**

ALL CHILD CARE MUST BE PAID TO FSFAPA ASAP TO HOLD YOUR SPOT

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In honor of FSFAPA's 20th educational conference's anniversary we are unveiling a new logo. The most iconic brand logos have all been updated over the years evolving to embrace current tastes while reinforcing the original logo's appeal. The FSFAPA logo is no different. The current logo has been in use for more than a decade. The new logo is not a drastic change and is still instantly recognizable. The new logo maintains our message of building strong families and support systems. It's just a little fresher.

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Look for more about our planned legislative agenda and changes we are seeking in future newsletters!

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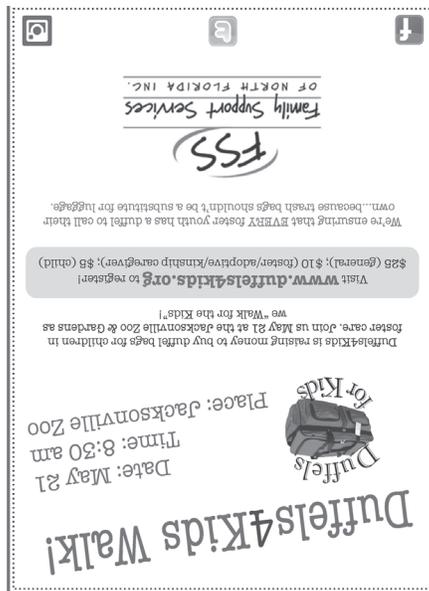
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