



Upcoming Events

NFPA Conference
 June 21 - 24, 2017
 Houston, Texas
<http://www.nfpaonline.org/>

NACAC Conference
 July 20 - 22, 2017
 Atlanta, Ga.
www.nacac.org/conference/conference.html

FCC Conference
 July, 2017
 Boca Raton, FL
<http://conference.flchildren.org/>

2017 Child Protection Summit
 August 29 - 31, 2017
 JW Marriott Grande Lakes
 Orlando

Florida's Just in Time Training
 Is a web based service program designed to connect foster parents, kinship or other caregivers with training, peer experts and other resources. Questions are answered and practical solutions to care for children are discussed - all from the comfort of your home or office.
<http://www.qpflorida.org/justintime/index.html>

We Have a New Address

FSFAPA or Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association

P. O. Box 970384
 Miami, FL 33197

“OUR JOURNEY, YOUR DREAMS”

FSFAPA 21st EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
 June 16 - 18, 2017

Hotel reservations:

Renaissance Orlando

Here is the link for your upcoming event
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2016FSFAPA>

Registration Fee: \$175 adults
 \$100 Nex Gen Leadership (13-21 yr. old)
 \$75 Tweens (10-12 yr. old)
 \$75 Child Care (0-9 yr. old)

Our Quarterly Meeting will be held during breakfast on Saturday June 17, 2017 beginning 8 am.

Tracks	Friday 1:00-2:15pm	Friday 2:30-3:45pm	Friday 4:00-5:15pm	Saturday 8:00-9:00am	Saturday 9:15-10:30 am	Saturday 10:45-noon	Saturday 12:15-2:00	Saturday 2:15-3:30pm	Saturday 3:45-5pm	Sunday 9 - 11 am
Track 1 Policy Advocacy	Chris Johnson & Orlando Avila Presidents council	Sherri Croon An introduction to the Legislative process	Ryan North Trust Based Parenting Large Group	Harriett Wynn Quarterly Mtg. Large Group	Alan Abramowitz Guardian Ad Litem: A Voice Heard - Program and Legislative Goals	Steven Schale "Advocating for the Underdog"	Secretary Carrall Luncheon Large Group FSFAPA legislative updates & election updates Thomas Croon	Catherine Robinson Advocacy at Step Up for Students	Hester Rosenberg Strategic Storytelling: How Improving the Narrative Improves the Outcome	Sunday Morning Breakfast with Mike Williams Video from Tony Dungy and Bekah
Track 2 Adoption		Minnie Jenkins Reunion Regs by Courtney Smith Post Adoption Supports	x	x	Chrissy Curtis & Selena Burden Adoption Medicaid	Valerie Proctor Adoption Assistance and Benefits	x	Loryn Smith "Piling the Toolbox: Practical Strategies for Coexisting with and Managing Behaviors of Children Impacted by Trauma."	Valerie Proctor adoption Intervention and Best Interest Factors	x
Track 3 Parenting	Denise Beeman-Saslian Massage Therapy & the Benefits for Children	Anjali Van Drie Challenging Behaviors	x	x	Kathryn Shea Fetal Alcohol	Melissa Smallwood Fostering Teens: The Good, the Bad, The Reward	x	Graham Perkovich Trauma Interventions and Reminders	Ann Pimtel-Kerr Human Trafficking	x
Track 4 Engaging the System	Coleen LaCosta Life in the "FAST" Lane - the Foster Allegation Support Team		x	x	Carrie Toy and Leigh Merritt Florida's Early Childhood Court Approach: Improving Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers in Out of Home Care	David Brown & Xiomara Turner The New Investigative Process	x	Chris Lolley Circle of Parents - prevent child abuse - engage them at local fapa as advocates in the court room of care encouraging kinship, engaging the services track to services. Tell us about the services in your program.	All Pro Dads Jonathan Morgan Florida Foster Family Hall of Fame Award	x
Track 5	Carol Edwards Grief and Loss	Tara Spears Talking to Teens About Sex	x	x	Ryan North Trust Based Relational Intervention	Carol Edwards Cross Cultural Parenting	x	Kelly Swartz & Kristen Solomon How to work together to achieve what is in the best interest of the child	Carrie Toy and Leigh Merritt Walking the Walk: Self Care in the face of Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma	x
Track 6	Larry Cooper and Susan Haynes Kinship and Co-Parenting with Birth Parents	Dr Martie Gillen Money Habitudes	x	x	Shamele Jenkins Workshop in time management - regain your piece of mind and your time to do what you want to do	Xiomara Turner Turning a FAPA mtg from negative to a positive	x	Shamele Jenkins How to run a successful fapa with little or no money	Thomas Fair My Jump Vault	x

See anything that interested you? Join FSFAPA and become a part of positive change.

Your RVP's

- Central East – Lynda Thompson
- Central – Melanie Stimmell
- North Central – Amanda Williams
- Northeast – Lillie Blackshear
- Northwest – Thomas Croom
- Panhandle – Kara Elliott-Jordan
- South – Vacant
- Southeast – Dorothy Alvarez
- Southern – Travis Davis
- Southwest – Anne Whiteside
- Suncoast - Vacant

FSFAPA Membership

We invite you to support FSFAPA as we continue to advocate for foster and adoptive parents as they care for our children in the child welfare system. Below are listed many of the opportunities FSFAPA provides.

Advocacy

Annual Education Conference
 Quarterly Membership Meetings
 Mini Conferences.
 Foster Allegation Support Team (FAST):
 Regional Vice President Support for FAPA's and CBC's
 Support and Information line: Our 800 number is available to answer a variety of questions 24/7

Nominations are now being accepted for:

- Executive Vice President
- Vice President
- Secretary.

Nomination forms and a detailed description of position requirements and responsibilities can be found on our website:

Floridafapa.org

Or contact the

Nominations Chair

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