



FLORIDA STATE FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

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Supporting caregivers in the State of Florida

A Quarterly Newsletter

September 2011

Monthly Conference Call

FSFAPA conducts a conference call the first Monday of each month for all foster and adoptive parents.

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

Follow us on Twitter @FloridaFAPA for updated news and activities.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 3
Monthly Conference
Call

Oct. 15
Quarterly Meeting
Navarre

Nov. 7
Monthly Conference
Call

Nov. 14
FSFAPA Meeting
Tampa

Dec. 5
Monthly Conference
Call

Info:
info@floridafapa.org

Volunteer Your Time

Whatever your talents, we need them. You can become active within several committees that serve our goals, such as Advocacy, Conference, Adoption, or Membership.

Donate Today!

FSFAPA needs financial support to maintain, strengthen and expand our programs. You can donate on our website at www.floridafapa.org.



Who is FSFAPA?

Although the Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association has been around for 16 years, many foster and adoptive parents, agencies and other child welfare stakeholders aren't familiar with who we are and what we do. Read on to get to know us.

The Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association (FSFAPA) is a statewide membership group for all foster and adoptive parents in Florida. All foster and adoptive parents are automatically members of FSFAPA.

Supporting our families

FSFAPA hosts four quarterly meetings each year to provide training and support for our families. As a state association, we are cognizant of our parents' limited schedules and travel abilities, therefore we schedule the meetings in different parts of the state to ensure everyone has a chance to participate. In



Our mission is to provide supportive services to all caregiver (foster, adoptive, non-relative & kinship) associations in the State of Florida.

2010, we held meetings in West Palm Beach (South Florida), Tallahassee (North Florida), Tampa (Southeast Florida) and Sanford (Central Florida). For 2011, we're reaching out in Navarre (Northwest Florida).

FSFAPA also hosts monthly conference calls that gives parents access to Department of Children and Families news, FSFAPA events and child welfare

speakers, as well as a forum for networking with other parents.

Advocating for our families

A big part of our organization is the Foster Allegation Support Team (F.A.S.T.). A FAST coordinator is on hand to provide support to the foster parent when an allegation has been brought against him or her.

FSFAPA strongly believes that it is important to keep foster parents informed of the procedures and the process through which an allegation will take them. FSFAPA maintains a hotline (800.FAST.119) that's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parents can also contact FAST through fast@floridafapa.org.

Contacting FSAPA

FSFAPA support is available to parents at any time. In addition to the executive board, there are 10 regional vice presidents representing the circuits of the state and several standing committees. Our most recent contact information is listed on FSFAPA's website at www.floridafapa.org. Parents may also contact FSFAPA through our toll-free line at 866.913.0977 or by email at info@floridafapa.org.

Membership / Registration Form

ALL foster/adoptive parents are automatically members of the Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association. However, in order to vote in any FSFAPA election, you must register with this form. Local associations and child welfare agencies are welcome to join FSFAPA. Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a foster parent? _____ Are you an adoptive parent? _____

If you are not registered in our database, you will not be eligible to vote on FSFAPA business.

Send application by snail mail to: T. LaShaun Wallace, P.O. Box 821442, Pembroke Pines, FL 33082

Send by email to: info@floridafapa.org

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