

# Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association, Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

March 2017



**Upcoming Events** 

Children's Week Tallahassee March 27 & 28, 2017

Florida's Adoption Information Center Adoption Conference May 2017 Daytona Beach

NFPA Conference June 21 - 24, 2017 Houston, Texas

NACAC Conference July 20 - 22, 2017 Atlanta, Ga.

FCC Conference July, 2017 Boca Raton, FL

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.qpiflorida.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

Contact your CBC for information about scholarships

Needed:
Workshop presenters
Sponsors
Exhibitors
Complete information at www.floridafapa.org

Adoptive Parent & Kinship Parent Scholarships
Are you no longer fostering and have adopted?
Are you not licensed but a kinship caregiver?
If so you are eligible to apply for one of the above scholarship.
Send you inquiry to: conference@floridafapa.org

H Wynn Scholarship is available for teens and can be found at www.floridafapa.org



Maria Bond

Congratulations on your new position as Executive Director at Friends of Foster Children!!

We would like to thank you for all the wonderful work you have done as Treasurer of FSFAPA for six years!

Good luck and much success in your new position.

# 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 - Harry Dubia

Southeast – Dorothy Alvarez

Southern - Travis Davis

Southwest - Anne Whiteside

Suncoast - Vacant

Suncoast - We are looking for a RVP to cover Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas if interested.

Please e-mail: soundhispraise@yahoo.com

### FSFAPA Membership

We encourage you to join FSFAPA to support our mission of supporting foster and adoptive parents as they care for our children in the child welfare system. Your members will enable FSFAPA to provide an avenue of partnership between DCF, CBC's, QPI, GAL's and all the partners in our system of care. Below listed are some of the opportunities to partner with FSFAPA and the results of the work we do.

# Legislative updates:

"A Walk in the Park," SB 64 sponsored by Sen. Bean (R) from Jacksonville, and HB 185 sponsored by Rep. Lee (D) from Port St. Lucie, has been assigned to three committees in each house. We understand it has full support, but there is still a lot of legislative road to travel! Your presence at Rally in Tally and your survey responses have been helpful in moving this legislation forward as quickly as possible. Please complete the child care and state parks usage survey here - https://www.research.net/r/fsfapasurvey\_social - to assist with this and preparing for our 2018 legislative efforts ASAP.

# **Education & Networking:**

June is our Annual Education Conference
Quarterly we have Membership Meetings and Mini Conferences around the state.
FAST, Foster Allegation Support Team:
Training is available to local FAPA's and CBC's.
Support and Information line: Our 800 number is available to answer a variety of questions 24/7

# Membership Benefits:

Voting privileges
Securing a position on the State Board of Directors
Reception at the June Conference
(Paid members and local FAPA paid designee)

FAST Coleen LaCosta

Executive Director Trudy Petkovich

> Treasurer Denise Sasiain

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> President Harriett Wynn

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