



NEWSLETTER

June 2016



Wynn

Child Protection Summit 2016
JW Marriott Grande Lakes Orlando
Sept. 6-9
FSFAPA Quarterly Meeting will be at Lunchtime

T.L.C. Association Inc.
Will be hosting FSFAPA's October Mini Conference
In Mulberry on October 8, 2016

QPI JUST IN TIME TRAININGS

2016 Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association
Annual Conference

Nominees
For President:

Harriett Wynn

Christopher
Johnson

Nominees
For Treasurer

Denise Sasiain

Paul Vernon

Ballots will be mailed
Sept. 1 to all dues paid
members along with
Nominee bios and
voting directions.

NACAC
Conference
Will be held
August 2016 in
Nashville,
Tennessee
August 3 to 6

For more
Information
nacac.org

New! What's New in the Drug Market? - Florida Drug Trends (1.0 hour)

New! Caring for Children from Hard Places
(1.0 hour)

New! Alternatives to Medicine for Mental Health
(1.5 hours)

New! Child Welfare Communication
(1.0 hour)

New! Chloe's Story
(Note: this video is not eligible for
Re-licensing hours)

New! Florida Youth Challenge Academy
(Note: this video is not eligible for re-licensing hours)

New! Heart of the Heroes (Band Performance)
(Note: this video is not eligible for re-licensing hours)

New! Secretary Address
(Note: this video is not eligible for re-licensing hours)

New! Supporting Foster & Adoptive Children in School
(1.0 hours)

All of these trainings can be found at

[QPI Trainings](#)

Congratulations to 2016 Award Winners

Caring Heart Award/Foster - Marcia and Stephens Croom
Dee Wilson/Adoption - Reyna Alvarez
Partner in Caring - Holly Torres

Leadership through Example - Eckerd Community Alternatives/Pasco & Pinellas Counties

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

SUPPORTING OUR LGBTQ YOUTH

By: Morgan Clement, Recruitment Specialist

New Bylaws Passed the major change was the combining of some positions and the creation of three new RVP's

Suncoast Region – Circuits 6, 13
Melissa Schol

Central East Region – Circuits 7, 18 / Bylaws
Lynda Thompson

Southeast Region – Circuits 19, 15, & 17
Dorothy Alvarez

Northeast Region – Circuits 4
Lillie Blackshear

Central Region – 5, 9,
Melanie Stimmell

South Central – Circuits 10 / Membership
Harry Dubia

Southern Region – Circuits 11, & 16 / Director
Trudy Petkovich

Southwest Region – Circuits 12, 20
Anne Whiteside

Northwest Region – Circuits 2, 14 / Legislation
Thomas Croom

North Central Region – Circuits 3 & 8 / Independent Living
Amanda Williams

Panhandle Region – Circuit 1 / Adoption
Kara Elliott-Jordan

Being a teenager is hard. Being a teenager in the foster care system is even harder. Being a teenager in the foster care system who is trying to understand his/her sexuality or gender is the hardest of all. The first step to supporting our teens is understanding. There are plenty of great resources online, as well as several meeting places in the Gainesville area that are available for all of our communities to utilize.

- Pride Community Center of North Central Florida – Located at 3131 NW 13th Street, Suite 62 in Gainesville, the Pride Community Center is a great place for people in the LGBTQ community to come together. There are various events that take place there every month that are open to people from all of our 13 counties. For more information, please check out their website: www.gainesvillepride.org.

- PFLAG (Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays) – PFLAG meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Avenue in Gainesville) at 7:00 p.m. PFLAG's mission is to "support, advocate for and educate about LGBTQ people and their loved ones." Above all, they want to keep families together. For more information, please visit their website: www.pflaggainesville.org.

- Equality Youth – This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Gainesville Library (401 University Avenue). This group consists only of teens ages 13-18, and it is a great place for youth to feel safe and comfortable among their peers. Their mission is "to provide a safe and supportive space for the physical, emotional and social well-being of LGBTQI youth through the formation of peer relationships, community building and individual empowerment."

For more information, please visit their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/gainesvilleequalityyouth.

If you have any questions, or you would like to suggest other resources or groups for our families, please e-mail recruitment@pfsf.org.

Florida State Foster/Adoptive
Parent Association
4100 Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
1-866-913-0977
2016 Officers
President
Harriet Wynn
Executive Vice President
Chris Johnson
Director of Programs
Orlando Avila
Secretary
Curtis Byrd
Treasurer
Maria Bond
Executive Director
Trudy Petkovich

