

Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

November 2016



Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Fund is turning 15 years old

Today, we're excited to share a commentary from Step Up For Students Founder and Chairman

John Kirtley as he takes a look back at the program he fostered, and looks forward to its future.

Additionally, you'll hear from Travis Blanks, who graduated as a Step Up scholar and went on to earn a degree from Clemson

University and a chance at the

officer and his new marriage.

As we reflect on 15 years of the

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

Program, we feel humbled and

honored to have met so many students along the way and see

how they've blossomed in schools they never could have afforded

on their own. And we are so very

thankful to all of our supporters

only exists, but flourishes. We ask

you to join us in celebrating this

gratulations to all of our Step Up

scholars, past, present and future.

remarkable program and in saying Happy Birthday, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program and con-

who ensure this program not

NFL. He is now settling comfort-

ably into his career as a mortgage

President: Harriett Wynn

2017 Election Results

Treasurer: Denise Sasiain

Congratulations!!

FSFAPA Membership

We encourage you to join FSFAPA and together we will continue our mission of supporting foster and adoptive parents arming for the children in our system of care. We believe your experience will make you a valuable member of this association. Through our Regional Vice Presidents we work to support DCF, CBC's, and local FAPA's in each Region. Through collaboration with QPO, GAL, Judges and all partners we strive to have better outcomes for our families.

Legislative updates:

Child's Best Hope Law..... was passed in 2016 to change the adoption intervention concerns
Florida's Foster Parent Appreciation Week was passed and will be celebrated in February 2017
Free passes to all State Parks is a bill in collaboration with GAL we are looking forward to passing in 2017

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

Dues paid members have the benefit of running for a Board position and voting privileges.

Individual Membership is \$10.00 a year

Family Membership is \$15.00 a year

Check out our website: www.floridafapa.org for the membership application

We hope you will join us as we advocate, support and network for our families and the children in our care.

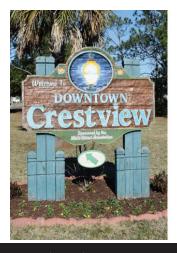
For more information Please go to

www.stepupforstudents.org

We Have a New Address

FSFAPA or Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association

> P. O. Box 970384 Miami, Fl 33197



FSFAPA
Winter Mini
Conference
&
Quarterly Meeting

February 11, 2017 Crestview!

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

Your RVP's

Suncoast Region - Melissa Schol

Central East Region – Lynda Thompson

Southeast Region - Dorothy Alvarez

Northeast Region - Lillie Blackshear

Central Region – Melanie Stimmell

South Central - Harry Dubia

Southern Region - Trudy Petkovich

Southwest Region - Anne Whiteside

Northwest Region – Thomas Croom

North Central Region – Amanda Williams

Panhandle Region - Kara Elliott-Jordan

Rally in Tally
January 10 & 11, 2017
Sponsored by Florida Coalition for Children
An opportunity to walk the halls of the capitol with CBC and provider leadership.
Meeting to introduce ourselves and our children to new legislators.

QPI Quarterly Florida Meeting
January 17, 2017, 10 am - 4 pm
Polk State College, Bartow, Fl.
Topics: Foster Family Investigations, Adoptions & Co-Parenting

Florida's Adoption Information Center St. Petersburg, Fl. Adoptive Parent Track Saturday, January 21, 2017

Florida Foster Parent Appreciate Week 2nd Week of February, 2017

> All Pro Dad Event February 25, 2017 University of Miami

Children's Week - Tallahassee March 27 & 28, 2017

Dinner tickets on Sale now www.childrensweek.org

Executive Director Trudy Petkovich

> Treasurer Maria Bond

> Secretary Curtis Byrd

Vice President Orlando Avila

Executive Vice President Chris Johnson

> President Harriett Wynn

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