



Upcoming Events

QPI National Conference
15-14 January, 2018
New Orleans, La
JW Marriott, NOLA

Quarterly Meeting and Mini
Conference
3 March 2018
Gainesville, Florida
Best Western Gateway Grand

2018 NFPA and FSFAPA
Annual Education State
Conference
28 June - 01 July, 2018
Orlando, Florida
Caribe Royal Orlando

Website updates:

Check out our website for the latest list of acronyms our webcast Charles Parker has organized! If you have any additions, please let us know

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

Florida Children's Ombudsman

If you're a youth or young adult in Florida's child welfare system, we know that you've likely been through a lot. Because of this, we want to make sure that you're in a place – physically, emotionally, and spiritually – where you can recover, grow, and feel the love that you deserve. If for any reason you aren't in that place, we want to help. We want to hear from you!

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The Children's Ombudsman will protect the confidentiality of the complainant's identity to the extent allowed under the law. Additionally, the Children's Ombudsman shall inform a complainant that the complainant's identity may be disclosed by the Ombudsman if deemed necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office or to ensure safety of any party involved. What the Children's Ombudsman Can Do

Listen and be a voice for children and youth

Take complaints about placement, care, or services without fear of retribution

Serve as a resource to identify and explain relevant policy or procedures

What the Children's Ombudsman Cannot Do

Respond to emergencies or investigate allegations of abuse or neglect

Investigate, challenge, or overturn court-ordered decisions or provide legal advice

Investigate complaints about a Guardian ad Litem

FSFAPA Elections

Results

Curtis Byrd was elected
Secretary

Happy Holidays

Save the Date

Spring Mini Conference

Florida State Foster and Adoptive Parent Association

&

Alachua County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association

3 March 2018

Gainesville, Florida

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

Your

Regional Vice Presidents

Central East – Lynda Thompson

Central – Melanie Stimmell

North Central – Amanda Williams

Northeast – Lillie Blackshear

Northwest – Vacant

Panhandle – Kara Elliott-Jordan

Southeast – Dorothy Alvarez

Southern – Travis Davis

Southwest – Vacant

Suncoast - Kylie McCracken

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

2017 Paid members will be receiving an invoice this year for renewal
2018 membership is now open.

Membership applications can be found on or website

Or at any of conferences across the State.

Membership fees are: Single: \$10, Family: \$15, Local Associations: \$50,
Community Based Care's (CBC'S): \$1500

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