



## Upcoming Events

FCC Conference  
July 23-25, 2018  
Boca Raton Resort & Club

DCF Child Protection  
Summit  
September 4-6, 2018  
Orlando



## Message from Our President

Thank you for all you do to help our kids in care. This has been a very busy season for our board as we prepared for the Annual Education Conference with the NFPA. We hope those of you who attended were able to gain valuable information and resources to best care for our children. We can't wait to see you next year!



Caregivers are respected, valued partners in the dependency legal system. You have a right to:

- Advance notice of court hearings
- Be heard in court
- Ask questions about the Case Plan
- Respectfully share your opinion

As the caregiver trusted to provide quality parenting to a child in the dependency system, your opinions and observations are valuable to the court.

What should you be prepared to share? Be SMART about it!

- S: School Related Issues
- M: Medical or Psychological Needs
- A: Adjustment in your home
- R: Requests for Services
- T: Travel Order Requests

### How To Prepare:

- Feel free to contact your case manager prior to the hearing to ask any questions.
- Once you arrive, ensure that the case manager know that you are present and inform them if you would like to address the court.
- If you are unable to attend court, request a Caregiver Input Form and return it to the case manager prior to court so that it can be incorporated into the case documents.

"Foster care and adoption is less about getting a child for your family and more about giving your family for a child. There is never a perfect time to foster or adopt. Just a lot of opportunities to say yes despite the many reasons to say no." - Jason Johnson

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## FSFAPA Membership

Membership applications can be found on our website: [www.FloridaFAPA.org](http://www.FloridaFAPA.org)

## FAPA Information Line

305-213-6627 or 866-913-0977 or [info@FloridaFAPA.org](mailto:info@FloridaFAPA.org)

## Foster Allegation Support Team (FAST)

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