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JOIN US FOR THE 2019 FALL MINI-CONFERENCE

In Partnership With Greater St. Johns
County Foster Adoptive Parents, Inc.

Location:

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Executive Board Election

Two candidates have been nominated for the office of Secretary.

Christina Morris



Ms. Christina Morris, a native of Tampa, FL, obtained her Bachelor's degree in Public Health from the University of South Florida. She became a licensed foster parent in 2012 when she secured custody of her children's biological siblings on their father's side. She was a licensed foster parent for 7 years 2012-2019). Christina continues to be an active member of the Pasco County Foster Adoptive Parent Association. She has held many roles within her local association including President (2013-current). Christina became a mom of 6 after obtaining permanent guardianship of her 2 adult children's minor half siblings and she went on to adopt 2 additional children from the foster care system. Christina is always looking for ways to bring fresh ideas that support the mission of the Florida FAPA.

Curtis Byrd



Curtis Byrd is a native Floridian. After working abroad, Curtis returned to the Emerald Coast and Walton County with a desire to put down roots and become parent. He earned two degrees in business while working for Ebro International before discovering foster care. Curtis became a licensed foster parent in 2007. He served as treasurer for the North Okaloosa Walton Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (before being elected as President. A position he held for six years. Upon leaving the office of treasure a position he continues to hold. In 2010, Curtis was appointed Regional Vice President for the Northwest Florida circuits. In 2012, Curtis was appointed Secretary for Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association.

To vote in the election, you must be a Partner Member with dues paid by 5/31/19. Ballots will be sent out by October 4 and are due back by November 4 or brought in person to the Quarterly Meeting at the Fall Mini-Conference. The position requirements, descriptions, and nomination info can be found online: www.FloridaFAPA.org.

A Note From the President

Foster and Adoptive Parents -

We are in an amazing time in foster care. Your voice is being heard and your opinions are being requested. Please be engaged. Respond to surveys. Sit on task forces. At Florida FAPA we are excited to represent you and the progress needed throughout the state.

Be on the look out for legislative updates as the session starts early this year and changes are coming!

Amanda Cruce, FloridaFAPA President

2019 Annual Conference

The 23rd Annual FloridaFAPA Education Conference was a success! Thank you to everyone that made this such a great year! Mark Jones opened the conference with a heartfelt message to our foster parents. Chad Poppell, Secretary took the time out of his busy schedule to welcome and talk to our Foster Parents. Our Foster Parents had a great variety of speakers to choose from and learned skills that will help our children in care. The teens had a great time in NEXGEN having fun in the sun with Urban Surf and great speakers with One Voice Impact. We also want to thank our Sponsors and Exhibitors. We couldn't do this without you. We look forward to serving our Foster Parents again next year!



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