

# FLORIDAFAPA

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## A Note From the President

### Foster and Adoptive Parents -

There is so much change in foster care and adoption around the country. Florida is listening and it is time to make sure your voice is heard. You can participate in so many ways!

- Join your local FAPA
- Attend a mini conference for CEUs, connection, advocacy
- Join us in Tallahassee for advocacy
- Attend our annual conference
- Participate in monthly FCC Foster Adoptive Parent calls - hosted by Florida FAPA

The time is now!

Amanda Cruce, FloridaFAPA President



## Spring Mini-Conference

### FLORIDAFAPA SPRING 2020 MINI- CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 7**

**9am-4pm**

**Mosaic Church  
Winter Garden, FL**

#### Trainings:

- Jim West MA, LMHC, NCC  
Total Life Counseling  
"Stressless Defiance Disorder."
- Social Media - What You Must Know
- Angel Robinson  
Creative Solutions - "Self Care"

TO REGISTER, EMAIL: [MELANIESTIMMEL50@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MELANIESTIMMEL50@GMAIL.COM)

## Legislative Update

### Help FloridaFAPA Support Legislation for Child Care Assistance for Foster Parents

Florida FAPA is working on legislation that will help foster parents with the burden of child care costs for foster children in their care. An infographic, which provides more in-depth statistics about the bills (SB 354/HB 193), can be found on our website (link below). We could use your help to get this legislation passed. You can provide support by calling members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and the House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee to tell them how important the bill is and ask them to put it on their agendas. Contact info for each subcommittee can be found online. Thank you for helping us help you!

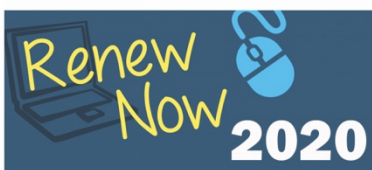
Infographic: [FloridaFAPA.org/legislation](http://FloridaFAPA.org/legislation)

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/Show/AHS>

More Legislative Resources: [FloridaFAPA.org](http://FloridaFAPA.org) - Click Resources, Legislative Updates

## Membership Update



It's time to renew for 2020!

Membership Dues are \$10 and can be paid online at [FloridaFAPA.org](http://FloridaFAPA.org). Dues must be paid to be eligible to vote in elections as well as some new perks we are announcing soon!

## Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and across the nation, law enforcement and other organizations are working to eliminate it. Human Trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Traffickers exploit the vulnerabilities of others (like poverty, trauma, abuse, or homelessness) for financial profit. Children in foster care are disproportionately victimized by human trafficking. It is estimated that 60% of child sex trafficking victims have a history in the child welfare system.

#### RESOURCES:

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org>

<http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org>



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