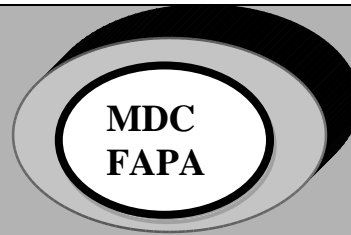


MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)



AUGUST 2011 Newsletter

2011 MDCFAPA

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(open to all resource parents = foster & adoptive parents, kinship and non-relative caregivers, as well as supporters of our mission in Miami-Dade County)

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The Miami Dade County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (“MDCFAPA”) is open to all resource parents (foster, adoptive, biological parents & kinship and non-relative caregivers) in Miami Dade County as well as those interested in being advocates!

THREE (3) MEETINGS PER MONTH
1st Saturday

Sat. AUG. 6, 2011

When: 1st Saturday of the Month,
10:00 a.m.

Where: **The Cultural Arts Center**
6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Topic: Children with Disabilities

Speaker: University of Miami
&
Reports from State Conference by
MDCFAPA members

School bags will be distributed to members!

When: 3th Wednesday of the
Month, **7:00 pm**

Wed. AUG. 17, 2010

Where: **Caleb Meeting Room**
5400 NW 22nd Ave– Miami

Topic: Children with Disabilities

Speaker: University of Miami
&
Reports from State Conference by
MDCFAPA members

** 3rd Sat. meeting

Sat. AUG. 20, 2011

TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Where: **Phicol Williams
Community Center|
951 Southwest 4th Street
*HOMESTEAD 33030**

Topic: Children with Disabilities

Speaker: University of Miami
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership dues are now **\$15.00** for the calendar year (Jan. – Jan.). For each “new member” you refer who joins you will receive “\$5.00” cold hard cash in return! To be added to the mailing list to receive the monthly meeting notice, please call **Joann Jones at (305) 308-5881.**

**DID YOU KNOW WE
RECOGNIZED AS THE
NUMBER #1 FOSTER &
ADOPTIVE PARENT
ASSOCIATION IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

Thanks for your support!



Events 2011

(All events are free for our members ONLY unless otherwise indicated! These events are not open to the public)

JULY

These are some of the activities our members enjoyed in July!

- 100 kids went bowling
- 60 kids went fishing
- 40 kids went to Disney
- 174 kids went to sleep away camp
- 30 youth went to Nova University's weekend camp

all events were free or dirt cheap!

AUGUST 2011

Advance Auto Parts

MONSTER JAM

(big trucks, wheels, cars)

Bank Atlantic Center

Sunrise – Broward County

Friday, August 19th at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 20th at 7:00pm

COST: \$5.00

tickets per person per show!

Call: 305-308-5881 for tickets

Members only!

The Home & Design Show

Miami Beach Convention Center

September 2-4, 2011

COST: \$5.00

tickets per person per show!

Call: 305-308-5881 or
305-469-1157 for tickets

Members only!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FACEBOOK – join us

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=108551252524935&ref=ts>

Miami Dade County Foster & Adoptive
Parent Association

F. A. S. T.

Foster Allegation Support Team

1-800-327-8119



DENNY'S
RESTAURANT
MDCFAPA

Don't forget to visit specialty
Denny's - And get your 15% discount
Every MDCFAPA member is issued a
Denny's Discount card – do you have
one?

MONTHLY **CONFERENCE** **CALL**

For all Foster/Adoptive Parents

1-888-808-6959 (toll free)

Code #9229094 * 8:30p – 9:30p

AUG. 1, 2011

(always the first Monday)

Monthly Teleconference with

FSFAPA

This is your time to ask questions to
the FSFAPA board, DCF staff, and
CBC agencies.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Florida State Foster & Adoptive
Parent Association has a new
website -

<http://www.floridafapa.org>

ONLINE TRAINING

www.QPIFLORIDA.com.

www.fosterparents.com

www.fosterclub.com



POST-ADOPTION UNIT:
ADOPTION SUBSIDY ISSUES,
HEALTH CARE AND MORE?

Our Kids of Miami Dade/Monroe, Inc.

Sandra Stewart – 305-455-6000

ADOPTION SUPPORT
LINE

1-866-894-1220 or 305-496-5098

POST ADOPTION
SERVICES/QUESTIONS

- When another Community Based Care Agency/county needs assistance with:
- Family inquiry about specific child on state web site and upset no one will call them, including child's worker?
- Adult adoptee has requested non-identifying info and Reunion Registry must request closed adoption record?
- Adoptive family has requested post adoption services?
- Adoptive family is requesting tuition waiver letter for adopted child?

Sandra Stewart - stewarts@ourkids.us

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305-455-6000 * 305-455-1049

**North American Council on
Adoptable Children Partners
with H&R Block on the
Adoption Tax Credit**

NACAC has partnered with H&R Block to help adoptive parents determine whether they are eligible to receive additional benefits. H&R Block is offering:

1. Free Second Look Review – An H&R Block tax professional will conduct a thorough review of your prior years, checking to see if any credits or deductions were missed. You'll receive advice on what to do if you qualify for additional benefits.
2. Special pricing on filing amended returns (price will vary by office)
3. \$20 discount on 2010 tax return preparation

Please visit <http://www.nacac.org> to download the H&R Block coupon.