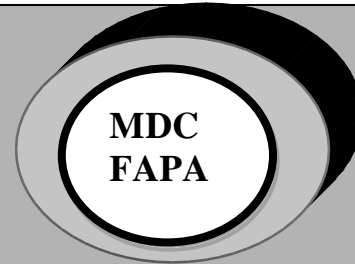


MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION (“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)



APRIL 2011 Newsletter

2011 MDCFAPA Board Members

(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 & 3rd Wednesday
2nd Saturday (Homestead)

Sat. APRIL 2, 2011

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

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

Topic: FAST TRACK & Emergency Services

Speaker: many

Sat. APRIL 9, 2011

TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Topic: **FIRST AID**
(without certification)

Speaker: **The Nursing Station**
** No child care is available at this location!
FREE first aid supplies and smoke alarms to members!

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

Wed. April 20, 2010

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

Topic: **MEGALLAN**
MENTAL HEALTH

Topic: **QUALITY PARENTING**
INITIATIVE*



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.



Events 2011

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



FAMILY

NIGHTOUT

THE RED THREAD

(a play)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

1:30PM

The Playground Theatre
9806 NE 2nd Avenue
Miami Shores

**And before and after the
play enjoy - CHINATOWN**

Miami is a day that will fill the Village of Miami Shores with the sights, sounds and tastes of the incredibly diverse cultures of China!

Location : NE 2nd Ave. in Miami Shores - from 94th to 100th streets

Admission: \$2.00 per person
(only 100 seats available)

APRIL 2011

Children's Week is in Tallahassee
Day Of The Child
Join Us on

Tuesday, April 5th

as we go to Tally for a day of conferences, meeting with politicians, networking and fun (you & the kids), plus FREE lunch

Leave Miami: 11:30pm
Arrive in Tally: 8:00 am
Depart Tally: 4:00 pm
Return Miami: Midnight

June 16-18, 2011

Florida State

**Foster & Adoptive Parent
Association Conference
Lake Buena Vista, Florida**

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Lake Buena Vista

Room Rate: \$129 per night

Conference Registration: \$175 per person (includes lunch on Friday and the Awards luncheon on Saturday and continental breakfast)

Child care Friday – Saturday \$50 per day per child

Teen Conference: \$100 per teen

Bus Transportation: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FACEBOOK – join us

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

Miami Dade County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association

**MONTHLY
CONFERENCE CALL**

For all Foster/Adoptive Parents
1-888-808-6959 (toll free)
Code #9229094 * 8:30p – 9:30p

APRIL 11, 2011*

special date

(always the first Monday)

Monthly Teleconference with FSFAPA

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

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**Foster Allegation Support Team
1-800-327-8119**

HOMESTEAD BOUND

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**A collaboration with South Dade FAPA*

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, May 14, 2011
– CPR CERT. \$25.00**

RSVP & PAY NOW!

Saturday, June 4, 2011

Details to come

It's a major event for all resource parents in Miami Dade County!!!



POST-ADOPTION UNIT:

**ADOPTION SUBSIDY ISSUES,
HEALTH CARE AND MORE?**

Our Kids of Miami Dade/Monroe, Inc.
Sandra Stewart – 305-455-6000

ADOPTION HOTLINE

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

Adoption Tax Credits

The Affordable Care Act raises the maximum adoption credit to \$13,170 per child, up from \$12,150 in 2009. It also makes the credit refundable, meaning that eligible taxpayers can get it even if they owe no tax for that year. In general, the credit is based on the reasonable and necessary expenses related to a legal adoption, including adoption fees, court costs, attorney's fees and travel expenses. Income limits and other special rules apply.



**DENNY'S RESTAURANT
MDCFAPA**

**Don't forget to visit specialty
Denny's - And get your 15%
discount**

(see list on the back of your Denny's card)

Every MDCFAPA member is issued a Denny's Discount card – do you have one?

HOT WEBSITES

- Adoption Forum
(<http://forums.adoption.com/florida-foster-adoption/>)
- Foster Family-Based Treatment Association (www.fft.org)
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
(<http://www.grandsplace.org/gp4/fl.html>)

ONLINE TRAINING

www.fosterparents.com
www.fosterclub.com