

MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

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(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

FEBRUARY 2012 Newsletter

2012 MDCFAPA

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(open to all co-parents (foster, adoptive, kinship, non-relative caregivers and biological parents), as well as those interested in being advocates of our mission)

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

THREE (3) MEETINGS PER MONTH
1st Saturday

Sat. FEB. 4, 2012

no meeting due to holiday event

When: 1st Saturday of the Month,

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Cultural Arts Center
6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Topic: Commercially Sexually
Exploited Children

Speakers: Kristi House

When: 3th Wednesday of the
Month,

Wed. FEB. 15, 2012

No meeting due to
construction at site

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

Time: 7:00pm

**** 3rd Sat. meeting**

Sat. FEB. 18, 2012

TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Topic: Commercially Sexually
Exploited Children

Speakers: Kristi House

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership dues are now **\$20.00** 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 ARE
RECOGNIZED AS THE
NUMBER #1 FOSTER &
ADOPTIVE PARENT
ASSOCIATION IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

Thanks for your support!

**Quality Parenting
Initiative (“QPI”)**

Mission Statement

“In Miami-Dade, our co-parents are members of our diverse community who love, support, and advocate for children separated from their families. They are respected, skilled partners who strengthen and mentor families”

EVENTS 2012

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

FEB. 2012

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

Enroll now for March 2012



day & evening classes

Intro to Computers/ Word, Internet, Medical billing for medical parents

Register at (305) 474-0078

2012 CONFERENCES

OUR KIDS FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 28th

Miami (details to come)

National Foster Parent Association (NFPA)

June 15-18, 2012

Chicago, Ill
www.nfpa.org

Florida State Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FSFAPA)

June 22-24

Daytona Beach, FL
www.floridafapa.org

North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

July 26-28, 2012

Crystal City, VA
www.nacac.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Our Kids of Miami Dade/Monroe, Inc.
Sandra Stewart – 305-455-6000
Sandra Stewart - stewarts@ourkids.us
Bree Bofill - Bofillb@ourkids.us
305-455-6000 * 305-455-1049

ADOPTION SUPPORT LINE

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

F. A. S. T.

Foster Allegation Support Team

1-800-327-8119

<http://www.floridafapa.org>

MDC Public School Spring Break March 12 – 16, 2012

HIRE GOOD

<http://www.hiregood.org/>

High Schoolers need community service – here's a service recognized MDCPS where your child can find places to do volunteer work

GOT AN ISSUE WITH YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER "NOT" IN DCF CARE?

loss of personal income, need for food stamps, Medicaid and more!!!

"Cut through the red tape since your already part of the DCF family"

Claudia Arias, can attempt to connect families to the right DCF resource.

Claudia Arias

Operations Management Consultant

Family Safety

DCF – District 11

401 NW 2 Avenue, Suite N-514

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2011 Adoption Tax Credit Forms & Info Available

If you adopted in 2011 (or had expenses in 2010 or earlier for a non-finalized US adoption), you most likely can claim the adoption tax credit with your 2011 taxes. The IRS recently released Form 8839 and instructions, which are necessary to claim the credit. This year's instructions have additional information about the documentation required to file for the credit.

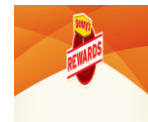
To learn more about the 2011 credit, visit

<http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit2011.html>.

Download the form and instructions:

- [2011 Form 8839](#)
- [2011 Form 8839 instructions](#) • (PDF)

The IRS has also created a special page for the adoption tax credit and plans to post additional information there as necessary.



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?



ALL DAY CAR RENTAL

You will receive a 10% discount on car & van rentals

3900 NW 25th Street (airport)
(305) 634-3422

Tell them you're a foster/adoptive parent, a member of #0017 and get your 10% off