

# MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

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(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

## JANUARY 2012 Newsletter

### 2012 MDCFAPA

#### Board Members

(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!

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THREE (3) MEETINGS PER MONTH  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

### Sat. JAN. 7, 2012

no meeting due to holiday event

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month,

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** The Cultural Arts Center  
6161 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

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**When:** 3<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the  
Month,

### Wed. JAN. 18, 2012

**Where:** Caleb Meeting Room  
5400 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave– Miami

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Topic:** Quality Assurance at Home –  
Documentation

**Speaker:** Our Kids of Miami- Dade  
& MDCFAPA

Installation of Officers

*School Bags distribution*  
*School Bags distribution to our*  
*Youth*

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**\*\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. meeting**

### Sat. JAN. 21, 2012

**TIME** 10:00 a.m. - Noon

**Where:** Phicol Williams  
Community Center  
951 Southwest 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
\*HOMESTEAD 33030

**Topic:** Quality Assurance at Home  
Documentation  
\*\*AND\*\* Housing

**Speakers:** Our Kids of Miami-  
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### 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)

### JAN. 2012



## TOWN HALL MEETING

Fla. Juvenile and Dependency Court  
Judges and Foster/Adoptive Parents  
**Sat. January 28, 2012**

9:30am – 12:30pm

Miami Museum of Science  
3280 South Miami Avenue

**FREE: 305-474-0078**  
(RSVP is a must)

*Children receive FREE admission to the museum while parent(s) are in the Town Hall Meeting provided parent brings a chaperone for the child(ren)*

Learn legal procedures in court Hear from the judges themselves Ask those important questions

## FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

Enroll now for February 2012



*day & evening classes*

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

Register at (305) 474-0078

## 2012 CONFERENCES

### Tuesday, JAN. 31st

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

Leave Miami: 10:00pm  
Arrive in Tally: 8:00 am  
Depart Tally: 3:30 pm  
Return Miami: Midnight  
Bus Service is FREE!

### 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](http://www.nfpa.org)

#### Florida State Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (FSFAPA) June 22-24

Daytona Beach, FL  
[www.floridafapa.org](http://www.floridafapa.org)

#### North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

July 26-28, 2012  
Crystal City, VA  
[www.nacac.org](http://www.nacac.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a new office

**\*\*100 Opa Locka Blvd. \*\***

Our new website

[www.miamidadefapa.org](http://www.miamidadefapa.org)



FACEBOOK – join us

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

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### ADOPTION SUPPORT LINE

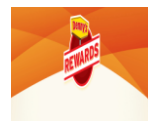
1-866-894-1220 or 305-496-5098

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Foster Allegation Support Team

**1-800-327-8119**

<http://www.floridafapa.org>



### 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 25<sup>th</sup> Street (airport)  
(305) 634-3422

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