

MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

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(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

MARCH 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!

THREE (3) MEETINGS PER MONTH

1st Saturday

Sat. MAR. 3, 2012

When: 1st Sat. of the Month,

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Cultural Arts
Center
6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Topic: Family Safety Unit
Speakers: Our Kids

Speakers: Rob Collins
Education & Outreach Coordinator
Housing Opportunities Project for
Excellence, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.)

TEEN MEETING:
JEWELS & GEMS ages 12-22

** 3rd Sat. meeting

~~**Sat. MAR. 17, 2012**~~

* NO MEETING-SPRING BREAK *

TIME 10:30 a.m. – 12:30pm
**** new time ****

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

When: 3th Wednesday of
the Month,

Wed. MAR. 21, 2012

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

Time: 7:00pm

Topic: Family Safety Unit

Speakers: Our Kids

Speakers: Rob Collins
Education & Outreach Coordinator
Housing Opportunities Project for
Excellence, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.)

TEEN MEETING:
Florida Youth Shine ages 12-23

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.**

**WE ARE RECOGNIZED AS THE
NUMBER #1 FOSTER &
ADOPTIVE PARENT
ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE
OF FLORIDA – Thank you**

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)

Calling Teens Ages 12-23

Florida Youth Shine joins us on our Wednesday evening monthly meetings @ 7:00pm - Gas stipends will be given to those co-parents who bring their teens and attend the MDCFAPA general meeting * March 21st -

Plus Join Our Jewels & Gems Teen program (great field trips and speakers)

MARCH. 2012



Fathers & Other Strangers

Fri. March 9th @ 7:30p

Cultural Arts Center
6161 NW 22nd Avenue
7:30pm
Cost: \$5.00 pp

You must RSVP/pay
(305) 474-0078



Harlem Globetrotters

Sat. March 10 @ 1:00pm

American Airlines
Arena

Cost: \$15.00 pp

Tickets must be purchased by
March 8th
Fifty FREE tickets to be raffled

(305) 474-0078

THE HOME AND DESIGN REMODELING SHOW

March 23-26, 2012

Free & discounted tickets
Miami Beach Convention Center
Call (305) 474-0078

2012 CONFERENCES

OUR KIDS FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 28th
8:00am - 3:00pm

Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay
1633 North Bayshore Drive
Miami, Florida

Register:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/lcqkgl>

(childcare is available too; registration is OPEN now)

if you don't have a computer call:
850-523-4200 or fax a registration
form to our office 850-523-0275

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

Daytona Beach, FL
www.floridafapa.org

Reg. \$175.00

Hotel: 119 per nite
Teen Next Gen: \$100

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CPR, AED, FIRST AID TRAINING AID

includes 2 year American Heart Assoc.
CPR Certification

Cost: \$35.00 per person members
\$40.00 non-members

Sat. June 2, 2012

10:00a - 2:00p

Miami - 6161 NW 22nd Avenue
Call (305) 620-1658 (Ethel)

Sat. June 2, 2012

3:00p - 7:00p

Homestead - 951 SW 4th Street
Call (786) 488-6216 (Barbara)



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

F. A. S. T. Foster Allegation Support Team

1-800-327-8119

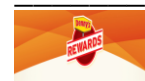
<http://www.floridafapa.org>

FOSTER ADOPTION SUPPORT LINE

All calls will receive a response within 8 hours if not answered at the time of the call. The calls are then triaged. They are then forwarded to Our Kids licensing or adoption staff for follow up unless they have been handled by the Support Line operator. The number for the Support Line: (305) 496-5098

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 going back to 2005), can claim adoption tax credit with your 2011 taxes. <http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit2011.html>. Download the form and instructions: [2011 Form 8839](#) & [2011 Form 8839 instructions](#)



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MDCFAPA

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



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

