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MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND
ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)

OCTOBER 2011 Newsletter

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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. OCT. 1, 2011

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

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

Topic: Children with Mental
Disabilities/Issues

Speaker: Citrus Mental Health
&
Report Dependency Summit by
MDCFAPA Member Mary Carter

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

Wed. OCT. 19, 2010

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

Topic: Children with Mental
Disabilities/Issues

Speaker: Citrus Mental Health
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**** 3rd Sat. meeting**

Sat. OCT. 15, 2011

TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Topic: Children with Mental
Disabilities/Issues

Speaker: Citrus Mental Health
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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!

OCT EVENTS

QUALITY PARENTING INITIATIVE ("QPI") Special Module Training

Fri. Oct. 21, 2011 @ 6:30p
401 NW 2nd Ave. -10N Conf. Rm
(includes in-service hours)

OR

Sat. Oct. 22, 2011 @ 10:00a
Philcol Williams Center
951 Southwest 4th Street
HOMESTEAD
(includes in-service hours)

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?



ALL DAY CAR RENTAL

You will receive a 10% discount
on car & van rentals
3900 NW 25th Street (airport)
(305) 634-3422

Show your membership card and
Acct. #0017 and get your 10% off

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

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

OCT. 3, 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 Assoc. has a new website -
<http://www.floridafapa.org>

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National Adoption Day
Friday, November 18, 2011

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Adoption Awareness Picnic & Resource Fair

Sat. Nov. 19 – Noon – 4pm
Dodge City, 16330 SW 147th Ave
Need more info: petkovij@me.com



If one or more of your children
receive free school lunches,
your household may qualify for Internet
Essentials: <http://www.facebook.com/VAQACK1RXAQAuyshTFbUONXqqQoO9oZWj7X3XrM65armzdQ/InternetEssentials.com/index.html>

ADOPTION SUPPORT LINE

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



TID BITS

GETTING A DIVORCE? The State
of Florida now requires all parents
seeking dissolution of marriage to
complete a "parenting course" before
granting a pending divorce!

GOOD PARENTING SKILLS/TIPS

Setting limits are important. They
make it possible for us to get along
with one another. If children do not
learn how to behave, they will find it
difficult to get along with everyone.
They will find it hard to learn at
school, will misbehave and will
probably become unhappy and
frustrated. **What helps?** Make your
children feel secure, loved & valued.
Be consistent: Say the same thing
each time, be clear and stick to the
rules. **Give lots of praise:** Let children
know when they've done something
well, be specific so that the child
knows which behaviour you are
wanting to encourage. You need to do
this at the moment it makes up.
Planning ahead: It helps if your child
know the rules for particular situations
before they happen. Don't make them
up as you go. Talk to them about good
behaviour. **Be calm:** This can be
difficult in the heat of the moment, but
it does help if you can be calm and
clear with the words you use. **Be
clear:** If your child can't understand
you, they can't co-operate with you. Be
brief and positive. **Be realistic:** It's no
good promising a wonderful reward or
threatening to remove their favourite
activity if you cannot keep your word.
It is much better to offer small rewards
rather than punishments. **The
importance of your relationship:**
When times are difficult, it is easy to
forget that you you are probably
already having some nice times
together, even when there are stressful
and more difficult times as well.
Everybody can at times feel cross and
upset. So try to plan for some good
times together every day or most days.
For example, you can plan to play a
game, read together or cook with your
child for 10 minutes. **HAPPY
PARENTING!!!!!!**