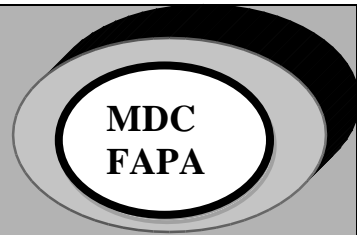


MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

(“MDCFAPA”)

(Our Motto: “You Are Not Alone”)



JUNE 2011 Newsletter

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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THREE (3) MEETINGS PER MONTH 1st Saturday

Sat. JUNE 7, 2011

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

Where: The Cultural Arts Center
6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Topic: Parenting from Daniel

Speaker: David Orree &
Willie Hardemon

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

Wed. JUNE 15, 2010

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

Speaker: Teen Speaks

**** 3rd Sat. meeting has been
moved to 4th Sat. for June**

Sat. JUNE 25, 2011
TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Topic: Parenting Reports from
Florida State FAPA
Meeting & Daniel

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)

JUNE 2011

June 16-18, 2011

Florida State Foster & Adoptive Parent Association Conference

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel

Room Rate: \$129 per night

Hotel Tele: 407-934-4884

Conference Registration: \$175 per person

(includes lunch on Friday & the Awards luncheon on Saturday & continental breakfast)

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

Teen Conference: \$100 per teen

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?

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

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

JUNE 6, 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.



FAMILY BOWLING PART NIGHTOUT

Sat. JULY 9, 2011

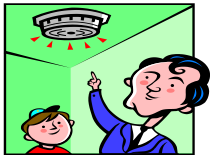
1:00p – 4:00p

AMF Pembroke Pines
1940 North University Blvd.
(drive up NW 27th Ave from Miami)

\$11.00 per person

*includes: 2 hour bowling, shoe rental,
choice of 1 slice of pizza or a hot dog and
unlimited beverages*

*All monies to be paid in advance no later
than June 30, 2011*



SMOKE ALARMS

We have a free smoke/fire alarm for each and every family! Come to one of the FAPA meetings to get yours! **FREE one per family

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Florida State Foster & Adoptive Parent Association has a new website -

<http://www.floridafapa.org>

ONLINE TRAINING

www.QPIFLORIDA.com.

www.fosterparents.com

www.fosterclub.com



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

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

ADOPTION SUPPORT LINE

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

POST ADOPTION SERVICES/QUESTIONS

- When another Community Based Care Agency/county needs assistance with:
- Family inquiry about specific child on state web site and upset no one will call them, including child's worker?
- Adult adoptee has requested non-identifying info and Reunion Registry must request closed adoption record?
- Adoptive family has requested post adoption services?
- Adoptive family is requesting tuition waiver letter for adopted child?

Sandra Stewart - stewarts@ourkids.us
Bree Bofill - Bofillb@ourkids.us
305-455-6000 * 305-455-1049



POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SUMMIT #1 **JULY 23, 2011**

10:00am – 1:00pm

Miami Museum of Science
3250 South Miami Avenue

- **Mentor Match Up & Support**
- **Adoption Tax Credit**
- **Scholarship Info**
get those seniors ready for 2013
- **Teen Dating/Domestic Violence**
- **GLBH affairs**
- **Health Care Updates**

RSVP: 305-308-5881

COST: \$5.00 per person

presented by MDCFAPA



BULLYING

Steps For Parents...Be Informed – Learn about your school's policy toward bullying. **Reach Out** – Get in touch with professionals who understand bullying. **Speak Out and Connect-** with other parents or community members. **Be Alert** – When the circumstances are violent or dangerous, involve law enforcement officials. **Tell Your Children/Teens to: Travel in Groups** It can be more difficult to face a bully alone. **Be Calm and Direct:** Directly and respectfully stand up to bullies, even if you aren't the person being picked on. Stay calm and let the bully know that unkind behavior is not okay. **Avoid Fighting** – Speaking up is the right thing to do, but being verbally aggressive or using physical force will likely make the situation more dangerous. **Report the Situation** – Tell adults what is going on. **Tell Your Kids You Will Keep them Safe and that You Love Them!**

CYBERBULLYING

Bullying has moved beyond harassment at school or on the playground. In a 2006 study, one in three online teens reported experiencing a range of cyberbullying activities, including "receiving threatening messages; having their private emails or text messages forwarded without consent; having an embarrassing picture posted without permission; or having rumors about them spread online. How the balance of power is established is much different in cyberbullying. While physical strength, intellect, or social connections may be important factors in face-to-face bullying, technological know-how and access to information and technology become much more significant in the online world.

The impact of cyberbullying can be wider-reaching than in-person bullying due to the speed and breadth of the Internet's reach: groups of youth have created websites used to make fun of other young people, teens have posed as other teens on social media sites, and embarrassing photos are sometimes circulated within a matter of minutes. The most infamous of these cases have had devastating consequences and led to lawsuits, arrests, suicides, and coverage in the national press.

You may feel uncomfortable monitoring your child's online actions, but it's crucial to be as well informed and up-to-date as possible. If you learn that your child is being cyberbullied, use some of the following tips from the [National Crime Prevention Council](http://www.nationalcrimeprevention.org) on how to respond:

- Block communication with the cyberbully.
- Delete messages without reading them.
- Report the problem to an Internet service provider or website moderator.

*TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE BEEN
EFFECTED AND AFFECTED &
INFECTED– Take Charge!*