



Florida State FAPA

2010 Children's Week, April 11-16

For the past 14 years, Children's Week has promoted children and family issues in Florida by bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, community leaders and concerned citizens together. This grassroots initiative, supported by more than 80 different non-profit, corporate, philanthropic, faith based, state agencies and organizations, allows everyone to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues in each community across the state.



Florida State Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (FSFAPA) will have a booth at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 13. There will also be a FSFAPA quarterly meeting at the Capitol that day.

FAPA around the State

Our featured association this quarter is Pasco County Foster Adoptive Parent Association, which is hosting the following events:

Vintage Vanity and Retro Rags Show

Date: March 8, 2010 at the Show Palace Dinner Theatre in Hudson, Fla.
Contact information: Angela Hoerner, ayliangela@aol.com

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, chance drawings for wonderful prizes and a 50/50. There is no food service. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance by calling 727.687.0639. Be sure to reserve group space early to get the best seats!

2nd Annual Fore Families Golf Tournament

Date: May 15, 2010
Contact information: Tod Jeffers, President, tj Jeffers@pascofapa.com or 813.263.7688

The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. (shotgun start). Proceeds will benefit the Pasco County Foster Adoptive Parent Association.

FSFAPA'S NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING, FEB. 19-20, 2010:

Location: Foster & Adoptive Parent Association of Palm Beach County, 4100 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, 33409

Meeting information:

Friday, Feb. 19

FSFAPA Board FAST Training, 4-5:30 p.m.

FSPAPA Board Meeting, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

President's Council, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FAST Training, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Membership Meeting, 12-1:30 p.m.

All foster parents are invited to attend quarterly meeting events.

ASSOCIATION DUES:

Individual membership is automatic in FSFAPA. Dues for associations that wish to be a member and receive benefits are \$25 (due Jan. 1, 2010). Please send a check or money order made out to FSFAPA to: Trudy Petkovich, 21731 SW 97 Court, Cutler Bay, FL 33190-1176.

MONTHLY CONFERENCE

CALL: FSFAPA conducts a monthly conference call the first Monday of each month for all foster parents. Join our Yahoo group (FLFPA) to be notified each month of the call.

First Monday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Call-in Number: 888.808.6959

PIN: 9229094

FSFAPA Vision

Enhancing Parents and Partnerships

FSFAPA Mission Statement

To provide supportive services to all caregiver (foster, adoptive, non-relative & kinship) associations in the State of Florida. To bring about better communication to families through support, training and advocacy with the aim of nurturing children safety, well-being and stability.

To work in partnership with the entire community we serve.

FAST

Don't forget FSFAPA has a Foster Allegation Support Team (FAST) Hotline. This toll-free hotline, 800.327.8119, is available 24 hours, seven days a week to foster parents impacted by abuse allegations.

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Foster Parent Survey

As a foster parent, you understand the foster care system better than anyone else. The University of Central Florida is conducting a survey of foster parent perceptions of foster care policy and foster care agencies. The anonymous survey, which should take only 30 minutes to complete, is available at <http://1241870571.foster.sgizmo.com>.

For further information, please contact Julie Steen by mail at the University of Central Florida School of Social Work, P.O. Box 163358, Orlando, Florida 32816; by e-mail at jsteen@mail.ucf.edu; or by phone at 407.823.6452. Your responses are greatly appreciated.



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