

Polk County Family Child Care Home Association



The Polk county Family Child Care Association was established in June 1995. We encourage training for providers by their peers. We believe that trained providers give the best care. We also encourage licensing and the

USDA Food Program. We believe that children should come first. It is our goal to be advocates for children.

Our monthly meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at:

**Simpson Park Recreation Center
1725 Martin L. King Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33805
(863) 834-2577**

Some benefits available to members include the following: a monthly newsletter, providers training providers, guest speakers, workshops, advocacy: local, state, national information that affects FCCH, "Buddy System" for new providers, discount at local businesses and scholarships for state conferences, trainings, credentials, and accreditation.

Membership is open to all licensed family child care providers throughout Polk County. Membership is also open to parents, agency staff, businesses, and child care advocates wishing to participate in the professional growth & development of family child care.

Polk County Family Child Care Home Association Meeting Schedule (2007-2008)

August 11th
September 15th
October 13th
December 1st
January 12th
February 9th
March 8th
April 12th
May 10th
June 14th

Florida Family Child Care Home Association

Leadership Summit - Crystal River, FL
February 23rd & 24th

16th Annual Conference - Clearwater, FL
June 24th - 29th

Quarterly Meeting & Training - Ocala, FL
May 3rd & 4th

Some of the topics to be covered are:

Observing Young Children, curriculum activities, Health & Safety, Taxes & Recordkeeping, marketing, program management, etc. Discover that there is more than one 'right way' to provide 'quality care'.

WHAT IS A QUALITY FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME?

Family Child Care is a home-based service, where child care is provided in the caregiver's home. Family child care is "home-away-from-home" personalized professional child care providing for the social, emotional, physical, and educational development of children in a rich nurturing environment full of opportunities for discovery and interaction.

FAMILY CHILD CARE CAN OFFER:

1. Home away from home environment.
2. Low child: adult ratio.
3. State monitored food program.
4. State monitored health, safety, and program assessments
5. Extended hours of care.

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