



CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATIONS

Florida Staff Credential Requirement

This is a provider educational credential. Two ways to meet the requirement are:

- **Florida Child Care Professional Credential** (formerly known as the CDAE) Contact: Child Care Training Information Center 888-352-2842 or myflorida.com/childcare
- **National Family Child Care CDA** Contact: Council for Professional Recognition 800-424-4310 or cdacouncil.org

NAFCC National Accreditation

National family child care accreditation program includes: an on-site assessment, parent evaluations, and provider self-assessment. Offered by NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care), it is renewed every three years. 800-359-3817 or nafcc.org

Florida Gold Seal of Excellence

Family child care homes and centers that are nationally accredited (by pre-approved national organizations) are eligible to receive the Florida Gold Seal of Excellence which is administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families. 850-488-4900

Master Provider Credential

This is a five-level family child care provider credential based on years of experience and education credentials. This program is offered through PathFinders Unlimited, Inc. 954-587-6735

M.E.N.T.O.R Certification Program

This program offers training and a certification process for active, experienced and credentialed, licensed family child care providers to become state-wide mentors and instructors. This peer program is administered by FCCCHA. 954-581-1192



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- An annual statewide Conference and Leadership Summit.
- Quarterly meetings, training classes and newsletters.
- Up-to-date information on state and national child care issues.
- Free and discounted curriculum and business resources.
- Scholarship opportunities
- Leadership training and on-going support.
- Parent involvement activities that include discounted parent membership, awards, newsletter articles and community awareness activities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Local Early Learning Coalitions administer the local VPK—Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten and the school readiness program providing financial assistance to families. Limited mini-grants or scholarships may be available for professional development, and program enhancement of a family child care program.

Local Licensing agencies administer the registration and/or licensing process. myflorida.com/childcare

Local Child Care and Adult Food Programs offer reimbursements to licensed child care programs that serve nutritious meals and snacks to the children in their care.

Local Family Child Care Associations—Chapters of FCCCHA are available around the state and offer providers training and a variety of benefits.

Local Training and Technical Assistance is available either through your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency or Early Learning Coalition.

Local Community Colleges offer early childhood education and/or child development courses for CDA, Director Credential, and college credit and degrees.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarships are available to help child care providers get their CDA, Director Credential, and Associate degree in early childhood education. Toll free: 877-358-3224

MISSION

Our mission is to represent a united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage quality professional family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring and love.

FLORIDA FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Type of Membership (check one)
- FCC Provider*\$30
 - Advocate\$15
 - Parent/Client\$10
 - Agency\$55

** We encourage you to join FCCCHA through your local chapter to receive more benefits. Visit our website for local contact information.*

Individual members wishing to join the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) may purchase their individual NAFCC membership at a discount rate through FCCCHA. Add \$30 to your membership dues above to become individual members of both associations.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make your **check or money order** payable to:
FCCCHA, Inc. and mail to **FCCCHA, Membership**
9207 Edgemont Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33434

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FFCCHA IS HERE FOR YOU!



The **Florida Family Child Care Home Association** membership is open to all licensed and registered family child care providers throughout the state of Florida. Membership is also open to parents, agency staff and child care advocates to support the professional growth and development of quality family child care.

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Promoting professionalism within the field of early care and education.

WHY JOIN AN ASSOCIATION

- To support a unified voice for local, state and national issues
- To network and share ideas with peers
- To receive training and mentoring from peers
- To receive up-to-date information regarding state and national news
- To be part of a statewide public awareness campaign

GOALS

- Positive public awareness of the advantages of quality family child care.
- Availability and affordability of training and technical assistance for family child care providers.
- Pride and professionalism for family child care providers.
- Development and support of local family child care associations.
- Advocacy for quality early care and education for all children.



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There's No Place Like Home!



Florida Family Child Care Home Association

QUALITY CARE . . .

FROM PROVIDERS WITH LOVE TO SHARE!

Owning and operating your own family child care program can be the most rewarding job! Child care providers have the unique opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of the children in their care and the families they serve. How many jobs in the world actually influence our society as much as child care providers? In family child care, the children in your care and their families may even become an extension of your own family.

However, there are inherent challenges in any career. Here are some of the major keys to success that FFCCHA will help you meet:

- Attend on-going training classes to gain valuable knowledge and new skills.
- Read professional magazines, newsletters and research to keep up-to-date regarding new techniques and resources.
- Network with other providers to share information and experiences.
- Work toward professional credentials such as your CDA, National Accreditation, Master Provider, Director Credential, and college degrees.
- Join a professional child care association and get involved.