

Welcome !!!

For more information on the location of our meetings please check our website or feel free to contact any of the Board members.

www.flca.info



FLCA's Mission Statement

FLCA is dedicated to building & sustaining a statewide association that advocates for lactation professionals & the advancement of the profession of IBCLC.

Joining FLCA

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st each year. Payments can be made online through PayPal via the FLCA website or by downloading the membership form from the website and mailing it with the payment to the address on the form. Payment may also be done at a FLCA meeting. You may join at any time during the year. If you join between January 1st & September 30th, dues will be applied to the current year. If dues are paid on or after October 1st, your membership will begin January 1st.

Membership Fees

\$40.00/year Individual

\$20.00/year Volunteer

Quarterly Meetings

February ~ 1st Saturday

May ~ 1st Saturday

August ~ 2nd Saturday

November ~ 1st Saturday

- 10am-12 pm Business meeting
- 12-1pm Lunch (we order out with each person paying for their lunch in the morning)
- 1-3pm Education (CERPS are free to members. Non-members pay \$20.00)

FLORIDA LACTATION CONSULTANT ASSOCIATION

Purposes of FLCA

The Golden Bow is the symbol for breastfeeding promotion, protection, & support. One loop represents the mother. The other loop represents the child. The knot is the father, the family, & society. Without the knot there would be no bow. Without the support, breastfeeding cannot succeed.



The ribbon is symmetrical, telling us the mother & child are both vital to successful breastfeeding ~ neither is to the left or to the right, signifying neither is precedent, both are needed.

The color gold symbolizes that breastfeeding is the gold standard for infant feeding.

Origin of the gold bow being used is unknown.

- To serve as a local affiliate of the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) & abide by its bylaws & policies.
- To enhance the reputation, image, & credibility of lactation consultants.
- To improve the status of the lactation consultant profession.
- To improve continuing education for lactation consultants.
- To serve as a network of information for lactation consultants.

FLCA is dedicated to creating a climate among health professionals, parents, & the general population which promotes, supports, & protects breastfeeding as the optimal method of infant feeding.

FLCA encourages collaborative work among its members & other maternal-child healthcare professionals. We support & encourage professional growth of our members and all those working with breastfeeding women and children through the state of Florida

Membership Benefits

A 1 year subscription to *Lactation Currents*, FLCA's quarterly newsletter

Free continuing education credits at quarterly meetings.

Discounted registration at FLCA's biennial conference.

Use of FLCA's library

Added to FLCA's Yahoo E-group to communicate with other members.

Entitled to a listing on FLCA's website in the *Lactation Services Resource Directory*

A password to enter FLCA's members only section of the website

Join or renew ILCA/USLCA at group discount with other FLCA members in November of each year.



FAQ

- **Do members have to be IBCLC's?** Members do not have to be IBCLC's. FLCA encourages and mentors members to become IBCLC's but it is not mandatory.
- **How do I join FLCA?** On the FLCA website: You may pay online or print member form and mail to address at bottom of form with payment. Or, you may join at any meeting.
- **Do I have to attend meetings?** Meetings enable you to network, utilize our expanding library, and continue to help your growth in this profession
- **Are the Board positions paid positions?** Each board member and committee member position are in volunteer positions. There are no paid positions.