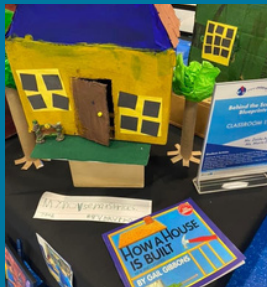


A HOW-TO GUIDE

# FLAEYC Chapter Booklet

How to Join a Chapter &  
How to Start a Chapter



# Table of Contents



Introduction	02
Chapter One: Meet Our Chapters	03
Chapter Two: How to Join a Chapter	10
Chapter Three: How to Start a Chapter	13
Chapter Four: FAQ	14



# INTRODUCTION

*Hi! We are glad you're here and interested in learning more about FLAEYC's Chapters. FLAEYC welcomes all members to consider joining one of our local or statewide Chapters.*

## What's a Chapter?

A Chapter is a dynamic group of vibrant members who share a common interest and have mutually agreed to work towards specific collaborative goals.

This book is for anyone who is interested in joining or starting a Chapter!





**CHAPTER 1**

# Meet Our Chapters

---

Pinellas  
Chapter

Play  
Chapter

North  
Central  
Florida  
Chapter

North  
Florida  
Chapter

South Florida  
Collaborative  
Chapter

Tampa  
Bay  
Chapter



# Pinellas Chapter



## Chapter Mission

Our Mission is to positively impact the early childhood education industry within Pinellas County through services and community involvement.

## Chapter Values

- Developmental and educational services and resources
- Growth and development of our membership

## What We Do As a Chapter

- Annual conference
- Virtual Director's Cafes
- Children's Week

## Service & Volunteer Opportunities

- Sub-committees to plan and facilitate events
- Opportunities to present
- Open board positions

## Counties Served

- Pinellas Counth

## Contact

 [PinChapFLAEYC@gmail.com](mailto:PinChapFLAEYC@gmail.com)



# Play Chapter



## Chapter Mission

Communicate with teachers, parents, program directors, and the broader community the critical importance of quality play experiences for young children in all areas of development, including social-emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual with emphasis on resilience and discovery learning.

## Chapter Values

- Fun
- Play
- Collaboration

## What We Do As a Chapter

- We respect and safeguard the child's right to play through leadership, play education, seminars, Advocacy, and professional development opportunities.


## Service & Volunteer Opportunities


- Virtual meetings
- Book study
- Conferences and Symposiums,
- Community outreach and advocacy

## Counties Served

- All Florida Counties and Nationally\*

## Contact

 [flaeycplaychapter@gmail.com](mailto:flaeycplaychapter@gmail.com)

 <https://www.flaeyc.org/play-chapter>



# North Central Florida Chapter

## Chapter Mission

Our goal is to positively impact the early childhood education industry in the state and within North Central Florida through services and community involvement.

## Chapter Values

- Professional Development
- Community
- Service

## What We Do As a Chapter

- Annual conference
- Educator and family workshops
- Local community events



## Service & Volunteer Opportunities

- Plan and volunteer for community events
- Share expertise (through trainings, workshops, and meetings)
- Become board member
- Donations



## Counties Served

- Alachua, Gilchrist, Putnam, Dixie, and Bradford

## Contact

✉ [ncflchapterinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ncflchapterinfo@gmail.com)



# North Florida Chapter

## Chapter Mission

Our chapter mission is to provide support to those professionals in the field of early learning, through continued professional development, mentoring, and advocacy.

## Chapter Values

- Diversity
- Integrity
- Passion



## What We Do As a Chapter

- Annual collaborative conference
- Free trainings for local childcare programs
- Participation in food and diaper giveaways
- Community back to school drives.

## Service & Volunteer Opportunities

- Monthly in person meetings
- Annual collaborative conference

## Counties Served

- Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns, Baker

## Contact

 [nfchapterflaeyc@gmail.com](mailto:nfchapterflaeyc@gmail.com)





# South Florida Collaborative Chapter



## Chapter Mission

Promoting and supporting quality care and education for all young children, birth through age eight, in Florida at the local, state and national levels.

## Chapter Values

- Respect the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of each individual (child, family members, and colleague) we serve within our communities.
- Respect diversity in children, families, and colleagues.
- Recognize that adults achieve their full potential in the context of relationships that are based on trust and respect.

## What We Do As a Chapter

- Mobilize on behalf of high-quality early childhood education with other educators, leaders, parents, and allies
- Spread the word of a voice united in America for Early Ed.


## Service & Volunteer Opportunities


- Chapter meetings
- Check our Facebook for more opportunities

## Counties Served

- Miami Dade and Monroe

## Contact

 South Florida Collaborative chapter of FLAEYC

 eta58@att.net or liz81@aol.com



# Tampa Bay Chapter

## Chapter Mission

To build a foundation by creating collaborative partnerships and support among all early childhood professionals.

## Chapter Values

- Networking
- Support
- Resources
- Partnerships

## What We Do As a Chapter

- Membership meeting in the evening
- Networking event
- Professional development opportunities
- Help schools develop staff meetings
- Team building



## Service & Volunteer Opportunities

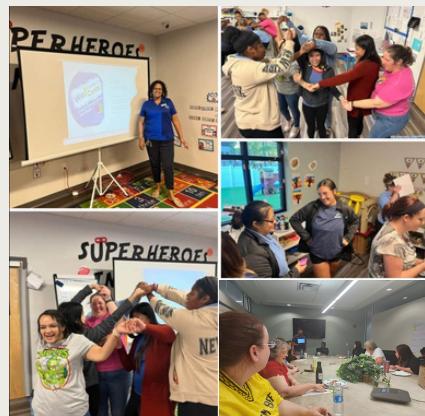
- Monthly in person meetings
- Professional development

## Counties Served

- Hillsborough and surrounding areas

## Contact

✉ [qeestampabaychapter@gmail.com](mailto:qeestampabaychapter@gmail.com)



# CHAPTER 2

## How to Join a Chapter

Chapter participation is open to all NAEYC members and is not limited to geography or professional background. Members may participate in as many chapters as they wish.

## Why Join a Chapter?



Connect with Professionals



Networking Events



Leadership Opportunities



Support your Community



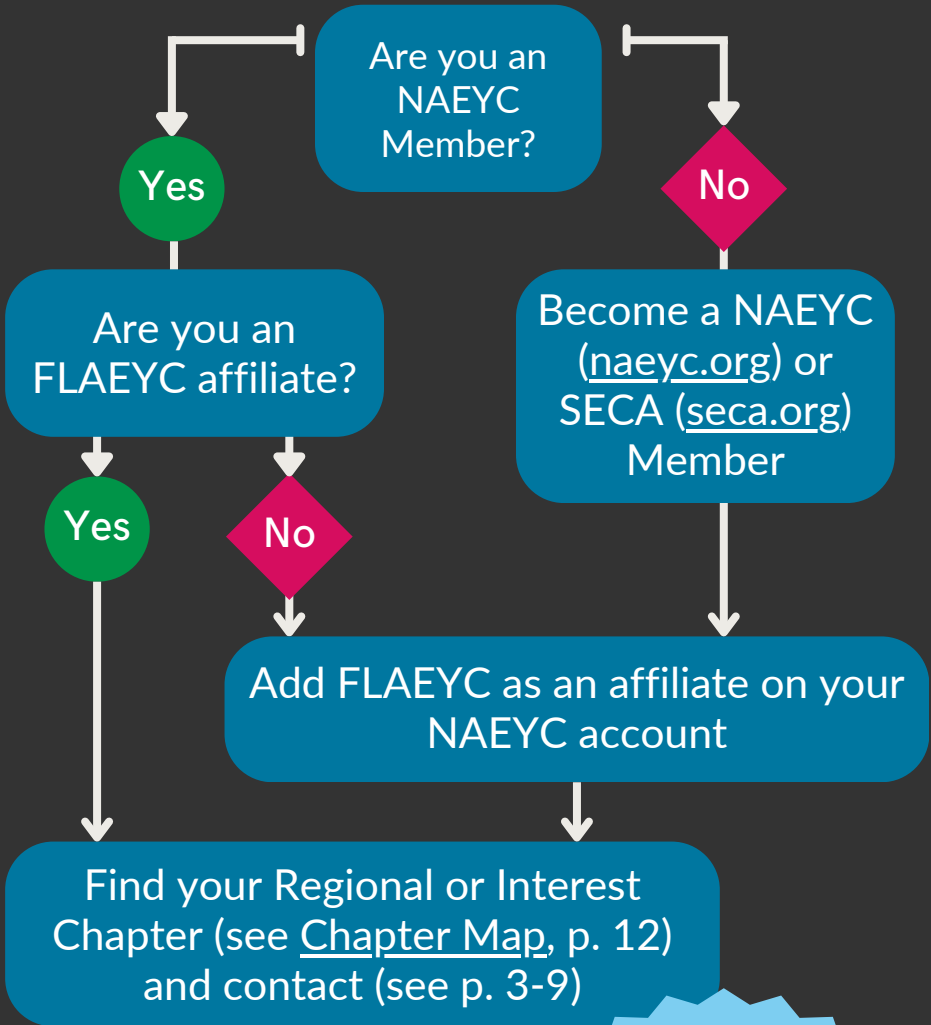
Advocacy



More



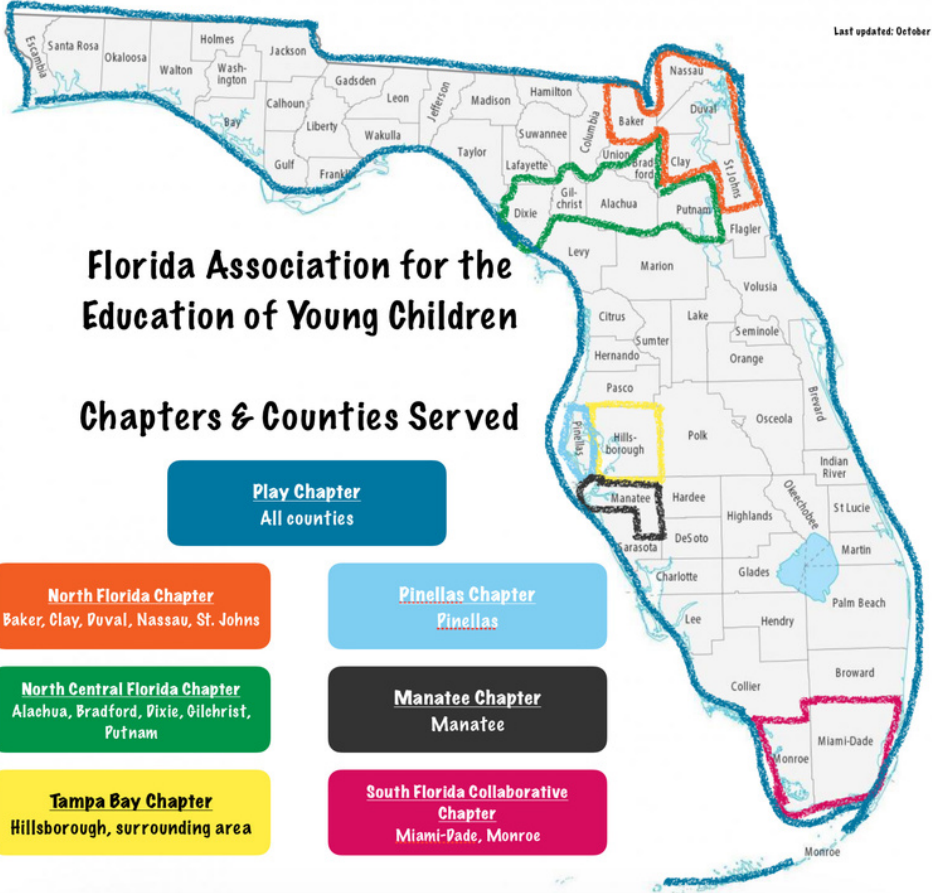
# How to Join a Chapter



Don't see a chapter in your region and want to create your own? See [Chapter 3](#) (p. 13)



# Chapter Map



# CHAPTER 3

## How to Start A Chapter

---

### What are the active ingredients that are needed to start and sustain a Chapter?

- Build a group of strong, diverse, passionate, and inclusive members
- Foster a culture of collaboration, networking, and professional development
- Stay connected with technology

### Resources

Check out the **FLAEYC Chapter Toolkit** ([flaeyc.org](http://flaeyc.org)) where you can find FLAYEC Policies, FLAEYC Bylaws, and Chapter Agreement for more guidelines, tips, and other resources.





## CHAPTER 4

# FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

---

### **Can I join more than one Chapter?**

Yes, you can join as many Chapters as you like!

### **Is there a limit to how little or many members join a Chapter?**

No, there are a few suggested positions for creating a Chapter such as Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### **How does Chapter funding and finances work?**

FLAEYC has a [Chapter Toolkit](#) with all sorts of resources for Chapters. You will find the policies, bylaws, funding templates, and more.



*We hope to see you soon!*

**FLAEYC Contact:**

<https://www.flaec.org>

850-296-2443

[info@flaec.org](mailto:info@flaec.org)