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Florida Association for the
Education of Young Children

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2024-25

FLAEYC

Welcome Letter

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for your unwavering dedication and support. Your commitment to our mission has been instrumental in driving forward our efforts to promote excellence in early childhood education for Florida’s children, families, and early childhood workforce.

Throughout the year, your generosity, passion, and collaboration have enabled us to make significant strides in advancing our goals. Together, we have created invaluable opportunities and resources that have positively impacted countless lives within our community.

As we embark on another year of continued growth and innovation, we extend our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for your ongoing support. Your belief in our vision inspires us to push boundaries and strive for excellence in all that we do.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of Florida’s youngest learners, their families, and those who nurture their development.

We warmly welcome you to explore the achievements of the past year within this report and join us in our collective endeavor to cultivate a thriving Florida community. Let’s embrace the journey of progress and work together towards a future where every individual flourishes.



Wendy Occhipinti

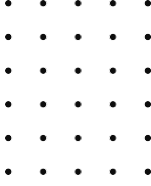
Wendy Occhipinti, Executive Director



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FLAEYC About Us



The Florida Association for the Education of Young Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to strengthening and supporting Florida’s early childhood community. We are the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the largest early childhood professional organization in the world, and the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA).



Florida Association for the Education of Young Children

Vision

The vision of the FLAEYC is that every child and family have access to quality services and every early childhood professional is highly respected, skilled, fully supported, and equitably compensated for the valuable role they play in the lives of children and families.

Mission

The mission of the FLAEYC is to benefit children and families by providing leadership, advocacy and professional development for early childhood professionals.

Our Team



Left to right:
Wendy Occhipinti, Executive Director
Jennifer Latterell, Member Engagement Specialist
Janice Steibly, Finance Manager

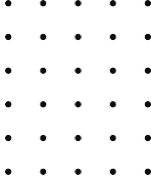
2024-25 by the Numbers

250 -300 Average monthly FLAEYC members	66 Florida counties with FLAEYC members
7 Local FLAEYC Chapters	226 NAEYC Accredited Programs in Florida
1 Statewide FLAEYC Chapter	



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Accreditation Facilitation Project



FLAEYC is an Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP), approved and endorsed by NAEYC. In its capacity as an AFP, FLAEYC provides direct support to childcare centers, preschools and other early learning programs in Florida striving to achieve improvements in both program quality and accreditation. FLAEYC will provide technical assistance and other support to programs working on NAEYC Accreditation through individually tailored services. FLAEYC helps programs understand the steps of the accreditation process and the language of NAEYC Accreditation.



Our Consultant Team



Left to right:
Joan Mendel, Antonia Corrales, & Maria Serra

30 Number of programs supported	2500+ Number of children impacted
100 Number of Peer Group Members	150 Number of Accreditation Symposium attendees



Kids For Kids Academy would like to thank FLAEYC, especially Wendy Occhipinti, who has been advocating for and mentoring Kids for Kids Academy for months now and arranged for today's call and assisted tirelessly in this positive outcome.



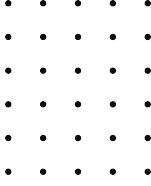
I'm pleased to inform you that our center has successfully achieved official accreditation! I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support throughout my journey. Your expertise and assistance have been very valued and appreciated.





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One Voice Advocacy Coalition



Our One Voice Advocacy Coalition, consisting of over 300 dedicated members, meets monthly to discuss, learn, and advocate for early educators. Together, we work to bring attention to the vital role early education plays in shaping our communities and to drive policy changes that benefit educators and children alike.

With that mission in mind, FLAEYC's Day on the Hill Event was a tremendous success! During the event, we had the privilege of meeting with five representatives and one senator, attending both Senate and House meetings, as well as sitting in on an education committee meeting. One of the key highlights was when Senator Calatayud, of Miami, publicly recognized FLAEYC on the Senate floor.



300 +

One Voice Advocacy
Coalition Members

12

Day on the Hill
Advocates



This trip definitely opened my eyes, and I cannot wait to see what's to come and how we can make an impact!



FLAEYC Day on the Hill, February 2024



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2023 FLAEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference

Each year, FLAEYC hosts Florida's premier Early Childhood Education Annual Conference that brings its members and other individuals within the ECE community together. Our 2023 FLAEYC Annual Conference was held from October 11 through October 15, 2023, in Orlando, Florida, at the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate where attendees "**Reignited Their Passion**" for Early Childhood Education! The FLAEYC conference is designed to have something for everyone. FLAEYC is committed to giving our members, attendees and partners a high value experience.



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Attendees

146

Presenters

66

Sponsors/Exhibitors

5

Keynote Speakers

95%

95% of survey respondents agreed breakout sessions were high quality

93%

93% of survey respondents believe conference management was highly effective



What I loved most was that our young and brand-new teachers and veteran teachers were all inspired. That's quite an accomplishment!



This conference was a fantastic experience for me, and I was deeply impressed by the valuable insights and knowledge I gained. It was my first time attending and it left a lasting impact!





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Statewide & Local Chapters

FLAEYC welcomes all members to consider joining one of our local or statewide chapters. A chapter is a group of members who share a common interest and have mutually agreed to work towards specific goals. Chapter participation is open to all members and is not limited to geography or professional background. Members may participate in as many chapters as they wish.



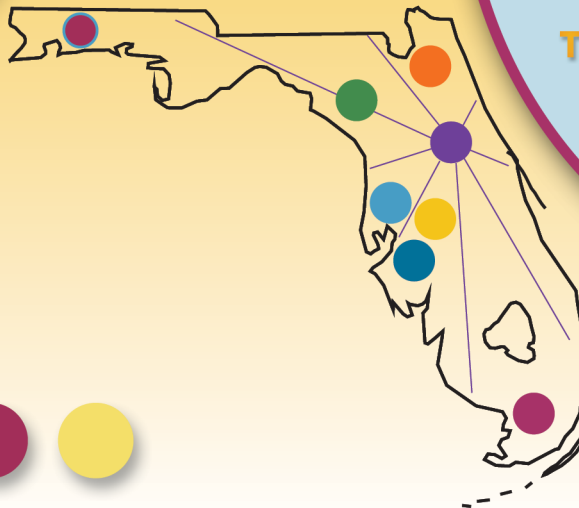
FLAEYC Local and Statewide Chapters

2024

FLAEYC CHAPTERS



FIND YOUR CHAPTER AND JOIN TODAY!



North Florida

North Central Florida

Northwest Florida

Play Chapter

Pinellas

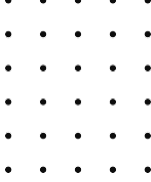
Tampa Bay

Manatee

South Florida



FLAEYC
Member Awards



Annually, FLAEYC members put forth nominations for their peers to receive our prestigious awards. These distinguished individuals will be honored and celebrated at the FLAEYC Member Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 18th, at the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate.



Congrats to our 2024 Winners!



Children’s Champion
 Alfred Sanchez, CEO
 Greater Miami Chamber
 Of Commerce



Advocate of the Year
 Paola Lopez
 Owner Kinderoo Academy



Barbara Finck Award
 K. Lee Tirpak, Sr. Director
 Achievement Centers for
 Children and Families



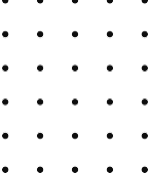
Early Educator of the Year
 Janibel Torres
 Jack and Jill Center



Local Leaders of the Year
 Camille Mendez
 Pinellas Chapter



Local Leaders of the Year
 Juelie Perry Schwartz
 Play Chapter



As of June 30, 2024

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$504,000
Accounts Receivable	\$43,993
Total Current Assets	\$543,993

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$89,040
Other Current Liabilities	\$2,381
Total Current Liabilities	\$91,421

Net Assets

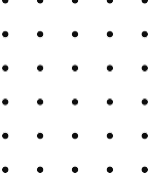
Without Donor Restrictions	\$292,190
With Donor Restrictions	\$160,322
Total Net Assets	\$452,512

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$543,993
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Funnydaffer	Teaching Strategies
Green Space Learning	The Children's Movement
Happy Feet Tampa Bay	Wonderschool
Hatch Early Learning	

2024-25 FLAEYC Program Funders

The Bainum Family Foundation

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who championed our cause to foster excellence in early childhood education for the benefit of Florida's children, families, and the dedicated early childhood workforce!

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