

**INFANT MENTAL HEALTH**

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DO NOT PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE FAIMH DIRECTORY

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**Please Check the Appropriate Membership Category:**

**\$25.00 FAIMH: Individual Membership** - Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Individual Membership

**Free FAIMH: Student Membership** - Full-time Students w/ copy of student ID & email address

**\$75.00\*\* WAIMH Individual Membership** - World Association for Infant Mental Health Individual Membership

**\$45.00\*\* WAIMH Student Membership** - World Association for Infant Mental Health Individual Membership

\*\* Payable only by credit card to WAIMH at: [www.waimh.org](http://www.waimh.org)

**COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

I am interested in working on one or two of the following FAIMH committees: (*Indicate preference with number 1 or 2 in box*)

Education and Professional Development Committee

Membership, Communication and Social Marketing

Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy

Research and Best Practices

Funding/Sustainability

Nominating (Standing Committee)

**Return completed form with check payable to FAIMH to:**

**Florida State University Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy (FSU CPEIP) Attention: FAIMH  
1339 East Lafayette Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301**

**FAIMH Local Chapters**

*Please check if you are a member of a local IMH chapter. If not, please join!*

Broward Infant Mental Health Chapter

Capital Area Infant Mental Health Chapter (*Tallahassee & surrounding areas*)

Central Florida Infant Mental Health Chapter (*Orange, Osceola, Seminole & Brevard*)

Escambia County Chapter of Infant Mental Health

Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County (*Tampa area*)

Emerald Coast IMH Chapter (*Bay, Holmes, Washington, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson Counties*)

Great Beginnings - Okaloosa Walton Alliance for Emotional Stability in Early Childhood (*Okaloosa & Walton County*)

Infant Mental Health Vision Council (*Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa & Walton Counties*)

Manatee Infant Mental Health Chapter

Miami Infant Mental Health Chapter of FAIMH

Naples

North Central Florida IMH Chapter (*Gainesville area*)

North Florida Infant Mental Health Chapter (*Duval, Clay, Baker, Nassau, & St. Johns*)

Palm Beach County Early Childhood Social Emotional Wellness Network

Early Childhood Mental Health Committee of Pinellas/Pasco Counties

Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Infant Mental Health Association (*Sarasota County*)

Santa Rosa Chapter of Infant Mental Health

Tri-County Association for Infant Mental Health (*Polk, Hardee, Highlands Counties*)

Volusia/Flagler IMH Chapter



## ***Membership, Communication and Social Marketing***

The Membership Committee is responsible for cultivating continued and new membership with the Association. The goals of the committee include helping members be a part of a community that works to support the healthy social and emotional development of infants, toddlers and their families. Committee meetings focus on identifying strategies for expanding our membership through speaking engagements at colleges, agencies, etc., as well as providing opportunities for membership connections, either geographically or by employment field.

### **Committee Objectives and Activities:**

- Expand membership and link up people who live in the same communities
- Increase the diversity of members (e.g., student, statewide, and groups) and connect communities of people
- Providing opportunities for membership connections specifically through the FAIMH organization website

The Committee meets a few times throughout the year. New members are always welcome. For more information and to become involved, please contact either of the committee co-chairs.

### **Committee Co-Chairs:**

Cherie Pagan  
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## ***Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy***

The Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee's purpose is to advance the Association's participation and visibility in the policy-making process. Embedded in the Association's strategic plan is a goal to develop a niche within the infant/early childhood policy arena in Florida. The Association is comprised of so many knowledgeable and talented professionals who can provide important insight and expertise to policy makers. FAIMH is providing an organized forum through which to stay informed about and get involved in public policy and advocacy issues related to infant/early childhood mental health without having to slog through the complexity of the legislature and broader issues being addressed.

### **Committee Objectives and Activities:**

- Monitor early childhood advocacy activities in Florida and mobilize members around relevant issues as appropriate
- Keep members abreast of infant/early childhood policy and advocacy developments and provide regular updates and action alerts
- Develop and promote opportunities for advocacy training for members through the annual conference
- Collaborate with other early childhood organizations to mobilize an early childhood mental health agenda

The Committee meets every other month by phone conference and new members are always welcome. For more information or to become involved, please contact either of the committee co-chairs.

### **Committee Co-Chairs:**

Kathryn Shea

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## ***Research and Best Practices***

The Research and Best Practices Committee has constructed a research web site to provide members with research articles relevant to early childhood development and best practices. The responsibilities of this committee include:

- To review best practices in the area of infant mental health and make these available to FAMIH members through the web site
- To support continued growth of a community of professionals who can provide services, training, and consultation around best practice topic areas in infant mental health
- To identify, review, and disseminate information regarding research related to the mental health of young children and their families through the web site and professional presentation
- To establish links to and communication with researchers and scholars in the field of infant mental health at universities, colleges, and other academic or research entities

The committee meets every other month by e-mail or phone conferencing and new members are always welcome. To get involved or request more information, please contact of the committee chair.

### **Committee Chair**

James McHale

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## ***Funding/Sustainability***

The primary goal of this committee is to secure reimbursement for IMH treatment services being provided to children and families in Florida, to include DC: 0-3R axis I and II diagnosis.

### **Committee Objectives and Activities:**

- Committee members will review/discuss all known existing funding options for IMH services
- Committee members will outline existing funding mechanisms for IMH treatment services being used by Florida region/district/community/chapter reps
  - a. A funding survey will be developed and distributed for completion by March 20, 2009
- Committee members will distribute information on existing reimbursement strategies being utilized to Florida region/district/community/chapter reps
- With assistance from Chapters, Committee members will identify funding sources not being utilized/maximized for IMH service reimbursement
- The Committee will assist in facilitating action plans to maximize funding not currently being utilized

The Committee meets every other month by phone conference and new members are always welcome. For more information or to become involved, please contact the committee chair.

### **Committee Chair**

Tammy Burton  
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## ***Nominating (Standing Committee)***

The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) individuals, of whom at least one (1) shall be a Director. A Director shall serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall recommend annually, and from time to time upon the request of the Board, candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for election to the Board and Officer positions at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the members. In preparing each slate of candidates required herein, the Nominating Committee shall consider each candidate's qualifications and commitment to the Association. The Nominating Committee also shall attempt to prepare each slate of candidates in a manner which promotes diversity by considering candidates who are geographically, racially, and ethnically diverse and who represent a variety of professional disciplines.

The Committee meets at a minimum of four times per year by phone conference and new members are always welcome. For more information or to become involved, please contact the committee chair.

### **Committee Chair**

Brian McEwen

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