



First 5 Alabama[®]

Alabama Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

The Alabama Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (AAIECMH) was formed in January 2017 and will operate under the name of *First 5 Alabama*. During this time, the AAIECMH became a licensed affiliate of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health[®], a global organization that includes those states and countries whose infant mental health associations have licensed the use of the Competency Guidelines[®] and Endorsement[®] for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health[®] under their associations' names.

Purpose and goals of the Association:

- ❖ promote the healthy social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of children from conception through five years of age through supportive and nurturing relationships;
- ❖ facilitate interdisciplinary cooperation among individuals concerned with promoting conditions that will bring about the optimal development of infants and young children;
- ❖ encourage the realization that infancy is a sensitive period in the psychosocial development of individuals and to promote education, research, and study of the effects of mental development during infancy on later normal and psychopathological development; and
- ❖ promote the education, professional development, and Endorsement[®] of professionals across multiple disciplines to increase the supply of early childhood mental health consultants to enhance programs of care, intervention, and prevention of mental impairment in infancy and early childhood.

Who should join? Anyone interested in the healthy development of children pre-birth to age five.

Association membership is also required for those seeking one of the four categories of Endorsement[®] appropriate for practitioners, teachers, counselors, and leaders in the early childhood and mental health fields. Association members get advance notice and first opportunity in training and professional development opportunities and activities of the Association.

Regular Membership

1 Year Association Dues \$25.00 (Professional)	1 Year Agency Membership (up to 10 staff) \$250
1 Year Association Dues \$15.00 (Student)	1 Year Agency Membership (up to 20 staff) \$500
1 Year Association Dues \$10.00 (Parent)	

Regular One-Year: Professional \$25___ Student \$15___ Parent \$10___

Agency One-Year: (up to 10 staff) \$250___ Agency One-Year: (up to 20 staff) \$500___

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency or Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checks should be made payable to the **Alabama Partnership for Children** and mailed to:

Alabama Partnership for Children
Attn: AAIECMH *First 5 Alabama*
2529 Bell Road
Montgomery, Alabama 36117



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Founded January 31, 2017

Founding Partners and Charter Board Members:

Alabama Partnership for Children (manages the Association)
Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education
Alabama Department of Education
Alabama Department of Human Resources
Alabama Department of Mental Health
Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Early Intervention

At-Large Board Members 2017:

Madeleine Blancher, M.D.
Jim Raines, Tri County Mental Health
Dr. Melissa Werner, Adult and Child Psychotherapy
Dr. Amanda Evans, Asst. Prof. of Counselor Education, and
Coordinator of Clinical MH Services, Auburn University

An affiliate of:



Alliance for the Advancement of
Infant Mental Health

For information on the Alliance and the Endorsement® process visit:
<http://mi-aimh.org/for-imh-professionals/endorsement/>

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For additional information and questions, please contact:

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