

**CH.A.O.S.**  
**Children Are Our Specialty**

*The following will serve as Bylaws of the organization:*

**Article 1: Name and Address**

The name of the organization shall be Children Are Our Specialty ( CHAOS ).

The address of the organization shall be the current President's home address.

**Article 2: Mission Statement**

To provide child care providers, families and community in the following ways:

Provide continuing education related to the field of child care.

Promote quality child care.

Raise the level of professionalism in the field of child care in our community.

Provide networking and mentoring opportunities for all providers.

Foster public awareness on issues pertaining to child care.

**Article 3: Membership**

Membership is open to all individuals regardless of sex, race, religion, sexual orientation or national origin. These include, but not limited to, Family Child Care Providers, Parents, Group Child Care staff, Resource and Referral Agencies, State and County Agencies, Teachers and community based groups.

Membership is from September 1 - August 31. Membership is accepted throughout the year. The annual membership dues are \$18.00.

Dues will be determined by the Executive Board and by vote within the organization.

**Article 4: Board of Directors**

CHAOS will consist of the following elected positions:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. President

2. Vice President

3. Secretary

Treasurer will be an appointed by the Executive Board (*appointed by the president, approved by the board*)

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

1. Membership

2. Newsletter

3. Planning Committee

4. Outreach Committee

5. Nominating Committee

6. Provider Appreciation

**SPECIALTY COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

1. Heartbeat of Childcare Conference

2. Parade of Homes

Executive Board Members must be a regulated provider or teacher that have a clear understanding of the Early Child Care Community, act in a professional manner at all times, be a current CHAOS member of at least one year, and be in "good standing" with the regulating agencies.

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and handle the day to day operations.

The Executive Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting in November. Votes will be taken from members in attendance.

The Board will hold at least 3 meetings per calendar year. A quorum for conducting the business of the Board shall not be less than 4 members with the power to vote.

Board members are expected to carry out their assigned responsibilities that are outlined in the CHAOS Board Folders. If at any time they can not fulfill their responsibilities or do not comply, they may be relieved of office by a majority vote of the board. Appointment of a replacement shall be made by the President, with the approval of the board.

The Committee Chairs shall be filled on a volunteer basis and can be filled by any current CHAOS member, in good standing. If more than one person wants a position, they can choose to be co-chairs or it can be voted upon at the November elections.

**\*Note:** \*No one board member may run for two executive offices at the same time.

**Board Members will assume their elected positions in December.**

#### **Article 5: Meetings**

CHAOS will provide a minimum of 6 meetings per calendar year. Meetings will be held from January through December with exception of June, July and August.

#### **Article 6: Amendments**

Bylaws may be amended or revised by a simple majority vote of those members in attendance at any meeting.

Members will be notified, via the newsletter or a postcard, at least 14 days prior to any meeting where revisions will be voted upon.

Bylaws will be reviewed at the first Executive Board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

#### **Article 7: Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to any state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

***Bylaws accepted by majority rule on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_***

***Signature of Current President \_\_\_\_\_***

***Signature of Current Secretary \_\_\_\_\_***