



## Flag of Italy Icebreaker

- Start by picking any flag which contains the color BLUE in it
- Move your finger LEFT or RIGHT to the nearest flag which contains some GREEN in it
- Now move UP or DOWN to the nearest flag with some YELLOW in it
- Finally, move LEFT or DOWN to the nearest flag which contains GREEN in it
- YOU SHOULD ALL BE ON THE FLAG OF ITALY!





## Ice Breaker – Flag Activity

“There are Many Paths to Financial Literacy/Financial Security”

Show flags either on a PowerPoint slide or by printing them out in color and passing them out individually. (Note: The individual sheets can be laminated and used repeatedly if you like.)

Tell the group that you’re going to give them the directions for a fun and quick activity and will then explain how it applies to why they’re at today’s program. Give the directions slowly and clearly, step by step. At the end...everyone should end up at the same flag, the flag of Italy which is the striped flag, second from the bottom left corner. Sometimes it’s good to take the group through the directions a second time in case someone missed it...or so they can try it again because they may find it hard to believe how this works! This is the fun part!

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Now explain the connection between the activity and what we’re teaching about Financial Literacy or Financial Counseling. The general explanation is to tell the group that there are many paths to Financial Literacy or Financial Security...just as there are many roads or paths to Italy...just like we saw on the flag activity! Yet, we can all end being financially sound, safe, secure, stable, etc., regardless of the path we take, as long as the path is a financially healthy one that we’ve done our best to live within and manage.

