



A personal note from Linda McKinnon, CEO.

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Speaking at the opening session of the White House conference on mental health, President Obama said, "Struggling with a mental illness or caring for someone who does can be isolating. It begins to feel as if, not only are you alone, but that you shouldn't burden others with the challenge." The conference is part of Obama's response to last year's shooting massacre at a Connecticut elementary school. While the President emphasized that most people with mental health problems are not violent, he said untreated mental illness can lead to larger tragedies. Top administration officials, along with actors Bradley Cooper and Glenn Close, were among those participating in the conference. The agenda included discussions of insurance coverage for mental health care and substance abuse, recognizing the signs of mental illness in young people and improved access for veterans. The overall goal is reducing the stigma of mental health problems and encouraging those who are struggling to get help. About 150 invited attendees including mental health advocates and patients, health care providers, educators, faith leaders, law makers, and local government officials from across the country joined Vice President Joe Biden during the closing address from the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. An expanded summation is included below and those interested can go to www.thewhitehouse.gov for more information.

This week we E-Meet Board Member Gaye Williams. The complete Board Membership is on our website under a tab at the top of our home page. All Board Member profiles are housed there and you can also navigate to read the minutes of previous board meetings.

As always this week's E-News features timely information on special events that recognize people and issues we are passionate about. Here's hoping your week goes well!

Gaye Williams is a CFBHN Board Member

[E-Meet Gaye](#)



Born in Sparta, GA, a graduate of the Drake Business School in New York City, holding a Business administration degree from Warner Southern College, and completing her Master's in Business Administration at the University of South Florida, W. Gaye Williams first joined the team of Florida Rural Health Services (now known as [Central Florida Health Care](#)) in 1972 as a Dental Assistant. She was named Executive Director of the organization in 1992, and became Chief Executive Officer in 1993, a role she still holds today. Under her stewardship, the organization has expanded to seven locations in three counties. In addition to her board service on behalf of CHCA, she serves on the board of the Florida Rural Health Association and the Florida Heartland Rural Health Network.

President Obama Issues Call – Bring Mental Illness “Out of the Shadows”

[Distinguished list of guests rounded out live streaming program](#)



On June 3, 2013, President Obama and Vice President Biden hosted a National Conference. While millions of Americans live with and recover from mental health problems, those who need help are too often afraid to seek it because of the shame and secrecy associated with mental illness. The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (under Secretary Kathleen Sibelius) and Education have worked with the White House to bring together people from across the country, including mental health advocates, educators, health care providers, faith leaders, and individuals who have lived with mental health problems. These individuals discussed how we can all work together to reduce negative attitudes and misperceptions about mental illness and help the millions of Americans living with mental health problems recognize the importance of reaching out for assistance and not “suffer in silence”.



SAMHSA is answering the President's call to launch a national conversation that will increase the understanding and awareness about mental health by working with a

number of partnering organizations to broaden the conversation and help more people talk about mental health issues. SAMHSA will also release a *Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health* to support communities interested in holding these important conversations using consistent information and approaches.



SAMHSA works to increase awareness of mental health issues, promote mental and emotional health, support recovery, and identify new and existing local strategies to reduce negative attitudes, and help individuals in need access treatment.

You can find nearby treatment through SAMHSA's Treatment Referral line at [1-800-662-4357](tel:1-800-662-4357) (HELP). This toll-free service (in English and Spanish) provides round-the-clock information confidentially on where to go for help on prevention, treatment, and recovery issues related to mental illness or substance use disorders. Similarly, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) (TALK) provides free, confidential, immediate, round-the-clock assistance to people in crisis. Both lines are open to all Americans—including service members, veterans, and their families—365 days a year. Discuss how to work together to reduce stigma and help the millions of Americans living with mental health problems and substance use recognize the importance of reaching out for help.

The National Council also offers new resources that are available to share with people served, their family members, and other community members.

[Fact Sheet: National Dialogue on Mental Health](#)

[MentalHealth.gov Homepage](#)

[Talk about Mental Health](#)

[Recovery Is Possible](#)

[Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#)

[Talk About Mental Health: For Educators](#)

[What to Look For](#)

[Myths and Facts](#)

[Conversations in Your Community](#)

[Stories of Recovery](#)

[Treatment Locator](#)

[What is Mental Health?](#)

They advise that it is important for everyone to share their voice to end stigma, promote awareness, and help people recover. Here are three ways to be part of the National Dialog on Mental Health:

1. Visit www.TheNationalCouncil.org daily to read new blogs and hear about the latest happenings, people, and initiatives in mental health and addictions.
2. Go to www.twitter.com and follow @NationalCouncil and @MentalHealthGov. Share your work in building mental health awareness and understanding using the hashtag #mentalhealthmatters. Your Mental Health First Aid trainings and support of the Mental Health First Aid Act are great fodder for the online conversation.
3. 'Like' www.facebook.com/TheNationalCouncil and www.facebook.com/MentalHealth.gov to get the latest news about the National Dialog on Mental Health.

"SAVE THE DATE" Free Workshops In Jacksonville & Tampa

DCF and FADAA offer expertise in building effective coalitions

The title is *Achieving Collective Impact: How Substance Abuse Coalitions can Link and Align with Other Partnerships in the Community to Reduce Drug Use*.

Workshop 1 will be June 17, 2013, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Hyatt Place Jacksonville Airport, 14565 Duval Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218, 904-741-4184, Room Rate: \$89.00 (mention FADAA), REGISTER: <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=17>

Workshop 2 will be June 18, 2013, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Hyatt Place Tampa Airport Westshore, 4811 W. Main Street, Tampa, FL 33607, 813-282-1037, Room Rate: \$99 (ask for Eva Chin or Jim Trivers and mention FADAA). REGISTER: <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=23>

SCHOLARSHIPS: A limited number of travel scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those traveling more than 50 miles. To request a scholarship, email afoster@fadaa.org. Please indicate the workshop name, date, and location in the email.

About the Workshop: Every community in America has multiple coalitions and partnerships. Even small communities find that they have fragmented work spread out across many coalitions such as provider networks, out-of-school time partnerships, teen pregnancy coalitions, and more. Frequently, these coalitions share members and participants even have been heard to ask, "What coalition meeting is this?" at the beginning of planning sessions. This workshop will describe a ten step process coalitions can follow to link

and align their work to improve everyone's chance of moving population level outcomes. How this ten step process aligns with the strategic prevention framework and other over-arching models will also be explained. Examples from multiple cities and states will be used throughout the workshop to illustrate the power of taking a big picture approach to improving outcomes for children and families.

About the Presenters: Elizabeth Gaines is the Director of Policy at Forum for Youth Investment in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth helps executive and legislative policymakers improve youth policy in communities and states around the country. She oversees the Forum's work on state and local policy issues; manages national partnerships and policy networks, including the Governor's Children's Cabinet Network; and is recognized as the nation's leading expert on children's cabinets and councils. Her writings include the Youth Count report, the Adding It Up Guide to Mapping Public Resources for Children, Youth and Families, and the Forum series of papers on state children's cabinets and councils.

Kiley Bednar is a Senior Program Manager in Partnerships and Communications at Forum for Youth Investment. She oversees Forum training programs – including the Ready by 21 Webinar Series and Ready by 21 Institutes – as well as the development of the Ready by 21 Tool Inventory. She also helps community leaders carry out Program Landscape Mapping, a process of gathering better data on the services, supports and opportunities available to children and youth. Kiley received her B.A. in Psychology from Illinois Wesleyan University and her M.A. in Social Service Administration, with a focus on community development, from the University of Chicago.

CEUs: 6.0 Continuing Education Units/Contact Hours are provided for this event

Spotlight on A Great Volunteer and Award Recipient

[Gay Hawk Receives Leadership Award](#)

Gay Hawk, Executive Director of NAMI Pinellas County, has been selected to receive The Able Trust's 2013 *George L. Spelios Leadership Award*. She was nominated for this state-wide honor by Peg Connell, Director of Disability Resources at St. Petersburg College, for her leadership and advocacy in the community. Gay will be honored by the Able Trust on June 6th at a special Ability Awards Luncheon in Tallahassee, where she will be recognized as "*a model of excellence to the business and disability communities*". NAMI Pinellas County is very proud of Gay's many contributions!



Peace River Center Appoints New CEO

[J. William Gardam will join Peace River Center July 8, 2013](#)

The Board of Directors of The Peace River Center, a 65-year old private not-for-profit community behavioral health organization serving Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties, recently announced the appointment of J. William Gardam as incoming CEO for the organization.

Gardam brings over 30 years of senior management, human services and healthcare experience spanning state government and the for-profit and non-profit sectors. Most recently Gardam was the President & CEO at Horizons, A Family Service Alliance based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Horizons provides mental and behavioral health counseling and assessment services for adults, children and families; specialized counseling and advocacy services for survivors of homicide and victims of violent crimes; consumer credit counseling; and home delivered and congregate site Meals On Wheels for seniors and Head Start centers across six Iowa counties. The agency is known for its excellence in service delivery and collaboration with other community based providers.

Prior to joining Horizons, Gardam held several positions with the Iowa Department of Human Services, including Division Administrator for Mental Health and Disability Services (State Mental Health and State Disabilities Authority) which manages the bureaus of accreditation, child and youth mental health services, adult mental health services, and emergency and disaster mental health services; Division Administrator for the Division of Results Based Accountability; and Regional Administrator for Field Operations responsible for child welfare, child and dependent adult protection, and eligibility determination for Iowa's financial, health, and work support programs and services covering 32 counties.

Prior to his appointment with the State of Iowa, Mr. Gardam served as CEO of the Georgia Children's Home in Macon, Warner Robins, and Augusta, Georgia; as Vice President of Development for Community Psychiatric Centers and President/Founder of Transitional Family Services in Macon and Atlanta Georgia and Las Vegas, Nevada; and, as Vice President and COO of Mental Health Management, Inc. in McLean, Virginia and Atlanta, Georgia. He holds an MBA in Health Services Administration from Wagner College in Staten Island, New York and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire.

A frequent speaker at national, regional, and local professional and community events, Mr. Gardam was the recipient of the Governor's Golden Dome Award for creation and implementation of the Iowa Individual Disaster Assistance Grant Program. Mr. Gardam shared this comment, "I am delighted by the opportunities I see at Peace River Center. I look forward to becoming a part of the stellar tradition and reputation it enjoys and to meeting and working with the employees, volunteers, Boards, and the entire community as I learn about PRC and we build our future together."

Deborah Garringer, chair of the Peace River Center Board of Directors, stated, "The selection was made after a thorough search process. This process involved the input of members of our PRC Board of Trustees, as well as our executive management team. We are confident that Mr. Gardam brings a unique perspective about healthcare and has the qualities, experience, and talents to lead Peace River Center and serve our community."

Peace River Center (PRC) serves families in crisis, children and adults in need, as well as the severely and persistently mentally ill in Polk, Highlands, and Hardee Counties. PRC also provides two domestic violence shelters, a Rape Recovery and Resource Center, Primary Health Care, Addiction Treatment Program, 24 hour Crisis lines, and Intervention to the communities it serves.

Lt. Larry Engle Wins Meritorious Achievement Award



[Presented by Keith Cate from News Channel 8](#)

Larry serves on the NAMI Pasco Board of Directors and has been conducting the CIT trainings in Pasco for the past 2 years. He also represents the Pasco Sheriff's Department on the Pasco Regional Council and is very involved with the Pasco acute Care Committee and the Pasco Consortium.

Thank you Larry for your dedicated and compassionate service for individuals with a mental illness and their families.

Larry states on his Facebook page he is "very humbled and honored".

HOPE Clubhouse is 2013 Recipient of Beverly Chapman Award

[Able Trust recognizes group for outstanding employment placement program](#)

Successful employment is a key to success and Hope Clubhouse has been a leader in guiding members to share in that success. The Able Trust is pleased to honor Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida as a model of excellence to the business and disability communities.

The Able Trust will recognize thirteen other special awardees in a luncheon celebration in Tallahassee. They will also be honoring Senator Stephen Wise with the presentation of the Stephen R. Wise Founder's Award. Senator Wise was the legislative leader in creating The Able Trust in 1990, and has helped to protect and sustain the foundation since that time.

Debra Webb, Executive Director of HOPE Clubhouse, will be traveling to Tallahassee to receive the award along with Employment Specialist Sherri Iwanow. Travel expenses will be paid for by the Able Trust.



Manatee Glens Announce New Board Member

[Terry Rehfeldt, CPA, joins board](#)

Mr. Rehfeldt is the principal of The Rehfeldt Group, P.A. in Bradenton. He is a former board member of Bradenton Christian School, Youth for Christ, and Manatee County YMCA. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida.

"We welcome Terry to the board and look forward to his guidance, vision, leadership and financial insights," said Manatee Glens President/CEO Mary Ruiz. "He is a respected member of our local business community with excellent professional and personal connections."

"I am looking forward to working with the other Manatee Glens Board Members. I respect the work they are doing to further the mission of this hospital and outpatient practice" said Mr. Rehfeldt.

Manatee Glens Receives "Excellent" Performance Rating from DCF

[Standards and practices at hospital and addiction center for Residential Detox program are top notch](#)

Now, in addition to the Manatee Glens Hospital and Outpatient Detox, clients can choose to go through detoxification as a resident in the private Addiction Center. The detoxification process is usually three to seven days.

"This means more people have access to safe and comfortable medical withdrawal from alcohol or drugs. We medically monitor and emotionally support our patients so they can be successful in the next level in their recovery," said Manatee Glens Vice President of Inpatient Services, Melissa Larkin-Skinner, MA, LMHC.

With the rise of opioid addictions, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of young adults who need this medical attention. The risk of accidental overdose is high. About 75 to 80 percent of those abusing opioids are mixing those drugs with other drugs or alcohol. Manatee Glens is committed to finding the solutions for families concerned about a loved one. Without the services of residential detoxification, many

people with addictions would end up in the emergency room or become discouraged about getting help.

"Patients feel more comfortable continuing care at Manatee Glens Addiction Center after detox as they have established relationships with the counselors" noted Cheryl Libera, licensed counselor and manager of the Manatee Glens Addiction Center. "Persons further along in their recovery are very encouraging to those just starting that journey."

As a specialty hospital and outpatient practice, Manatee Glens currently offers detox services to 15 patients per day. During that time, patients receive therapy, support, skills development, and medical care. Manatee Glens Hospital and Addiction Center offers assessments free of charge at 2020 26th Avenue East in Bradenton for alcohol and drug concerns.

For more information about Manatee Glens, or to schedule an interview with President/CEO Mary Ruiz, please call 941-782-4320, e-mail Sondra.guffey@manateeglens.org, or visit www.manateeglens.org.

Free Public Domain Video Program June 27th

"Supporting Those Who Serve" airs 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET. Call 800-243-5550 for information to register

Nearly two million Americans have served in military operations overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan and many more veterans live and work among us. For many veterans, the transition between military and community life can be difficult. Veterans and military families are disproportionately affected by substance abuse, mental health issues, and family troubles. Tragic consequences like suicide, alcohol abuse, and prescription drug overdose far too often plague our nation's heroes. Community coalitions can be a key component to helping veterans in need.

During this hour long program, *Supporting Those Who Serve*, hear about the potential problems returning veterans face and what is available to help them. Learn how to be part of the solution.

Key Concepts:

- Hear about the problems many returning veterans face
- Learn about CADCA's VetCorps Program
- Find out why members of the National Guard and Reserves face different challenges than their active duty counterparts.

Host: Mary Elizabeth Elliot, *Vice President, Communications, Membership, IT, CADCA*

Content Providers:

Kareemah Abdullah, *Director of The National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute, Vice President of Training Operations for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)*. Kareemah Abdullah is responsible for executive and strategic direction of the Institute with an emphasis on the development of coalitions serving economically disadvantaged areas throughout the United States, territories, and tribal communities. As the Vice President for Training Operations, Abdullah is the chief architect for CADCA's youth programs, featuring the National Youth Leadership Initiative (NYLI), military services including CADCA's VetCorps Program, as well as fee-for-service operations. Abdullah also served as the Vice President for Development accountable for CADCA's strategic partnership and resource procurement. For seven years, Abdullah was the Institute's Deputy Director for Training and Technical Assistance. Prior to joining CADCA, Abdullah served as Chief Executive Officer of Genesis Prevention Coalition, Inc., based in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rachel Brysacz, *Air Force Veteran, CADCA VetCorps Member*. Rachel Brysacz grew up in Northeast Ohio and while attending college at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program (AFROTC). Brysacz was awarded the Commanders Leadership 3-year Scholarship, and after graduation with a BA in International Studies, earned a commission into the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. In the Air Force Brysacz spent five months deployed to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, working in the Combined Air Operations Center in the Air Mobility Division. Since leaving the Air Force, Brysacz has been very active in the veteran community, volunteering as the CADCA VetCorps Prevention Coordinator in Wilmington, NC. Brysacz is a nationally certified EMT, an avid equestrian, and a self-proclaimed adrenaline-junkie. She is studying to earn a master's degree in nursing with the goal of working as an Acute Care Flight Nurse.

Koby Langley, *Senior Advisor for Wounded Warrior, Veteran, and Military Family Initiatives at the Corporation for National and Community Service*, Before serving as the Senior Advisor for Wounded Warrior, Veteran, and Military Family Initiatives at the Corporation for National and Community Service, Koby Langley previously served at the Department of Defense where he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and worked as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Assistance Policy. Having served in Kosovo and Iraq, Langley is a decorated officer, two-tour combat Veteran, and a recipient of the Bronze Star for Service. He served as a JAG Attorney, supporting hundreds of federal litigation cases for the Justice Department and the US Army. A graduate of Notre Dame University, Langley went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado, Boulder and then attended the Judge Advocate General at the University of Virginia. Langley also holds a MPA from Georgetown University and is a Harvard Law School Certified Mediator.

Target Audiences: The primary target audiences for this pre-recorded program are Community Coalition

members and prevention specialists interested in trying to better understand the stresses that multiple and prolonged deployments, combat exposure and injury, mental strains, and potential PTSD that Veterans and their families sometimes face. Other audiences include Veteran's advocates, pastoral advisors, health and psychiatric counselors, fellow veterans, and family members. This program is also suitable for public and government access television audiences.

Sponsors: This program is sponsored by the [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America](#) and is produced by the [Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training Program \(MCTFT\)](#), a division of the [Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College](#) in St. Petersburg, Florida. Additional sponsorship is also provided by the [Florida National Guard](#).

Availability: These programs are available via satellite over C band and the DOD/DETN satellite networks, private network carriers, and selected community cable access stations. They are also available as an on-demand webcast via the internet for those without satellite access. Only one point-of-contact needs to register for each viewing location. Final satellite coordinates and webcast links will be provided to all registered site coordinators 3-5 days prior to the broadcast date.

Gulf Coast JFCS Announces New CEO

[Tia Grey, LCSW, is new agency chief executive](#)

The Board of Directors of Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services announced Tia will join the organization July 15th. The Board-appointed committee conducted a nationwide search and the selection was unanimous. Barbara Sterensis, Board Chair, stated, "Ms. Gray closely mirrors the Agency's culture and brings a wealth of experience in serving children and others in need in our community." Ms. Gray has served as the CEO of Morrison Child and Family Services in Portland, Oregon for the last seven years. Before joining Morrison, she served as the Vice President and COO of the Jewish Family and Child services in Phoenix, AZ and from 1999 to 2005 as Executive Director of Ariel Clinical services in Grand Junction, Colorado. Her career began as a therapist, providing outpatient services to children and families in Wisconsin. She is a licensed clinical social worker she holds a Master's degree in social work from the University of Denver and a Bachelor's degree in social work from Colorado State University.

Free Workshop on Evidenced based Program; QPR

[Acronym stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer](#)

Location is Hyatt Place Tampa Airport Westshore, 4811 W Main St., Tampa, FL 33607 on either June 19, 2013 - 9:00am - 4:00pm or June 26, 2013 - 9:00am - 4:00pm. It will be led by Melissa Witmeier.

This workshop will be on QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer), an evidenced-based educational program designed to teach "gatekeepers"--those who are strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide and the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond. The goals of the workshop are two-fold: 1) Participants will learn about the epidemiology of suicide and current statistics, myths and misconceptions, warning signs, and the three target gatekeeper skills (i.e., question, persuade, refer) and 2) Participants will be able discuss the risk and protective factors for suicidal behavior specifically in LGBT youth and describe strategies to reduce suicidal behavior among LGBT youth.

Registration link: <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=31>

Note: A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those traveling more than 50 miles. To request a scholarship, email afoster@fadaa.org. Please indicate the workshop name, date, and location in the email.

5.5 Continuing Education Units/Contract Hours are provided for this workshop.

Florida Certification Board Provider #A-001, Exp. 12/31/2013

Florida Board of Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Provider #50-676, Exp. Date 3/31/2015

Florida Board of Nursing Provider #50-676, Exp. Date 10/31/2014

SAMHSA June 18 Free Webinar on Healthcare Integration

[Title "Bridging Criminal Justice Systems and Community Healthcare; Integrations Role in Reentry"](#)

Register today: www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars

Registration is free but space is limited to the first 1000 attendees. Closed Captioning Available Upon Request

In 2014, an estimated 22-30% of people newly eligible for Medicaid will have had contact with local criminal justice systems. Creating new levels of community engagement will be vital to HRSA-funded safety-net providers, given the complexity of health and behavioral health needs of individuals transitioning out of criminal justice systems. Expanded access to healthcare brings abundant opportunities and showcases the need for new community partnerships with local criminal justice systems. Learn why a public health approach will meet this community need, and what providers need to bridge the integration of primary, behavioral health, and criminal justice. Examine case studies, explore research-based practices, and gain insight into how health centers can engage criminal justice systems and improve care coordination.

Presenters:

Marsha Regenstein, PhD, Professor Department of Health Policy School of Public Health and Health

Services, George Washington University. Vanetta Abdellatif, Director, Integrated Clinical Services Multnomah County Health Department. Homer Venters, MD, MS, Assistant Commissioner, Correctional Health Services New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

FADAA and DCF Sponsoring Free Workshop

Strengthening Families Program Group Leader Certification Training

Presenter is Jeanie Ahearn Greene, PhD, MSW. The date is June 25 and 26 at the Courtyard Fort Lauderdale Airport and Cruise Port at 400 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. A special room rate is available to attendees; call 954-342-8333 and mention FADAA for \$94.00.

To register for the workshop, please click on this link, <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=32> (or copy and paste into your browser). A limited number of travel scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those traveling more than 50 miles. To request a scholarship, email afoster@fadaa.org. Please be sure to include the training name, location, and date.

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family strengthening program for high-risk and regular families. SFP is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly reduce problem behaviors, delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance. This training is intended to train participants to implement SFP as a Group Leader or Site Coordinator. The 2-day training will: (1) Provide a background in evidence-based practice and the SFP structural model; (2) Present and explain all necessary components for logistics and SFP implementation; (3) Provide instruction and understanding of the three SFP curriculums and their integration; and (4) Prepare trainers and staff for group facilitation and dynamics of working with SFP families.

Jeanie Ahearn Greene, Ph.D., MSW currently resides in the metropolitan D.C. area where she is the executive director for Ahearn Greene Associates. She has worked with the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) since 1997. She has conducted over 300 SFP site visits, provided training to certify over 1,000 SFP group leaders, and is the sole authorized source for fidelity evaluation and quality assurance of SFP implementations, including three current child welfare projects in Iowa and Oklahoma. She draws on her personal experience with SFP, having implemented the program at six community sites, worked directly with parents and children as a skills trainer, and provided site coordination, and was responsible for recruitment, staffing, and logistics. She was the lead evaluator in a 5-year NJ evaluation of effectiveness of SFP when implemented by over 54 community-agencies. She has developed the SFP fidelity evaluation methodology and instruments and is the sole authorized source for it. She received her Doctorate from Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Administration in Social Science and her Master of Social Work from Syracuse University.

10.0 Continuing Education Units/Contract Hours are provided for this workshop.

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FADAA and DCF Sponsoring Free Webinar June 25, 10:00 am – Noon EST

A Systemic Model of Prevention: Implementing a Collaborative Approach to Child Welfare

Approximately 2.0 CEU's provided through this webinar. Presenters are Laura Ganci, Research Analyst and Melissa Stanley, Program Specialist, Children's Services Council, Inc.

Broward County has implemented an integrative system of care framework to facilitate a Collective Impact (Kania & Kramer, 2011) initiative toward preventing child abuse and neglect. The Children's Services Council of Broward County has partnered with the Broward Sheriff's Office, ChildNet, and numerous provider agencies to support prevention services in our community. These services are tailored to align with the continuum of the family life cycle, from conception to adulthood. Services also fit seamlessly with the new Florida Practice Model, specifically supporting the core practices of planning for child safety and family change. This webinar will describe the unique systemic framework of aligning agency performance measures with community indicators to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families in Broward County. Suggestions will be provided on how key service providers within the realm of child welfare work together to promote and facilitate prevention services and outcomes. Additionally, the specific prevention programs will be described, including relevant outcomes and educational components integrated throughout these services. The webinar will also focus on how identified gaps in our community continuously inform the services made available. Finally, the use of Results Based Accountability will be explained and how this perspective enables alignment and measurable change.

Register at: [Link](#)

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