

Presenter Bios

The Honorable Ronald Alvarez is a retired Circuit Judge who served in the juvenile division for nearly 15 years, until his retirement in 2014. His professional experience includes sitting on the bench in other divisions of the court as well as over 20 years as an attorney in private practice. Judge Alvarez is a graduate of Indiana University where he where he earned his Bachelor's of Arts and Juris Doctorate. He has also served his country as a member of the United States Army. Judge Alvarez is well-known in the community for as a strong advocate for children. He has served an active member of various boards and associations, including but not limited to the Children's Services Council and the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. He has been featured in television and community events as a guest speaker as well as a faculty member at countless conferences. Judge Alvarez has been awarded several honors including the William E. Gladstone Award in 2011, Jurist of the Year (ABOTA) in 2012, Jim Sackett Adoption Advocate Award in 2014 and a Champion of Change (The Children's Healing Institute) in 2016. He has been married to Elaine Webb-Alvarez for 45 years and has two sons. Since his retirement, he has been working as a Circuit Mediator with Matrix Mediation, Inc.

Ann Berner is the CEO for Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, the managing entity for the Department of Children & Families charged with overseeing \$53 million annually in publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St Lucie Counties. Ann is a long time resident of the Treasure Coast and a graduate of the University of Central Florida. With nearly 20 years' experience with DCF, including Circuit Administrator for the Lakeland area and Florida's Director for Economic Self-Sufficiency, she understands the importance of community collaboration. Starting in 2012 with the introduction of Managing Entities, she became the first CEO for SEFBHN. Ann recognizes the importance of cultivating effective working relationships between the local behavioral health provider network and Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, the State's Psychiatric Hospitals, primary health care providers, and local law enforcement agencies. Ann is passionate about establishing "unconditional care" as the standard for behavioral health services; and is committed to improving the outcomes for individuals who crossover into multiple state systems.

Loren Berry, PsyD earned her B.A. at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, and her PsyD at Argosy University in Schaumburg, Illinois. She completed her doctoral internship at the Faulk Center for Counseling in Boca Raton, Florida, and her post-doctoral residency at the Youth Services Department. Dr. Berry has also trained in a group private practice, multiple residential homes, and psychiatric hospitals where she has provided therapy and testing to clients who vary in age, ethnicity, economic status, and pathology. Currently, Dr. Berry is a licensed psychologist at the Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County where she provides education and training to staff, clinical supervision to trainees, and clinical services to youth and families. Dr. Berry also has a passion for consulting, and has helped multiple internship sites through the APA accreditation process.

Susan Boklaga, LMHC is a private practice clinician, mental health consultant, and independent researcher in the areas of child and adult attachment, as well as adult psychopathology/trauma. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University and a PhD candidate at Florida Atlantic University. She has also studied at the Anna Freud Institute in London, UK. Additionally, she has presented and trained clinicians, military personnel, and in the forensic arena in mental health trauma both nationally and internationally.

Pat Boyd graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in education and a minor in social science divisional. She is married and has one son and one granddaughter. She has been registered with Pet Partners (formerly known as Delta Society) as a Therapy Animal Handler since 2006, partnering with two Boxers: Ch. Summit Ash Katy Girl “Katy” and currently with Ch. Summit Ash Looking For Trouble “Trouble”. Pat and Katy visited assisted living facilities, Alzheimer facilities, a library, and were among the first participants in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit’s *Caring Canine* program. When Katy was no longer capable of visiting, Trouble took up the lead and continues to be a regular in the court program. Additionally, Pat and Trouble spend time at the library volunteering in “Paws to Read.” As a team, Pat and Trouble’s designated qualification area is “complex.” They complete a recertification evaluation every two years.

Clarissa DeWitt, LMHC is a licensed mental health counselor and registered play therapist. She serves as Clinical Director for the Child First program at the Center for Child Counseling. Ms. DeWitt began providing therapeutic services for children and adults in 2006 after she graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Masters of Mental Health Counseling. She is trained in a wide variety of treatment models including EMDR. She received specialized training through the Harris Institute at the University of Florida in Infant Mental Health focusing on the unique issues of pregnant women and their young children. She is an accredited Circle of Security and Triple P parenting provider and has been facilitating parenting groups since 2008. Ms. DeWitt uses a strength-based perspective addressing behavior issues, trauma/PTSD, mood disorders and family issues. In addition to providing therapeutic services she provides training to fellow practitioners focusing on the specialized skills needed to deal with children and their families. She is currently the co-chair of the Florida Infant Mental Health Association for Palm Beach County and the chair for the Florida Association for Play Therapy, Palm Beach/Martin County chapter.

Judette Fanelli has been a Magistrate with the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for 17 years. She is currently assigned to the Juvenile Division where she hears dependency matters. Magistrate Fanelli oversees the Circuit’s Therapeutic Court, which is a collaborative, non-adversarial trauma informed specialty Court within the dependency system, focusing on dependent children with severe mental health and behavioral issues. She attended Syracuse University and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and Communications from Palm Beach Atlantic University and earned her Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Magistrate Fanelli has been awarded several prestigious honors and was the driving force behind the Fifteenth Circuit’s implementation of the *Caring Canines* Therapy Dog Program.

Shanda Garvin-Shaw is a 21-year Palm Beach and Broward County professional educator. After earning her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, she went on to receive a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership and has her certification in Guidance and Counseling. She started her teaching career in Broward County as a Peer Counseling Coordinator and upon moving to Palm Beach County became a Guidance Counselor at Lake Shore Middle School where she went on to become an Assistant Principal there for 8 years. Currently she is a Manager in the Department of Educational Alternatives and serves as the Administrator in Charge at Highridge School and Alternative Program Central.

James Green currently serves as Division Director for the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department. He is the My Brother’s Keeper Palm Beach County Task Force Leader and serves on the core planning team for Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures (Birth to 22). As the former Program Director for the Palm Beach County Community Action Agency, Mr. Green excelled in his role as a community leader. In 2015, the Florida Association of Community Action presented James with the *Agency of the Year Award* for assisting the greatest number of families and individuals to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency within its community. This award also recognized local advocacy efforts, community participation, partnerships and collaborations formed by the agency to assist low-income citizens in their journey to economic security and self-sufficiency as well as the agency’s efforts to achieve organizational excellence and represent the best

practices within the network. Mr. Green earned a certification in the Community Action Partnership's Peer Review program which is based on the Malcolm Baldrige model and is a nationally certified ROMA trainer (Results Oriented Management and Accountability) which is a complete management and accountability process that is focused on the results achieved as a result of an agency's activities. Mr. Green serves on Palm Beach County's leadership council and is a graduate of Palm Beach County's Leadership program and Nonprofits First's Leadership & Management Initiative. He received his Bachelors degree from Auburn University and his Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Development from Palm Beach Atlantic University. James is a husband and father of two daughters. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. and currently mentors over 20 African American boys in the Lamplighters Program. Mr. Green has served as President for the Urban League Young Professionals and is involved with various boards and civic groups throughout the community.

Marsha Guthrie is a Community Planning & Partnerships Officer with the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) where her current work focuses on community planning, partnership development and new initiative resource exploration and management. Ms. Guthrie provides essential leadership to Palm Beach County's *Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures* collective impact effort and plays a key role in advancing its racial equity systems' transformation work. Previous, to this Ms. Guthrie was Program Officer in System Performance, where she was instrumental in leading the Council's Strategy Review and Allocation Analysis process aimed at refining its existing system of care to achieve its child outcomes. Ms. Guthrie led the exploration, development and implementation efforts for CSC's placed-based initiative (BRIDGES) – centers in at-risk areas of Palm Beach County providing services and supporting partnerships to improve child health and well-being outcomes. She continues to be a primary stakeholder in the development of the Council's pathways to early childhood systems work. Ms. Guthrie has more than 15 years of experience in the early childhood, child welfare and juvenile justice arenas. She is an active member in several local coalitions and currently serves as the Sr. Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County. Ms. Guthrie is the proud mother to daughter who is a middle schooler in the Palm Beach County School District. She holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree in sociology from Montclair State University.

Randee Kogan, MS, LMHC received her undergraduate degree in psychology (minor in social work) from Rider University and her Masters degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University. Randee has worked as a Mental Health Counselor in a variety of professional settings for the past 27 years. Randee has been licensed as a Mental Health Counselor for 15 years. She has spent the last 11 1/2 years treating trauma victims (minors and adults) of all violent crimes at Palm Beach County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center, where she also heads the therapy team. Along with individual and family therapy sessions, Randee also leads successful support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Randee also created Palm Beach County Victim Services' therapy internship program, where she supervises and teaches masters level interns who are working towards their licensure. She is a Qualified Supervisor with the Florida Department of Health. Randee conducts professional trainings to community agencies, schools (including universities) and hospitals throughout Palm Beach County on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Homicide and other General Crimes.

Laura Levin, PhD is a licensed clinical psychologist working at Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County. Her role at the Youth Services Education and Training Center combines direct clinical services to youth and families, clinical supervision to psychology doctoral trainees, and contributing to the development and enhancement of training and education needs to staff, trainees, and the community at-large. Prior to her employment at Youth Services, Dr. Levin completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), "Healthy Environments and Response to Trauma in Schools" (HEARTS) program, where she delivered on-site clinical services and mental health consultation for a multi-level, school-based program aimed to promote school success for traumatized youth. Dr. Levin earned her B.A. at Emory University and her

PhD at the University of Miami. Her clinical work and research has been presented and published at scientific meetings and in journals.

Veronica Limia first experienced the Juvenile Justice System when she was about twelve years old. Throughout her teenage years she was in and out of Juvenile programs, developing quite a voluminous juvenile record. Eventually, at the age of seventeen, Veronica was direct filed and sent to the adult court system for charges of burglary and grand larceny. She was eventually sentenced to eighteen months at a maximum security juvenile prison for girls. When she was released at the age of nineteen, Veronica put her dreams of being a lawyer in motion by enrolling in college and obtaining an athletic scholarship. Ms. Limia attended and completed law school at Florida International University School of Law, and in 2013 she was sworn in as an attorney by Judge Ronald Alvarez. Judge Alvarez just so happened to be her Judge when she was a juvenile, and the courtroom was the same one she had appeared in front of Judge Alvarez. She has now started her own practice, Interra Law Firm, which specializes in real estate, and she aspires to one day become a judge, just like her mentor Judge Alvarez.

Detective James Louis began his career with the City of West Palm Beach Police Department at the age of 16 as a Police Explorer. He was hired at the age of 18 as a Community Service Aide for the Department, and he was sent to the law enforcement academy shortly after. Detective Louis has been assigned to various positions within the agency to include: Road Patrol, Entertainment District (Downtown), Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigation Division, Traffic Division, and he is currently assigned to the Community Response Division and is an active member of the City of West Palm Beach Police Department Hostage/ Crisis Negotiation Team. Detective Louis has served as the Department's Juvenile Arrest and Monitor (JAM) officer for the past 5 years. In 2014, Detective Louis and his team were named the Gang Unit of the Year by the Florida Gang Investigator Association for their diligent work in the community. He very is passionate about reducing crime involving youth violence in the community.

Patty Russo, MS is a predoctoral psychology intern working at Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County. Her current rotation is at Highridge Family Center, a residential treatment program for youth, where she provides milieu based interventions, family, group, and individual therapy, as well as parent psychoeducation groups. Her past experiences include conducting outpatient family therapy and psychological/psychoeducational evaluations at the Youth Services Department Education and Training Center. In addition, she has worked with adults providing individual therapy at the Goodman Psychological Center in Miami, Florida. Patty earned her B.A. in Psychology and Sociology at the University of South Florida. She earned her M.S. in Clinical Psychology at Carlos Albizu University and is completing her PsyD in Clinical Psychology, with a focus on children and adolescents, at Carlos Albizu University.

Randy Scheid, MPA is the Vice President of Programs at Quantum Foundation, the largest health foundation in Palm Beach County with over \$150 million in assets. In this role, Randy oversees the strategic investment of \$8 million annually to achieve the vision of the foundation; for the people of Palm Beach County to experience a better life through quality health. Mr. Scheid leads multiple internal and external teams charged with accomplishing the foundation's mission while also serving in multiple leadership roles on external committees. He initiates and leads the development of new initiatives for the foundation. In addition, he is a frequent speaker at local universities on topics such as nonprofit management, philanthropy and leadership. Mr. Scheid has a B.A. in English from the Ohio State University and a Master's in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University. He is a two-time Ironman triathlete, a former Peace Corps volunteer and most importantly, a husband and a father.

Amanda Terrell, PsyD is a licensed psychologist working at Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County. At Youth Services Education and Training Center, she provides direct clinical services and clinical supervision to trainees. In addition, Amanda works in the community to provide schools and agencies with training and education related to child mental health. Prior to becoming a psychologist, Amanda received a degree in Counselor Education from the University of Central Florida and worked as a school counselor and 504 Coordinator in Osceola County, Florida. She received her doctoral degree from Pacific University in Hillsboro, Oregon. She completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Her training was focused on acute adolescent inpatient populations as well as outpatient child and family therapy. Amanda is fluent in Spanish and provides clinical services in both Spanish and English.

Twila Taylor is a licensed clinical psychologist with over 20 years of experience working with youth and families. Dr. Taylor has been the Chief of Clinical Services at Youth Services Department's Highridge Family Center for the past 13 years. As such, she is responsible for day to day operations of the 60-bed residential facility for at risk and maltreated youth involved with Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families, dependency and delinquency courts, as well as community and faith based social service agencies. Goals of program participation include: increasing adaptive coping skills, improving family relationships, school behavior, and academics. Recently, the Board of County Commissioners and the Youth Services Department approved Highridge Family Center to undertake the process of transforming both the organization and the clinical programming to incorporate evidence based Trauma Informed Care practices into all aspects of treatment through implementation of the Sanctuary Model. Dr. Taylor is on the Steering Committee for this 3 year organizational paradigm shift. Dr. Taylor earned her BA in Psychology from the University of Maine and her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University (NSU). Dr. Taylor's clinical experience includes managing Highridge Family Center, provision of inpatient and outpatient individual, family and group psychotherapy, crisis intervention and management, and work in inpatient adolescent and adult psychiatric hospital units. Dr. Taylor also teaches a Child Maltreatment class in NSU's Master's Degree Program in Forensic Psychology which focuses on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the impact of developmental trauma.

Schnelle Tonge is an attorney with the 15th Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office, where she currently serves as Chief of the Juvenile Division. As the head of the juvenile division, Ms. Tonge supervises 10 lawyers who represent youth charged with crimes in juvenile court and youth charged with crimes and transferred to adult court. Ms. Tonge began her career at the Public Defender's Office in August 2006. Prior to becoming the Chief of the juvenile division, she was an attorney in misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile court, where over the last 10 years she has handled hundreds of cases, tried a number of jury and non jury trials, and litigated a variety of legal issues. Ms. Tonge is a graduate of the University of Central Florida where she earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Legal Studies, and the University Of Florida Levin College Of Law where she earned her Juris Doctorate. Ms. Tonge is a passionate advocate who fights vigorously to preserve the rights of the criminally accused both as a trial lawyer and supervisor.