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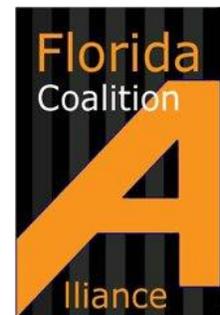
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Agenda

August 30, 2021

- 7:00 - 8:00** Registration/breakfast
8:00 - 8:15 Amy Ronshausen, Executive Director, Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.
8:15 - 8:20 Regina LaBelle, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy
8:20 - 8:30 Wilson M. Compton, MD, MPE, Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse
8:30 - 9:00 Jennifer Webb, Project Director, Project Opioid Tampa Bay
9:00 - 10:00 Randy Grimes, Athletes in Recovery
10:00 - 10:15 **Break**

AM Break Out Sessions

Cypress Cove

10:15 - 11:15

How Do You Do Local Policy? The First 5 Steps for Change

Kristin Kidd, MA, Coordinator, Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) at Wake Forest School of Medicine

11:20 - 12:20

Alcohol, Rising Trends and New Challenges

Kathleen Roberts, Executive Director, Community Coalition Alliance, Inc.

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10:15 - 11:15

The Connection Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Use Disorders

Abraham Salinas, MD, PhD, MACE

11:20 - 12:20

Integrating Best Practice, Evidence-Based Harm Reduction Methods Across Florida for Persons Who Use Drugs

Heather Henderson, MA, CAS, Director of Social Medicine, TGH; Shana Harris; Tyler Bartholomew, PhD; Bernice K. McCoy, MPH, Associate Director of Social Medicine, Division of Emergency Medicine, TGH; Chetwyn Archer, Peer Specialist, IDEA Miami

12:20 - 1:15 **Lunch**

PM Break Out Sessions

Cypress Cove

1:15 - 2:15

Drivers of Overdose in the U.S. Opioid and Stimulant Epidemics

Thom Browne, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rubicon Global Enterprises and CEO of the Colombo Plan

2:30 - 3:30

How Do you Do Local Policy? The Last 5 Steps for Change

Kristin Kidd, MA, Coordinator, Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) at Wake Forest School of Medicine

3:30 - 3:45 **Break**

3:45 - 5:00

21st Century Marijuana
Ben Cort, CEO Foundry Treatment Center

5:00 - 6:00

Take Me Out to the Ballpark Networking Reception

Banyan

1:15 - 2:15

The Grooming of Our Youth: Human Trafficking Prevention-Overview & Pipeline Process

Dotti Groover-Skipper, HEARTDANCE Foundation, Inc.

2:30 - 3:30

The Strategic Prevention Framework and Coalition Planning

Chuck Daugherty, ACT Missouri

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- 7:00 - 8:00** Registration/breakfast
8:00 - 8:05 Welcoming Remarks
8:05 - 9:05 The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana: Johnny Stack's Life and Death Story
Laura Stack, Founder and CEO, Johnny's Ambassadors
9:05 - 10:10 Marijuana and the Road Ahead for Drug Policy
Luke Niforatos, Executive Vice President, SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana)
10:10 - 10:20 Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody

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Prevention of Adolescent Substance Use: Overview of Best Practices and Future Challenges

Ken C. Winters, PhD, Consultant, National American Indian & Alaska Native Prevention Technology Transfer Center

11:35 - 12:35

Transnational Criminal Organizations and Drug Trafficking Trends

Paul E. Maxwell, Jr., Drug Intelligence Officer
Central Florida HIDTA

12:35 - 1:20 Lunch

12:35 - 1:10 Working Lunch - Florida Coalition Alliance Meeting - Banyan Room

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10:30 - 11:30

Panel- Development and Establishment of Tampa Police Department's (TPD) New Behavioral Health Unit

Kathleen A. Moore, PhD, USF Department of Mental Health, Law, and Policy, Executive Director of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute; Lieutenant Kert Rojka, Dr. Kathy Thompson, and Officer Lucas Lucchini, Tampa Police Department

11:35 - 12:35

Things at My Corner Store: CBD and Kratom

Amy Ronshausen, Executive Director, Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.

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Culture is the Strategy: Leading Your Prevention Team to Achieve Your Goals

Dave Closson, Owner, DJC Solutions, LLC

2:25 - 3:25

Building Cultural Intelligence in Prevention Services

Deborah Nixon-Hughes, Project Director
Central East Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC), Nicole Augustine, Advanced Implementation Specialist, Opioid Response Network (ORN)

3:25 - 3:40 Break

3:40 - 5:00 The Fierce Urgency of Now! Changing the Conversation About Prevention Commercialization and Inequity

Carlton Hall, CEO Carlton Hall Consulting

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Inhalant Abuse, This Could Be Your Last Breath- What Parents, Educators, and Law Enforcement Need to Know

Dan Zsido, NADDI National Training and Education Director

2:25 - 3:25

Let's Talk About DEC Baby!

Stacey Read, BA, MSW, Director of DEC Network Development, Child Welfare Expert and Lt. (Retired) Eric Nation, Director of Training Development, Law Enforcement Expert

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Chetwyn Archer

Chetwyn Archer II is a peer specialist at IDEA Miami. In this capacity he takes participants from addiction into viable citizenship through detox and long term rehab facilities. Mr. Archer also does panels for the University of Miami, introducing future and present doctors about how to deal with people who are opiate dependent and about medications for opioid use disorder.



Nicole Augustine

Nicole M Augustine, MPH, MCHES, CPS Research Associate Coordinator, Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center, has been working in the field of prevention since 2001. She has a Master of Public Health degree from The George Washington University School of Public Health. Nicole is employed at Wake Forest Baptist School of Medicine as the Project Coordinator for the North Carolina Behavioral Health Equity Initiative (NC BHEI) and the Project Coordinator for the Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (Southeast PTTC). The goal of the NCBHEI project is to support communities in identifying, acting on, and effectively addressing key behavioral health equity issues. The goal of the Southeast PTTC is to provide training and technical assistance to individuals and organizations in the substance misuse prevention field in the Southeast region of the United States (HHS Regions 4). Nicole is a passionate prevention provider, committed to supporting initiatives designed to address the complex substance use issues affecting our society.



Tyler Bartholomew

Dr. Bartholomew recently received his PhD in Prevention Science and Community Health from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He currently serves as the Director for the University of Miami Harm Reduction Research Group, which houses the IDEA Miami Syringe Services Program (SSP), and is leading the data harmonization, analysis and evaluation of SSP expansion sites across the state. During his doctoral studies, Dr. Bartholomew published over 25 papers related to harm reduction, infectious complications among people who inject drugs, and integration of low-barrier services for HIV and MOUD at SSPs in journals such as *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, *AIDS and Behavior* and *Harm Reduction Journal*. Dr. Bartholomew has also served as the student legislative lead for Dr. Hansel Tookes in the advocacy of IDEA 2019, a bill passed in 2019 that allows all Florida counties to implement syringe service programs.

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Thom Browne

Thom Browne Jr, MA Criminal Justice, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the global criminal justice and demand reduction consulting firm Rubicon Global Enterprises and CEO of the international organization Colombo Plan.

He is an internationally-recognized expert in the demand reduction and criminal justice fields, having created substance use treatment systems and prevention programs in over 70 countries and international law enforcement academies on 5 continents during his twenty-five-year career at the U.S. Department of State/INL. Earlier in his Federal career, Browne served at the Drug Enforcement Administration where he developed strategies, designed programs, and authored research/intelligence reports addressing the original fentanyl/synthetic heroin and crack cocaine epidemics in the 1980s. He finished his DEA service as Chief of the Latin American Intelligence section where he authored the Reagan Administration's cocaine strategy.

At INL, Browne also supported the formation of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) and the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM). In 2014, Browne was a finalist for the prestigious Service to America Medal for Career Achievement in the Federal government. Upon his retirement from INL in 2015, he was given a Career Achievement award by the Secretary of State.

His recent research with the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Colombo Plan has helped re-define the opioid and stimulant epidemics in the U.S. and regional epidemics worldwide, uncovering emerging trends in illicit drug formulation that jeopardize the health of substance users worldwide.



Dave Closson

Dave Closson is the owner of DJC Solutions, LLC, a modern-day consulting company with a combined focus of serving substance misuse prevention professionals, law enforcement officers, and military veterans across the United States. He is the author of "Motivational Interviewing for Campus Police" and was chosen as one of the few Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #StillServing Heroes nationwide.

Dave is also Co-Director of the Mid-America Prevention Technology Transfer Center which is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. His PTTC serves as a prevention catalyst, empowering individuals and fostering partnerships to promote safe, healthy, and drug-free communities across Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas.

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He was previously a Training/Technical Assistance Specialist for SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT). Before joining CAPT, Dave was Assistant Director of the Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug, and Violence Prevention.

Dave brings a unique experience to substance misuse prevention, having served as a university police officer at Eastern Illinois University. Dave was deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While spending a year in Iraq with his infantry battalion and his recon team, he earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and was awarded two Army Commendation Medals (one for valor and one for meritorious service).

Training, coaching, and helping others is what he does best!



Wilson M. Compton

Wilson M. Compton, MD, MPE, is Deputy Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) of the National Institutes of Health, where he has worked since 2002. Dr. Compton received his undergraduate education at Amherst College and medical education, including psychiatry training, at Washington University in St. Louis. Over his career, Dr. Compton has authored over 200 publications and often speaks at high-impact venues. He was a member of DSM-5's Revision Task Force and has led, for NIDA, development of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study, jointly sponsored by NIDA and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), with 45,971 participants. Dr. Compton has received multiple awards, including FDA awards for collaboration in 2012, 2013 and 2017, and the Health and Human Services Secretary's Awards for Meritorious Service in 2013 and Distinguished Service in 2015, 2018 and 2019.



Ben Cort

Ben's passion for recovery, prevention and harm reduction comes from his own struggle with substance abuse. Sober since 6/15/96, Ben has been a part of the recovery movement in almost every way imaginable; from a recipient to a provider to a spokesperson, Cort has a deep understanding of the issues and a personal motivation to see the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse minimized.

From non-profits to hospitals to private programs, Ben has been a leader inside of many forms of addiction treatment and prevention. From 2017-2020, Ben was a consultant to various treatment programs, state governments, professional and collegiate athletics and labor. He is now CEO of the Foundry Steamboat Springs, an inpatient treatment program for men in the mountains of Colorado.

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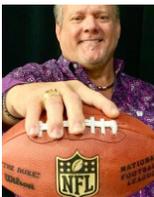
Ben is a Jr Fellow at the University of Florida inside of their drug policy institute, a board member for NALGAP (National Association of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender treatment providers and their allies), a Board member at SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) and faculty at numerous institutes. He is a published author (Weed Inc, Simon and Shuster 2017) and his TED talk "Surprising Truths about Legalizing Cannabis" has been viewed over 4 million times.



Chuck Daugherty

Chuck is currently employed at ACT Missouri where he has served as Executive Director for five years. He has worked in substance abuse prevention, treatment, recovery, and advocacy for over 30 years. As a trained community organizer, he was Director of Community Mobilization at the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for over 3 years.

His first exposure to the Alinsky model was while attending college. Since that time, he has been trained and successfully trained others in community mobilization and organization. Chuck's background with community organizing and collaboration has offered opportunities to work with many diverse communities.



Randy Grimes

A former NFL center whose successful career spanned 10 years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Randy Grimes used prescription pills to treat his career-related injuries. Those pills fed an addiction that would last 20+ years.

Upon retiring from the NFL, Randy fell deeper into his addiction—eventually jeopardizing his family and risking everything. "In football, I always had a playbook—and a team—to get me through the day," states Randy. "Without that structure, I didn't know what to do; I lost myself, as my addiction took over."

After losing a former teammate to an overdose, Randy finally had the courage to raise his hand and ask for help. "I literally crawled into treatment," states Randy. "And the tools I found there saved my life. I prayed that God would open the gates of heaven and let me in... instead, He opened the gates of hell and let me out!"

A strong advocate for recovery, Randy launched "Pro Athletes in Recovery" to help athletes find addiction treatment and recovery resources. He has partnered with the NFL Player Care Foundation, After the Impact Fund, Gridiron Greats, and the Baseball Assistance Team to bring further awareness and treatment services to professional athletes and their families. As a result, hundreds of former professional athletes

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have since been treated. Randy was recognized in 2018 as a National Goodwill Ambassador.

Randy's passion does not end with athletes; Randy believes that "when families get well, addicts get well." Randy has performed countless interventions across the U.S. and in five countries—bringing hope and healing when all seems lost.

Randy has been married to his college sweetheart, Lydia, who is a Certified Family Addiction Coach. He is regularly a keynote speaker for corporate events and conferences—and contributor on numerous national TV networks and media including The New York Times, NFL Network, ESPN, Anderson Cooper, Father Albert, CNN, Fox Sports, MSNBC, Fox News, SiriusXM Sports, and countless others. Randy was inducted into the Baylor Hall of Fame as a 2019 Baylor Football Legend and also the Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame in 2019.

For more information, Randy can be contacted through proathletesinrecovery.org or his personal website at randygrimespeaks.com.



Carlton Hall

Carlton Hall is the president and CEO of Carlton Hall Consulting LLC, a multi-faceted, full-service consulting organization designed to provide customized solutions and enable measurable change for communities, organizations, families and individuals. Carlton spent twelve years with the Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) serving in several managerial positions and including most recently, Acting Vice President, Training Operations, and Acting Director for CADCA's National Coalition Institute, responsible for the day to day operational oversight, design, and implementation of its premiere national training delivery system. Carlton also supported CADCA's International Programs in partnership with the US State Department's International Narcotics Law Enforcement division (INL), managing training programs in Kenya, South Africa, and Ghana. Carlton is one of the primary architects of CADCA's National Coalition Academy. The Academy, a year-long coalition development program, is designed to increase the effectiveness of communities in drug demand reduction at population level outcomes.

With more than 25 years' experience in the fields of government, social services and prevention science, Carlton first gained national prominence as a *Communities That Care*® Project Manager, for the Channing Bete Company. He was a *Communities That Care*® trainer/senior consultant with Channing Bete Company for four years. He received his Master's in Human Services from Lincoln University in

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Pennsylvania. He was appointed as the Project Director for the *Communities That Care*® process in Philadelphia as well as the Crime and Public Safety manager for the Philadelphia Empowerment Zone, a division of the Mayor's Office of Community Services. During that time, he managed a small planning grant to over three million dollars for science-based prevention programming in the neighborhoods of Philadelphia.

Carlton also was responsible for the design and implementation of the award-winning "Operation Makeover", an effective community-wide intervention addressing blatant open-air drug trafficking and increasing levels of juvenile violence and substance abuse offences. Operation Makeover was recognized by Vice-President Al Gore and featured in "Programs That Work" a publication by the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). After years of volunteering with many youth organizations Carlton founded The STRONG Foundation in 1993, which created opportunities to reduce service duplication while increasing partnerships with existing youth organizations.

Carlton's responsibilities, unique set of skills and experience has made him one of the most highly sought after instructors and guides for community problem solving in every state and territory in the nation as well as internationally, with successful achievements in South Africa, Ghana, Bermuda, Kenya and others.



Shana Harris

Shana Harris is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Internal Medicine (Secondary Joint Appointment) at the University of Central Florida. Her research focuses on drug use and health politics and interventions, including harm reduction, medications for opioid use disorder, and drug policy reform, in Latin America and the United States. Her current research examines medical travel and psychedelic-based drug treatment in Mexico and syringe access and harm reduction in Florida.



Heather Henderson

Heather Henderson is the Director of Social Medicine, within the Division of Emergency Medicine at Tampa General Hospital. Key accomplishments include establishing the state of Florida's first and largest Emergency Department based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) treatment and referral pathway and expanding Florida's Syringe Services Program (SSP) to Hillsborough County—only the second in the state of Florida. As a Certified Addiction Specialist and PhD Candidate in Medical Anthropology, Heather also serves as a subject matter expert on substance use and associated social determinants of health on numerous boards in the Tampa Metropolitan area,

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including the Homeless Overdose Mitigation and Engagement (HOME) program, Pinellas County Opioid Task Force, and Hillsborough Behavioral Health Task Force. Further, Heather is actively involved in numerous research projects to further expand innovative treatments for substance use disorders and access to continued health care for stable recovery. Heather also guest lectures for the Morsani College of Medicine and the School of Public Health at USF and holds academic appointments in anthropology and public health at USF and the State University of New York- Old Westbury.



Kristin Kidd

Kristin Kidd, MA, serves as the Coordinator of the SAMHSA-funded Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) at Wake Forest School of Medicine. With a focus on health equity, workforce development and policy, the Southeast PTTC provides free training and technical assistance to the substance misuse prevention field in the southeast. Kristin is also the Director of the North Carolina Behavioral Health Equity Initiative which partners with 8 grantees working to impact a local health disparity issue. Kristin was formerly the Director of the Tobacco Control Training and Technical Assistant Team at the Colorado School of Public Health. There her team provided state-wide advocacy and policy guidance to local health agencies working to eliminate tobacco disparities. Kristin partnered with multiple Colorado communities to successfully pass local tobacco control policies such as retailer licensing and expanded smoke-free/vape-free protections. In her limited free time, Kristin enjoys mountain biking, trail running and gardening.



Regina LaBelle

Regina LaBelle is Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), currently serving as Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy. As Acting Director, Ms. LaBelle leads a component of the Executive Office of the President whose mission is to reduce substance use and its consequences by leading and coordinating the nation's national drug control strategy.

Acting Director LaBelle was sworn in on the evening of Inauguration Day and is regarded as an expert in drug policy. Prior to joining ONDCP, Ms. LaBelle served as a Distinguished Scholar and Program Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. At The O'Neill Institute, Ms. LaBelle's work focused on the addiction epidemic, public health approaches to drug policy, and using the law to promote access to treatment and support recovery. Ms. LaBelle also founded and directed the Master of Science in Addiction Policy and Practice program at Georgetown University.

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During the Obama Administration, Ms. LaBelle served as ONDCP Chief of Staff, where she oversaw the Agency's efforts to address the opioid epidemic and other drug policy issues, including the implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy.

Ms. LaBelle also served as legal counsel to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, providing legal and policy advice to the Mayor on high-profile city initiatives. From 1998 - 2005, Ms. LaBelle was an adjunct professor of policy and ethics at Seattle University's Institute for Policy Studies.

Ms. LaBelle received her JD from Georgetown University Law Center and has an undergraduate degree from Boston College. She is an active member of the Washington State Bar.



Paul E. Maxwell, Jr.

In January 2021, Paul began his position as the DIO for the Central Florida HIDTA. Prior to this position, he was a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for over 23 years. With the DEA, Paul served at the Miami Field Division; DEA Headquarters; and finally, as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Milwaukee District Office. Paul retired from the DEA in November 2020. Prior to the DEA, Paul served over six years of active duty with the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman and a Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID).



Bernice McCoy

Bernice McCoy, MPH, PhD is currently the Associate Director of Social Medicine at Tampa General Hospital. She has over a decade of experience in working with communities disparately impacted by HIV/AIDS throughout Florida with work focusing on increasing awareness about HIV/AIDS through education and outreach, implementing programs to increase access to care and improving health outcomes for people living with HIV and developing initiatives to reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities among this population. She has provided her leadership and service as a member of numerous councils including, the Ryan White Care Council, Health Council of West Central Florida, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, and the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care (Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative). She has aided in comprehensive HIV planning and has been a contributing member in writing statewide epidemiological and surveillance reports and strategies aimed towards reducing rates of HIV/AIDS in Hillsborough County.

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Ashley Moody

Attorney General Ashley Moody, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting and law degree. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a Masters of Law in International Law.

Attorney General Moody began her legal career with the law firm of Holland & Knight where she practiced commercial litigation. In her spare time, she volunteered assisting domestic violence victims seeking protection in court.

She subsequently joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, General Moody was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement. She was also recognized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for her lead of "Operation Round-Up," a targeted prosecution of violent and repeat offenders.

In 2006, at the age of thirty-one, Attorney General Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected Circuit Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. As a judge, she founded the Attorney Ad Litem program recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children. She also developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system.

Attorney General Moody served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law and on the judicial faculty for Florida's New Judges College, Advanced Judicial Studies, and the Circuit Judges Conference. She was a frequent lecturer on crime and justice as well as best practices for Florida attorneys. In 2015, Attorney General Moody was recognized by the National Legal Services Corporation for her significant contributions to pro bono legal service and was awarded the Florida Supreme Court's Distinguished Judicial Service Award.

On January 8, 2019, Attorney General Moody became Florida's 38th Attorney General. Since taking office as Attorney General, Moody has been recognized as a leader having served as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, as Chair of Florida's Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse, and continues to serve as Chair of Florida's Statewide Council on Human Trafficking.

Attorney General Moody and her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement agent, have two sons, Brandon and Connor.

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Kathleen A. Moore

Kathleen A. Moore, PhD, is a Research Professor in USF's Department of Mental Health, Law, and Policy as well as the Executive Director of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI). She received her Ph.D. in Health Psychology from Kent State University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. For the past 20 years, she has collaborated with mental health and substance abuse agencies as well as different problem-solving courts. Her focus is on program evaluation, bridging the gap between research and practice. She teaches several core courses within USF's Behavioral Healthcare major and is a certified trainer for Mental Health First Aid. She also serves on several committees, both within USF and in the community such as the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance, Tampa Alcohol Coalition, and drug court steering committees. Dr. Moore has been Co-PI on numerous NIH-related grants and has been PI on over 12 SAMHSA grant projects within drug court and treatment agencies. These grant-related projects have resulted in peer-reviewed publications, technical reports, and professional presentations at local, statewide, and national conferences.



Eric Nation

Lieutenant (retired) Eric Nation began his career in law enforcement in 1995 and has held numerous positions. From 1996-2002, Nation was assigned to an undercover narcotics unit and from 2007-2012 was assigned as the Commander of the M.I.N.E. Drug Taskforce in Iowa.

Eric helped start and develop the Jasper County Drug Endangered Children Alliance to help children impacted by their parent's drug use. He has also been a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group at the national level, guiding work done in the field. Eric's efforts towards Drug Endangered Children in Jasper County earned him the 2009 "On going Victims Service Award," and the 2011 National Drug Endangered Children Collaborative Leadership Award. He has also had the honor to participate in the Defending Childhood Initiative and the Workgroup on Law Enforcement and Children's Exposure to Violence through the United States Attorney General Eric Holder. Eric has also participated in the development of IACP's *Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence* project tools and deliverables as a Children Exposed to Violence Advisory Working Group member in Alexandria, VA.

Eric is currently a Certified National DEC Instructor and has been

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involved in the training of thousands of professionals across the United States on numerous topics around drug endangered children. Eric also has co-authored several DEC publications and is involved in developing the DEC curriculum that is being used across the country.



Luke Niforatos

Luke Niforatos is the Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor at SAM, presiding over strategic federal, state, and educational initiatives. Prior to SAM, he spent his career working in nonprofit community healthcare. Luke worked with behavioral health-integrated Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout the state of Colorado, improving efficiency and implementing new regulations as well as IT infrastructure. Luke also founded two digital health companies. Having lived in Colorado during legalization, he has seen firsthand the disastrous effects of lax marijuana policies. This experience inspired Luke to work and speak across the country for a smart marijuana policy free of commercialization and normalization. Luke graduated from the University of Denver and now resides in Virginia with his wife and daughter.



Deborah Nixon-Hughes

Deborah Nixon-Hughes, LCSW-C, is the Project Director for the Central East Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC). She is responsible to use proven technology transfer strategies and practices to promote the adoption and implementation of evidence-based prevention and early intervention approaches. Debbie will be the spokesperson and liaison to federal, regional, state and local entities; academic institutions; and prevention, treatment, and/or recovery agencies. Deborah is responsible to identify prevention needs through engaging and collaborating with primary care providers; individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges and their families; and other community stakeholders/systems. As a result, she recommends and coordinates workforce trainings and technical assistance initiatives that can address the needs identified, and thus reduce the effect of mental and substance use disorders on the health of individuals, their families, and their communities.



Stacey Read

Stacey Read, BA, MSW, is currently the Director of DEC Network Development and the Child Welfare Expert for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC). She is responsible for the development and oversight of State, Tribal, and Local DEC Alliances,

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providing technical assistance to the National DEC network, and curriculum and publication development. Stacey is also a Certified National DEC Trainer and has trained thousands of professionals and community members on topics involving child welfare issues, collaboration and multidisciplinary teams, community development, evidence/information collection, local alliance development, and other specific drug issues. Stacey is co-author and developer of the DEC Approach Training Curriculum, Local DEC Development Facilitation Curriculum, National DEC's Roadmap and Toolkit, DEC Briefing Training, DEC Guide for Law Enforcement, DEC Guide for Law Enforcement: Key Insights for Partnering, and more.

Stacey's background includes a long career within the child welfare field at various levels and in various states where she developed her child welfare expertise and knowledge. Stacey also currently sits on the National Stakeholder Partnership Advisory Board for OVC and BJA grantees to assist them in their efforts.

Stacey received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois focusing on Mental Health and Administration and her Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Iowa with an emphasis on abnormal psychology and dependency behaviors. Stacey is also an adjunct professor and consultant helping students and professionals on various issues across the country.



Kathleen Roberts

Kathleen Roberts, MS, is the Executive Director of Community Coalition Alliance (CCA), Inc. She has over fifteen (15) years of experience working in behavioral health at the local community level, regional level, and state level. She received her Master of Science in Criminology from Florida State University in 2010 as well as a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from University of Central Florida in 2003. In her role at CCA, she works with community coalitions, providers, and partners to assess substance misuse problems through data as well as identify research supported efforts to address the problems identified related to substance misuse. Ms. Roberts's research background has focused on substance abuse, mental health, early childhood, social norms, antisocial behavior, parental influence, sexual violence, and prevention efforts. She also provides ongoing technical assistance and training and serves as one of the key trainers for Florida with the Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Curriculum supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Prior to joining CCA, Ms. Roberts was the Clinical Team Lead at the Department of Children and Families Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) focusing on behavioral

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health related programmatic, clinical, and policy areas. In this role, she served as the State's epidemiology workgroup coordinator, the team lead for the SAMH Clinical Team, and Florida's National Prevention Network designee. Additionally, Ms. Roberts has served as a Research Associate at Florida State University working on behavioral health related projects across communities in Florida.



Lieutenant Kert Rojka

Lieutenant Kert Rojka has been with the Tampa Police Department for over 26 years. He worked as a Detective for both property and person crimes, a corporal for the School Resource Unit, a patrol sergeant, sergeant of the Personnel and Training Unit, a district patrol shift commander, and quality assurance lieutenant. He has been the manager over the department's School Resource Officer Program since 2013.

Lieutenant Rojka has dedicated much of his career to the area of Juvenile Justice and is the department's expert in this field. He has been influential in shaping juvenile justice policy for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County, Fl.

Last year, he was assigned the task of creating the department's first Behavioral Health Unit. The unit is responsible for handling behavioral health related calls for service with the goal of connecting clients with the appropriate treatment provider.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Saint Leo University.



Amy Ronshausen

Amy Ronshausen is the Executive Director of both Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. and Save Our Society From Drugs (S.O.S.), national nonprofit organizations that work to prevent substance abuse, increase access to evidence based treatment, and promote sustained recovery.

Mrs. Ronshausen has dedicated most of her adult life to the work of drug demand reduction. In her thirteen years with Drug Free America Foundation and S.O.S, she has assisted in coordinating successful grassroots advocacy campaigns to promote sound drug policy, analyzed and tracked state and federal drug policy legislation, and trained prevention professionals at local, national and international conferences. Mrs. Ronshausen regularly testifies on issues related to drug demand reduction on the local and global stage.

Prior to coming to DFAF, Mrs. Ronshausen spent three years as a program specialist with the Pinellas County Adult Drug Court, working under four judges. While in drug court, Mrs. Ronshausen linked

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defendants with treatment providers and monitored their progress through the criminal justice system. Mrs. Ronshausen started her work in drug prevention with Operation PAR, where she started off as a call specialist in their access center and then worked as a juvenile certified GAIN assessor. She also worked as a juvenile counselor for PAR's Adolescent Recovery Intervention Services and the Juvenile Enhancement Treatment Services and is trained in Motivational Enhancement and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Mrs. Ronshausen volunteers as the Executive Director for the Florida Coalition Alliance, representing over 30 community anti-drug coalitions. She chairs the Marijuana Task Force as part of the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance, and serves on the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force. Mrs. Ronshausen serves on the board of Informed Families, is a member of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) and is a trainer for the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC).

In 2019, Mrs. Ronshausen was elected as International President of the World Federation Against Drugs, a multilateral community of non-governmental organizations and individuals.

Mrs. Ronshausen received her Bachelors of Arts Degree from University of South Florida.



Abraham Salinas-Miranda

Abraham Salinas-Miranda, MD, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Public Health and serves as the Director for the Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence at the College of Public Health, University of South Florida. He also serves as the Associate Director for the USF Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science, and Practice, a federally funded MCH training program (Title V). Dr. Salinas has a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery degree (MD, international) from UNAN, Nicaragua (2003), a Master of Public Health with Maternal and Child Health concentration (USF, 2007), Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology (USF, 2010), and a Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) in Public Health, Community and Family Health specialization (University of South Florida, 2013). Relevant professional certifications include Certified Domestic Violence Specialist (CDVS, 2019), Infant Toddlers Developmental Specialist Certificate (ITDS, 2009), Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate (US ECFMG, 2016), and elected Member of the American College of Epidemiology (MACE, 2014). His research focuses on the intersection of adverse childhood experiences with other forms of family violence and how those synergistically affect maternal and child health. He teaches two graduate level courses (Family & Community Violence in Public Health; Child Health & Development) and is an active member of various

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professional and community networks addressing domestic violence in our county and nationally.



Laura Stack

Laura Stack, MBA, CSP, CPAE is the Founder & CEO of Johnny's Ambassadors, Inc., which was formed in 2020 after her 19-year-old son, Johnny, died by suicide from a delusional incident after using potent marijuana dabs. Johnny's Ambassadors work together to educate parents and teens about the dangers of today's high-THC marijuana on adolescent brain development, mental illness, and suicide. Prior to her advocacy work, Laura was a 30-year award-winning professional speaker, spokesperson, and author with eight bestselling productivity books. Her platform now brings education, awareness, and prevention curriculums to parents, healthcare conferences, community groups, and schools to raise awareness of THC use, mental illness, and suicide. Described as a woman with unstoppable drive and unwavering purpose, Laura is determined to get teens to #StopDabbing.



Jennifer Webb

Jennifer Webb is the former Representative for Florida's 69th District. During her tenure, Jennifer passed benchmark behavioral health legislation and was awarded the NAMI Legislator of the Year in 2020 for her efforts. Prior to her tenure in Tallahassee, Jennifer established Omni Public, a business strategy, public affairs, and public relations firm. Through her work at Omni Public and, prior, as Director of Partnerships of USF's Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, Jennifer specialized in building coalitions of business, university, and nonprofit leaders to solve entrenched problems facing the Tampa Bay region and its residents. Jennifer graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of South Florida with a Master's of Arts in Public Anthropology. Prior to graduate school, Jennifer worked at the intersection of workforce and economic development, where she broke down silos to help residents attain well-paying jobs and to attract new industries to Western Massachusetts. Her undergraduate degrees are in History and in Anthropology from Louisiana State University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. Jennifer is a native of Louisiana and resides in Gulfport, Florida with her wife, Cynthia, and their dogs, Winston and Bailey. Jennifer has long endeavored to turn her personal familial tragedy of losing her baby sister to opioid addiction into a strong program of action. She is honored to serve as director of Project Opioid Tampa Bay.

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Ken Winters

Ken C. Winters, PhD, is a Senior Scientist at the Oregon Research Institute (MN location), and a consultant to the National American Indian & Alaska Native Technology Transfer Center. Previously he was a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota, where he founded and directed the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research for 25 years. His primary research interests are adolescent substance use and other adolescent health issues.



Dan Zsido

Dan Zsido, retired as a lieutenant from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in 2016, where he commanded the Narcotics Division comprised of the Pinellas Initiative with the CFHIDTA (Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas), Strategic, Interdiction, Tactical, Diversion and Technical Operations with 50 detectives, 8 law enforcement agencies, analysts and civilian personnel. Mr. Zsido began his career in law enforcement in 1982. He has held various assignments and positions during his law enforcement career as an investigator and supervisor in Patrol Operations, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Field Training Operations (FTO), Street Crimes Unit, Community Policing (CPO), Community Education and the Narcotics Division. He has 15 years of narcotics investigative experience in areas to include policy development, undercover operations in high schools, street drug purchases, drug search warrants, narcotics intelligence, pharmaceutical crimes and trafficking investigations. In 2009, Mr. Zsido was selected to establish and supervise the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Strategic Diversion Task Force. During this time, he developed a nationally recognized multi-agency entity that investigated pharmaceutical crimes i.e. doctor shopping, prescription fraud, drug trafficking organizations, rogue pharmacies and pill mill criminal enterprises. Mr. Zsido currently serves as the National Education & Training Director with NADDI (National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators) since 2016, NADDI Florida Chapter President from 2013-16 and NADDI active member since 2005. He serves on the board of directors for the Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) of Pinellas County and the Drug Free America Foundation (DFAF). On a national level he provides impactful narcotic trainings and drug trend awareness to law enforcement, corrections, probation & parole, regulatory investigators, healthcare practitioners, veterinary, schools, community groups, anti-drug coalitions, HIDTA, National Guard, Narcotic Officers' Associations (NOAs) and Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM). Mr. Zsido has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Tampa College and is a graduate of the Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotics Course.

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Dotti Groover-Skipper

Dotti Groover-Skipper believes in dynamic living through servant leadership! Since graduating from the University of South Florida, she has facilitated expert programming to impact positive policy change in tobacco, alcohol, gambling, substance abuse, addiction, and the sex trade and has helped develop numerous sustainable community coalitions. She is founder of HeartDance Foundation, which serves men, women and children engaged in the sex industry and exploited through labor or sex trafficking.

Groover-Skipper is an ordained elder and missionary. She has operated at the national level in Washington, DC to mobilize and train clergy and faith communities to engage in issues of addiction, human rights and social justice. She continues to present at numerous National Conferences on anti-trafficking strategies and has received numerous awards for her tireless anti-trafficking efforts, including Anti-Trafficking Advocate of the Year for the State of Florida, the Florida Achievement Award from Florida Commission on the Status of Women and honored by the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation as a Community Hero. She serves on several local and state boards including appointment by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners to the Hillsborough Commission On Human Trafficking, the Hillsborough Commission on the Status of Women and the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance. She is Chair of the SAFE Collaborative of Tampa Bay and appointed by Florida Governor DeSantis to both the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council and the Florida Board of Massage Therapy. In 2021, Groover-Skipper was awarded the Richard Hosking Florida Public Health Distinguished Service award recently inducted into her high school alma mater, Brandon High School's Hall of Fame.

Currently working with The NOMORE Foundation, Groover-Skipper is dedicated to build anti-trafficking capacity in Tampa Bay. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Roger, and together they have seven grown children and are grandparents of two.

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