



MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item 15(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2022

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Recommendations for
Gubernatorial Appointments to
Children’s Trust

Basia Pruna, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

The Board is requested to consider and recommend the nomination of candidates to fill four (4) vacancies on The Children’s Trust resulting from the expired terms of Ms. Constance A. Collins, Ms. Nicole Gomez, Ms. Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn and Ms. Lourdes Gimenez.

Section 2-1521 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”) provides for the creation of The Children’s Trust for the purpose of funding improvements for the children of Miami-Dade County in the areas of health, development, safety, parental responsibility, community responsibility and other necessary and important children’s services. The Children’s Trust consists of 33 members.

Further, section 2-1522 of the Code stipulates that seven members of The Children’s Trust be appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates recommended by the Board. Section 2-1522 also requires the Board submit the names of at least three persons for each gubernatorial vacancy.

The Clerk’s Office has received applications from the following individuals seeking to serve as a member of The Children’s Trust:

- Jason Abreau
- Stacey E. Blau
- Kim Cameron
- Nerissa Cannon
- Constance A. Collins, J.D. (Incumbent)
- Frances Marine Davis, J.D.
- Aymin Delgado-Borrego, MD, MPH
- Larry G. Fields, II
- Deborah A. Finley, Ph.D.
- Marta Garcia
- Norman S. Gerstein, P.A.
- Lourdes P. Gimenez (Incumbent)
- Nicole Gomez (Incumbent)
- Anna Gorayeb
- Fran Gordon, M.S. Ed.

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- Rebecca Greenfield, Esq., MPH
- Alina Arias Johnson, RN, CAOHC, OHN, ICP
- Michael Joseph, Esq.
- Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn, SSP, MS, NCSP (Incumbent)
- Dennis Patrick Lindsay
- Steven Los
- Rose Martin
- Michael Nozile, Sr., MPA
- Clara Lora Ospina, Psy.D.
- Antonio Prado
- Maria Elena Ramon-Coton, M.D, F.A.A.P, P.A.
- Lilian Moreira Santini
- Shane Anthony Sasso, CPA
- Justin Trieger
- La-Shanda West, ED.S.

Attached is a ballot from which you are requested to make a selection of at least twelve (12) nominees. The names of the highest ranking nominees will be forwarded to the Governor for further consideration.

Also attached for your information and review, are copies of the letters of interests and/or recommendation and the resumes for each nominee.

BP/sj

Attachments

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BALLOT

Miami-Dade County, Florida

September 1, 2022

CHILDREN'S TRUST
NOMINEE(S) FOR APPOINTMENT Vote (✓) for (12)

Jason Abreau	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacy E. Blau	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kim Cameron	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nerissa Cannon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constance A. Collins, J.D. (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frances Marine Davis, J.D.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aymin Delgado-Borrego, MD, MPH	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larry G. Fields, II	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Marta Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Norman S. Gerstein, P.A.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lourdes P. Gimenez (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Gomez (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anna Gorayeb	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fran Gordon, M.S. Ed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Greenfield, Esq., MPH	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alina Arias Johnson, RN, CAOHC, OHN, ICP	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michael Joseph, Esq.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn, SSP, MS, NCSP (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Antonio Prado	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Elena Ramon-Coton, M.D, F.A.A.P, P.A.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lilian Moreira Santini	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shane Anthony Sasso, CPA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Trieiger	<input type="checkbox"/>
La-Shanda West, ED.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____
(Please *sign ballot*)

Commission District Number _____

JASON ABREU

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SUMMARY

Highly motivated and skilled professional with over 16 years of progressive responsibilities within the K-20 consortium, including ten years of administrative experience in higher education. I am a seasoned administrator and faculty member who continues to build strong relationships having the ability to work together to ensure the management and delivery of practices geared towards student and organizational success. I am a strong advocate for strategic planning, enrollment manager, program development, innovation and cross-disciplinary collaborations fostering an environment of inclusivity while supporting the institutions vision, mission, and goals. Forward thinker, strategic planner, visionary, and respectful transformational leader who works cross-functionally with numerous stakeholders for the benefit of the organization.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Organizational Leadership

Nova Southeastern University, December 2021

Master of Science, Leadership

Nova Southeastern University, May 2016

Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies

Florida International University, August 2014

OVERVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Lead a team of 25 members, including 17 full-time employees, five part-time staff members and three work-study students serving a campus of over 5,000 students of which 90% are from ethnic minorities; 65% low-income, 54% first-generation; 88% receive financial aid; and 57% attend part-time.
- Worked in collaboration with Dean of Faculty, Dean of Students, Academic Department Chairs, and Directors (Academic & Student Affairs) to ensure student success.
- Proven record of implementing/aligning resources, student services, programs, and innovative solutions in support of enrollment management and student development.
- Built robust partnerships with educational and civic organizations to promote student success within diverse student populations.
- Built consensus and work with diverse constituents at campus and district levels within the College to maximize student development opportunities.
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills as evidenced by strong relationships with colleagues, students, and community stakeholders.
- Developed and implemented innovative, high-quality educational and support programs.
- Collaborated with district personnel to ensure availability of professional development opportunities for all staff members so remain current with best practices in admissions, registration, and enrollment management.
- Represented the college and serves as spokesperson for external community functions including radio and television presenting items for admissions, registration, and financial aid including national topics of interest.
- Bilingual and fully proficient in English and Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Miami Dade College

<i>Director of Admissions, Registration & Financial Aid/Registrar, Padrón Campus</i>	September 2018 – Present
<i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	August 2015 – Present
<i>Interim Director/Registrar, Admissions and Registration, Kendall Campus</i>	November 2017 – May 2018
<i>College-wide Director, Veteran and Military Services</i>	March 2017 – March 2019
<i>Program Coordinator, School of Continuing Education and Professional Development</i>	November 2011 – January 2014

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Aid & Compliance

- Assist students with complaints and appeals concerning federal, state, and college policies.
- Review policies related to the administration of financial aid including Standards of Academic Progress (SAP) appeals, Professional Judgements, Dependency Overrides, and the Work Study functions
- Manage access to student information system requests.
- Responsible for approximately \$19M in the disbursement of federal and state financial aid regarding grants, scholarships, loans, and work study funds.
- Manage and monitor the College's compliance with Federal, State, and institutional regulations related to financial aid.
- Continual increase of student satisfaction ratings upwards of 92% within financial aid.
- Monitor the disbursement of all institutional aid including Dean's funds, Director's funds, Middle Income Awards, Fast-Track Shark students, and Service Grant awards.
- Coordinate Financial Aid Awareness Week events and programmatic offerings.
- Monitor and directly manage budget allocations more than \$4M.
- Conduct frequent needs assessments and quality control based on web-based and in-person inquiries to ensure appropriate protocols are being implemented and followed.

Admissions & Registration

- Identify, build, and manage relationships with strategic partners to increase college-wide enrollment for first-time in college students, adult learners, transient students, international, and dual enrollees.
- Manage access to student information system requests.
- Work in conjunction with the Office of Legal Affairs to research, provide, and attest the verification of documents for subpoena processing.
- Assist the College Registrar by addressing issues affecting delivery of admissions & registration services.
- Review foreign transcript processing and Joint Service Transcripts (JST) to ensure appropriate dissemination of information based on credentialing.
- Manage and monitor the College's compliance with Federal, State, and institutional regulations related to admissions and registration functions.
- Oversee the processing of student records including admission applications and residency information, ensuring all appropriate documents are imaged and linked accordingly.
- Continual increase of student satisfaction ratings upwards of 89%.
- Participate and coordinated efforts to assist in campus-wide orientation sessions and instant admit sessions.

Veteran & Military Services

- Oversee academic scheduling and assignment of instructional rooms for the campus and outreach locations.
- Gather and disseminate enrollment and other statistical data.
- Served as the College liaison for veteran certification processes and all military personnel programs and perform official certifications of veteran student records and maintains all VA certification records.
- Developed and coordinate co-curricular programs and enrichment/support services related to veteran and military students.
- Incorporated veteran reporting data tools within MDConnect to capture and better serve College veteran population.
- Co-authored the Veterans Upward Bound Grant (\$1.5M – 2017) and managed initial implementation, including hiring of grant director as direct-report.
- Created partnerships with Mission United, Miami Vet Center, VA Hospital, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and SocSouth and Southern Command to better serve students through resource referrals and connections.
- Served as district liaison to all college-wide programming areas regarding veteran services and events.
- Implemented the Vet Tuesday Communicator as a method to communicating and oversee its timely dissemination.
- Created the Miami Dade College Veteran Affairs Resource Manual as a tool for students to inquire on VA educational benefits.
- Serve as a primary representative in the community fostering productive, co-equal and reciprocal relationships between community organizations and Miami Dade College.
- Continual increase of student satisfaction ratings upwards of 88% within veteran services.

Teaching & Learning

- Provide instruction within the School of Education, Department of Social Sciences, Department of World Languages and School of Continuing Education and Professional Development
- Major courses taught – EDG 2311, SLS 1107, SLS 1510, EAP (all levels)
- Develop content related instructional methodologies.
- Success rates of over 90% of students meeting academic gains.
- Create, distribute, and review course syllabus.
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies to engage students, including cooperative and experiential learning.
- Meet with academic department chair to develop courseware and curriculum.
- Maintain records of student attendance, involvement, and progress.
- Teach assigned class material in accordance with learning objectives that are developed by the department.
- Communicate with students outside of class to provide supplementary instruction, when necessary
- Participate in faculty meetings involving departmental updates.
- Survey students to obtain information about their wants and needs in certain courses.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Facilitated community-based workshops to centers in the Quality Rating Improvement (QRIS) and Accreditation system.
- Conducted QRIS and accreditation orientation sessions and training for all program participants.
- Provided on-site technical support using multiple systems to program director and staff.
- Complete registration and enrollment information for program participants in compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines
- Disseminated the collection of information from the WELS database and outcomes data.
- Served as a consumer service role model to ensure a positive relationship in interactions with all clients, community, and peers.
- Functioned as Professional Development Liaison and Lead CLASS Assessor for over 140 programs.
- Followed state and local guidelines to ensure appropriate dissemination of funds.
- Continuous monitoring of programming to ensure quality and effectiveness implementation.
- Reported data findings to local, district and state sponsors to identify effective key strategies as well as outline goals for upcoming fiscal year.
- Monitored budgetary items related to payroll, scholarship distribution, mileage, supplies and site personnel budgets to ensure appropriate distribution of funds throughout fiscal year.
- Developed strategies of expectations to ensure collaborations among all stakeholders.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintained thorough knowledge of academic policies/procedures related to the University offerings.
- Managed student records including academic files according to AACRAO, FERPA and University guidelines.
- Accounted for the overall direction, coordination, evaluation of graduation processing.
- Directed activities regarding transcript processing, evaluation, and enrollment verifications.
- Served on the transition/implementation team of WorkDay (cloud-based platform) from Datatel/Ellucian.
- Provided leadership and supervision for operations and activities within the Office of the Registrar.
- Reviewed and approved all participants within undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students to ensure appropriate compliance of degree requirements.
- Organized and monitored eight graduation terms and four commencement activities annually.
- Developed same-day processing of transcripts/diploma requests based on customer-service feedback.
- Provided professional development opportunities related to all Office of the Registrar functions.
- Served on annual university-wide committee related to the University catalog.
- Implemented work study/student assistant functions and opportunities to meet departmental outcomes.
- Developed systems to ensure degree and transcript processing immediately following commencement would be disbursed within four weeks from the date of the activity rather than six to eight weeks.
- Established commencement work teams who were responsible in ensuring the dissemination of information was processed accordingly.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitored day-to-day operations for services offered to approximately 600 students while supervising 45 staff members across multiple site locations.
- Developed Faculty & Staff Handbook for Program Operations across all District operated programs to synthesize and streamline standardized district policies and procedures to ensure compliance with District and State guidelines.
- Recorded, facilitated, and documented all programmatic data including students' admissions, enrollment, placement assessments, budget, discipline, schedules, and operations.
- Administered and monitored programmatic funds and unit budget for all service operations, including payroll and operational expenses (\$1M per FY).
- Provided administrative support to school administration/leadership team with various initiatives.
- Ensured appropriate compliance with school district, county, and state regulations.
- Developed county-wide registration procedures to ensure cohesive and uniformity across all programs (300+ sites).
- Assisted district personnel in creating marketing and recruitment strategies for programmatic operations.
- Serve as an adjunct instructor within the Family Literacy Grant providing instructor for English language learners, family strategies, and best practices for student success.

Community Relations & Memberships

- Member, IncludeUp Demo Team, Miami Dade College (2021 – Current)
- Co-Chair, Enrollment Management Committee Workgroup, Miami Dade College (2019 – Current)
- Member, Grades Appeals Committee, Miami Dade College (2019 – Current)
- Member, Emergency Team Lead, Miami Dade College (2019 – Current)
- Member, College Transfer Fair Committee, Miami Dade College (2019 – Current)
- Member, Campus/Collegewide Standards of Academic Progress Committee (2019 – Current)
- Member, Campus Student Dean's Leadership Team, Miami Dade College (2018 – Current)
- Member, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (2018 – Current)
- Member, Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (2018 – Current)
- Chair / Member, Various Hiring Committees, Miami Dade College (2017 – Current)
- Member, Administrative Leadership Team, Miami Dade College (2017 – Current)
- Member, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (2014 – Current)
- Member, Education & Workforce Committee, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (2019 – Current)
- Member, Community Relations Board, Miami Dade County (2019 – Current)
- Principal-for-a-Day, Miami Dade County Public Schools (2018 – Current)
- Member, Greater Miami Athletic Conference, Miami Dade County Public Schools (2008 – Current)
- Member, Military Affairs Council, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (2017 – 2019)
- Member, Military Affairs Board, Miami Dade County (2017 – 2019)
- Presenter/Contributor, Mission United, United Way of Miami Dade County (2017 – 2019)
- Member, Florida's Association of Veterans Education Specialists (FAVES) (2014 – 2018)

15 December 2021

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Miami-Dade County
Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
Sent via email to Officeofthechair@miamidade.gov

Dear Commission Chairman Diaz:

My name is Stacey E. Blau, and I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a board member of the Children’s Trust.

I am passionate about children’s advocacy. I have been a guardian *ad litem* in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida since 2013, advocating for abused, neglected, and abandoned children.

I currently serve as a member of the Educational Council of Miami for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), my alma mater, and am an alumna interviewer of undergraduate applicants to the school.

I previously served as a mentor for the Take Stock in Children program, which is focused on mentoring under-resourced youth and coaching them for college readiness. I mentored an incredible young woman from 2012 until her graduation from high school in 2017, I and have remained in touch with her through college (she recently completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Florida).

I was the vice president of fundraising for the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of Coconut Grove Elementary school from 2013 to 2015.

I also served as secretary on the board of the Miami chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) in 2012 and 2013.

I moved to Miami-Dade County in November 2010 and have lived here ever since. I currently reside with my family in the North Beach section of the City of Miami Beach.

Professionally, I work as a security specialist and co-own with my partner 5326 Consultants, Inc., a security and investigations firm based in Miami Beach. We specialize in security assessments, red teams, and complex investigations. We founded the company in October 2010 in Florida shortly before moving to Miami. I am the company’s chief operating officer.

Prior to starting this company, I worked as a defense contractor in Tampa and the Washington, DC metro areas. Before this, I served with the Central Intelligence Agency for just shy of ten years, mainly as an operations officer. I worked in the Washington, DC area and several posts overseas. I speak Polish and Russian well. I also speak some Spanish and French.

I attended MIT, completing my undergraduate studies in 1998 in mathematics with computer science. I grew up in Great Neck, New York and attended Great Neck South High School.

Why am I interested in serving as a board member of the Children's Trust? I am truly dedicated to children's advocacy am interested in a volunteer role that gives me an opportunity to make a larger positive impact on the lives of children and their families. My personal values compel me to volunteer and be an active participant in my community. I believe that my knowledge, abilities, and skills give me a strong background that will add value to the board of the Children's Trust.

My experience—particularly as a guardian *ad litem*, a TSIC mentor, and a parent of two school-age children—has given me a window into a range of children, families, and their experiences in our community over many years. I have been amazed at the resiliency of many children and families in the face of hardship, and I have had the honor of collaborating with volunteers and professionals alike from various organizations who have dedicated themselves to helping children and families.

I do believe any entity must be an excellent steward of the resources with which it is entrusted. This is especially so for the Children's Trust because its mission to serve the interests of children and families is so critical and because it derives its funds through a tax of homeowners in Miami-Dade County.

As the allocation of resources to organizations is a major responsibility of the Children's Trust, I welcome the chance to participate in this important role. If given the privilege to serve on the board of the Children's Trust, I will bring both my passion for children's advocacy as well as a high level of rigor and scrutiny to my position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey E. Blau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

Stacey E. Blau

Stacey E. Blau

Summary

Security and investigative specialist. Former CIA case officer and MIT graduate. Expert in security assessments, red teaming, and complex investigations. Proven ability to work alone or in groups on complex matters requiring discretion. Experience overseeing programs and supervising personnel. Extensive experience with all levels of management and command and with personnel in American and international work environments. Language skills (Polish, Russian, Spanish, and French).

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics with Computer Science (Course 18C).

September 1994—June 1998

Completed rigorous applied mathematics and computer science major with an emphasis on cryptography, computability theory, and design and analysis of algorithms. Humanities concentration in philosophy and linguistics. Currently serve as volunteer MIT educational counselor, conducting interviews of MIT applicants and outreach activities for MIT in Miami.

Professional Experience

5326 Consultants, Inc. in Miami Beach, FL

Chief Operating Officer.

October 2010—present

Provide security and investigative services domestically and internationally, specializing security assessments, red teaming, and complex investigations. Provide also training to private clients and the U.S. government in workplace violence, source operations, insider threats, and advanced surveillance/surveillance detection.

United States Central Command (CENTCOM) in Tampa, FL

Principal and HUMINT Embedded Mentor.

January 2010—August 2010

Served as a human intelligence (HUMINT) expert supporting USCENTCOM J2X HUMINT operational, technical, and intelligence activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan with a focus on counterinsurgency. Served as a liaison between personnel in Afghanistan and USCENTCOM, USSOCOM, and SOCCENT.

SpecTal Consultants, LLC (now BAE Systems, Inc.) in the Washington, DC area

Senior Consultant and HUMINT Instructor.

May 2008—January 2010

Served as an instructor at the Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy (JCITA) for the Advanced Foreign Counterintelligence Operations Course

(AFCIOC/AFCITC). Taught DoD military and civilian students to conduct specialized human intelligence (HUMINT) activities in high-threat environments.

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the Washington, DC area and international locations
Case Officer (Operations Officer) in the Directorate of Operations (DO).

July 1999—May 2008

Served as a case officer in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Received multiple exceptional performance awards and commendations.

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the Washington, DC area

Information Systems Security Officer in the Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T).

July 1998—July 1999

Served as a cybersecurity expert, identifying and mitigating strategic cyber security threats.

Clearance, Languages, and Certifications/Licenses

- Top Secret clearance with SCI eligibility (periodic review completed 07 July 2021)
- Professional proficiency in Polish, Russian, Spanish, and French
- Various CIA tradecraft courses
- PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Certification
- Florida Private Investigator License (C license)
- Florida Security Officer License (D license)
- Florida Statewide Firearm License (G license)
- Florida concealed carry weapons permit
- Florida Notary Public (commission EE868471)

Volunteering and Professional Affiliations

- 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, guardian *ad litem* for abused, neglected, and abandoned children
- MIT Educational Council of Miami, alumna interviewer of undergraduate applicants
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), overseas election monitor
- FBI Infragard Miami, member
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Miami, past board member

Kim Cameron



Filmmaker & Screenwriter

Directed, produced and wrote the screenplay for an award winning *Seaper Powers: In Search of Bleu Jay's Treasure*, 88-minute 2D animated feature film, which was released on the Dove Channel as a Dove Original, December 10, 2021. Directed and Produced over 20 music videos, receiving 18 awards from international film festivals around the globe. Wrote and produced her first short film, released in over 70 countries worldwide, called *Carpe Musicam*. Kim has also written a music screenplay was awarded by the *New York Screenplay*, as well as, the *Amsterdam Film Festival* and workshopped in London's Theater District.

Songwriter & Music Teacher

She is a proven lyricist, with a catalog of over 450 songs. She has released 10 albums, hit Billboard charts 4 times, as well as several other music charts across the USA and Europe. She has been awarded *Best Female Emerging Artist of the Year*, *Album of the Year*, *Best Live Performance*, *Silver Medal*, *Global Music Awards*, *Semi-Finalists Song of the Year*, *Best Dance Song*, and *Winner of American Songwriting award* to name a few.

Kim is a true believer in inspiring and nurturing kids. She taught vocal lessons to students at the School of Rock, volunteers at the Children's Hospital, and currently teaches music part-time in the inner city of Miami for Guitars Over Guns (a non-profit mentoring program).

Journalist & Radio Personality

Kim Cameron began her career on KAKE TV as a small-town reporter in Kansas and Nebraska after DJ'ing on KRNU and KHAT-FM radio. With a journalism degree (B.A) in hand, she moved to the Washington, DC area and wrote for the Smithsonian Institution and the National Examiner until moving to Miami Beach.

International Singer and Performer

Performed for the NFL twice (Giants, Redskins), National League (Marlins Baseball), over 12 years of touring across the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and China, in addition to being a featured artist at several prominent international music festivals including Xiamen Music Festival in China, Dubrovnik Wave Festival (Croatia), Komen's for a Cure.

Children's Author

While on tour in the Caribbean, she met a 12-year-old who had a fascination with octopi. This brief encounter inspired the creation of Mr. Octopus, a children's record, featuring an 8-year-old who performs on several of Kim's children's songs. After completing the song, she inspired to turn it into a story. The book *Seaper Powers, In Search for Bleu Jay's Treasure* began a series, now 5 books strong in hard copy, ebook and audio.

Label Owner

CEO & President of Side FX Partners, LLC, and entertainment label based in Miami Beach.

NERISSA CANNON – CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION _____

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Associate of Science in Business Administration and Management	Jan 1986-May 1988
Department of Business & Professional Regulation	May 2013
Private Investigator Intern	Oct-Nov 2012

EXTENDED EDUCATION _____

Notary Public	Oct 2017
Advocate-Guardian Ad Litem	Oct 2017
Central Service Tech	Aug 2013-April 2014
Bail Bond	Oct 2014
Home Health Aide	Nov 2009
Independent Contractor (HHA)	Nov 2009
Substitute Teacher	May 1993-Present
Community School Specialist	Feb' 2019 - Present

EXPERIENCE _____

Intake Clerk for State Attorney's Child Support Division Dec 1988-May 1989

1. Client application initiation filling out forms
2. Appointment scheduling for client and case worker
3. Typing/Filing client information

Paraprofessional for Miami Dade County Public Schools May 1989-May 1993

1. Assist Regular Classroom Teacher with daily student school curriculum in various subjects.

Substitute Teacher for Miami Dade County Public Schools May 1993-Present

1. Administer, teach educational curriculum to students, administer and proctor tests and maintain classroom control in the absence of the regular Teacher.



February 24, 2021

Via Email: officeofthechair@miamidade.gov

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chair Jose "Pepe" Diaz
111 NW First Street, Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

Re: Application for Gubernatorial Appointment to The Children's Trust Board

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to request approval of the Commission for Gubernatorial re-appointment to the Board of The Children's Trust. It has been my honor to be in service to The Children's Trust over the past three years, as an appointee of Governor Scott, approved by this Commission. My role on the Board in advancing the education, health and safety of all children in our community has been deeply meaningful, especially as we have faced the unprecedented challenges wrought by this pandemic.

As a full-time volunteer, Founder and Executive Director of the Lotus House Women's Shelter, located here in Miami and serving all of Miami-Dade County, I am deeply committed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the children and families of our community. From the humblest of beginnings in 2004, Lotus House is now the largest women's shelter in the State of Florida and in the top five nationally. We have done so by working closely with leaders in business, finance, philanthropy, non-governmental organizations and government at all levels to provide sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower women and children to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self-sufficiency, and build safe, secure lives. In their dreams come true, we enrich our community with the fruit of their potential realized. To support this mission, Lotus House, also known as the Sundari Foundation, Inc., advocates on behalf of homeless women, youth and children to raise awareness of their special needs; inspire innovative, holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of childhood abuse, domestic violence and homelessness; and advances research and enlightened social policies for greater understanding, social inclusion and resources for homeless women and children. Since opening Lotus House, we have sheltered over 6,000 high special needs women, youth and children over the past fifteen years, empowering them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, with over 80% successfully exiting outside the shelter system. We are proud to say over 250 newborns, and counting, will someday call Lotus House their first home.

In late 2017, thanks to the generosity of our philanthropic community, including the Micky and Madeleine Arison Family Foundation, Norman and Irma Braman Charitable Foundation, Carnival Foundation, David and Leila Centner Family Foundation, Martin Z. Margulies, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and Bank of American Foundation among many others, Lotus House found its new home in a new \$28 Million state-of-the-art, comprehensive homeless services facility, called Lotus Village because ~ it takes a village! In addition to expanding our capacity to serve over 500 women and children nightly, Lotus Village features a trauma informed, therapeutic children's wellness

Sundari Foundation, Inc., dba Lotus House Women's Shelter
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center, in collaboration with United Way Center for Excellence in Education, and a state of the art neighborhood health clinic (with 5 exam rooms and 7 dental operatories) with the Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc. Additional features include an in-take sanctuary, computer library, culinary center, healing salon, art and activities lab, yoga, exercise and meditation room, specialized support service nodes embedded within our residential programs, a working classroom kitchen, pavilion, and children's play spaces throughout. See: <http://lotusendowment.org> and www.lotushouse.org for visuals and more information. Also, please find attached our annual report.

Lotus Village was developed in response to having to turn away literally thousands of homeless women/youth and children every year. Now we have the capacity to shelter over 500 homeless women and children each night (1000+ annually) with emergency or transitional shelter and extensive support services. Despite the challenges of this pandemic, Lotus House remained at full capacity throughout and sheltered a record 1,354 women and children in 2020, with only 2% testing positive for COVID. We have our state of the art facilities, dedicated team, an enormous outpouring of grass roots community support and our government partners like Miami Dade County, Miami Dade Homeless Trust and The Children's Trust to thank for our health and safety.

Winner of the *2016 Non-Profit Innovation Award of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce* and *2018 Project of the Year by the South Florida and Caribbean Urban Land Institute*, Lotus Village is a center for innovation, education, research, dialogue and information sharing to end and prevent homelessness in our community and across this nation. Equally important, unlike most shelter systems, our work is deeply child centered. Lotus House children and families receive care in a supportive, enriched, and therapeutic environment with wraparound services including educational, and therapeutic mental health services. The *Lotus House Therapeutic Mother-Child Program Research Project* – with Florida International University as our partner and funded by The Children's Trust is the largest study of its kind in the nation - ensuring that the high special needs population of homeless mothers and children in our shelter receive much needed evidence-based assessments and therapeutic interventions most effective for their needs. This service driven research project increases access to behavioral health care for these high-risk, fragile families; strengthens the family environment; reduces child maltreatment; improves cognitive and emotional development of children; increases parenting skills; and increases the capacity of traumatized parents to nurture and appropriately care for their children. Ultimately, via these well-researched factors, the therapy modalities can lead to a more successful transition to adulthood for these children. The project offers parent child interaction therapy (PCIT) to children and their mothers, comparing PCIT with child parent dyadic psychotherapy (CPP currently provided at Lotus House), and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) for children over 7 years (a small number at Lotus House) to ensure therapeutic services are data driven, optimized, and well tailored to meet the needs of the children and mothers served. Outside referrals (Early Steps, FDLRS) are made when needed. In addition, the assessments conducted to identify infant/child needs will yield highly valuable information of interest nationally about this population and its responsiveness to state-of-the art therapeutic services.

The latest research indicates that it is possible to break the cycle of childhood abuse, domestic violence and homelessness with life changing support, tools, education and resources that heal broken bodies, minds and spirits. Critical to this process is participation in trauma-focused group and individual counseling, comprehensive case management/service coordination and referrals for treatment of any mental illness. Over half those at Lotus House are children and more than 60% are impacted by physical, behavioral, emotional, developmental and/or learning disabilities. Approximately 2/3 of the children have 1 or more problems such as mental health issues (53%), developmental delays (30%), physical disabilities, vision, or hearing problems (6%), and chronic

health issues (21%). Lotus House is the only program in Miami-Dade exclusively sheltering homeless women, pregnant women, newborns, infants/toddlers, children, female youth and LGBTQ women, elders and youth. Virtually all of those we serve have lived through major trauma, ranging from sexual abuse, physical abuse, psychological abuse and domestic violence to sex trafficking and other crimes. Our evidence-based and informed counseling, parenting and life skills programming in holistic and safe environment help women and their children heal from past trauma.

Because of my work over the past 16 years at Lotus House, I possess useful insights into the special needs of homeless and trauma-impacted newborns, infants/toddlers and children that are an asset to work of The Children's Trust Board. Since 2018, I have also been appointed by the Commission and serve on the Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Oversight Board, and in 2019 its Executive Committee, and I have chaired the DVOB Gaps and Needs Work Group for the past two years. With violence as a lead cause of homelessness for women and children, I am uniquely positioned to help bridge these three systems of care – homeless, domestic violence and children's needs - to ensure fragile children and families receive much needed services to help them heal, grow and thrive together. With a prior successful career in law, business and finance, I also bring those real world experiences, expertise and skills to The Children's Trust Board. My dedication to caring for this most disadvantaged group of children in our community has led me to seek re-appointment to The Children's Trust Board, to ensure the needs and interests of all children in our community are advanced.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Constance Collins, Esq., Since 2004, Constance Collins has served as President and Executive Director of the *Sundari Foundation, Inc.*, a non-denominational 501c3 public charity, best known as the *Lotus House Women's Shelter*, and its supporting foundations, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., Lotus Village Development, LLC, and Lotus Supporting Foundation, Inc. A lawyer and businesswoman prior to founding Lotus House, she has been a full-time volunteer for the Lotus family of charitable organizations since 2004, founding and overseeing the development, operations, programming, services, research and growth of the Lotus House. In the all new, state of the art, comprehensive homeless services facility in Lotus Village, Lotus House is setting new standards on a national level with trauma informed, evidence based, best practices, and proven strategies to ending and preventing homelessness that put children first and respond sensitively to the gender specific needs of women.

Winner of the 2016 *Non-Profit Innovation Award of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce* and 2018 *Project of the Year Award of the Urban Land Institute Southeast Florida/Caribbean*, Lotus Village is a life-changing prototype for the future, designed as a mixed-use "village" combining state of the art shelter facilities and holistic, trauma-informed, supportive services to heal, nurture and uplift children and families experiencing homelessness. With capacity to shelter over 500 women and children nightly, this trend-setter includes: solution focused individual needs assessments and social services supports, individual and group counseling, child and family therapy, and social services advocacy; a working classroom kitchen sized to deliver a half million meals a year; an urban garden nourishing body, mind and spirit; a healing hands salon to soothe and uplift; a computer library for adult education, after school programming and job readiness training and employment assistance; yoga, Reiki, meditation, dance and exercise classes; an art and activities lab offering alternative pathways to healing and creative expression; and welcoming play spaces for children throughout the village. Aptly named, Lotus Village, because *it takes a village*, this new facility is the first of its kind on a national level, the more so because it includes a trauma-informed, therapeutic children's wellness center including six classrooms offering early child care and education for newborns to age three, with a therapeutic overlay of child-parent therapy, play therapy, parenting classes, resource coordination, and linkages to key community partners to strengthen and uplift children and families. Enriched with a health clinic for women and children, Lotus Village is deeply embedded in and serving the neighborhood it calls home, preventing and bringing an end to homelessness with a full range of medical and dental services. So much more than a shelter, Lotus Village is a center for innovative, best practices, research and advocacy for public and social policies to raise awareness of the gender specific needs of women and youth experiencing homelessness and advance the health, wellbeing and school readiness of children experiencing homelessness, transforming trauma into a window of opportunity to strengthen children and families, and offers a platform for deeper community engagement, collaboration, shared learning and dialogue, on a local, state and national level.

Ms. Collins' work on behalf of the Foundation was preceded by over twenty-two years of business, finance, real estate and legal experience. She served as the chief operating and financial officer, general counsel, and co-founder of a full service real estate investment advisory firm, Urban Investments Advisors, LLC (and its predecessor Starwood Urban Investments) and real estate holding company, Starwood Urban, LLC, and its subsidiaries, responsible for the management and operation of a national commercial real estate investment portfolio, overseeing growth and value-added strategies, development, financing, accounting, and reporting for portfolio revenues, until the successful disposition of those investments in 2005. Prior to Starwood, Ms. Collins was in private law practice, representing institutional investors and lenders in structuring, negotiating and documenting complex real estate, business and financial transactions, credit recovery, litigation oversight, and repositioning of investment properties. She graduated Order of Coif with a Juris Doctorate Degree from University of Colorado

School of Law, Boulder, Colorado, and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. Professional trainings include Foundations in Contemplative Care of the New York Zen Center for Contemplative Care, NYC.

Professional Licenses: Florida Bar, since 1985; District of Columbia Bar, since 1989.

Board Service: Miami Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board, since 2018; Miami Dade County Children's Trust, Gubernatorial appointment, since 2018; Miami Dade County Homeless Trust, 2015-2018; Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., since 2007; Sundari Foundation, Inc, since 2004.

Honors: 2018 Women of Impact Award, Women's History Coalition of Miami Dade County, Inc.; 2018 Philanthropy Award, Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness; 2018 Girl Power Rocks Award, Girl Power, Miami; 2017 Spectrum Award, American Red Cross; 2016 Visionary Award, Miami Herald; 2016 Julia Tuttle Award by City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women; 2016 Salutation Honoring Women in Public Service by the City of Miami; 2015 Public Servant Award – South Florida Community Development Coalition; 2014 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award by United States Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; 2010 Woman of Vision Award by the Weitzman Institute; 2008 Local Hero Award by Bank of America; 2007 Honoree, Women Who Make a Difference by Junior League of Miami, Inc.; 2006 Commendation For Women Builders of Communities and Dreams, National Women's History Month, by the City of Miami and Miami Commission on the Status of Women.

Lotus House/Lotus Village Awards: CARF International Accreditation since 2019; Four Stars, Charity Navigator, annually since 2015; Platinum Status, Guide Star, annually since 2017; 2018 Project of the Year, South Florida and Caribbean Urban Land Institute; 2018 Structures Award for Community Impact, South Florida Business Journal; 2017 Housing for Everyone Award, TD Charitable Foundation; 2016 Innovations Award for development of trauma informed, therapeutic childcare center embedded in Lotus Village, The Children's Trust; 2016 Non-Profit Innovation Award of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; 2014 Housing for Everyone Award, TD Charitable Foundation; "Best Charity" by New Times 2013; 2013 Community Spirit Award from the Commission on Women; 2012 Outstanding Service Excellence Award from the American Society for Public Administration – South Florida Chapter; 2012 Zeta Phi Beta Community Achievement Award; Neighborhood Builder Award of the 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative of Bank of America; Leave a Legacy 2010 Donor Next Door award presented by the Health Foundation of South Florida; 2010 Unity Award by Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund; 2010 Health Care Hero Award by Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; "Best of Miami Shelter" by New Times, 2010; and 2005 and 2006 Networking Deal of the Year for Sundari Foundation, by Miami CREW, for Lotus House, and numerous proclamations of Miami Dade County and City of Miami Commission recognizing the important work of Lotus House.

Professional Publications:

Doblecki-Lewis S, Lester L, Schwartz B, Collins C, Johnson R, Kobetz E. HIV risk and awareness and interest in pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis among sheltered women in Miami. Int J STD AIDS. 2016 Sep;27(10):873-81.

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Pending – Eaton A, Stephens D, Ruvalcaba Y, Banks J, and Sundari Foundation, Inc. A Culture of Care: How Lotus House Women's Shelter heals program participants through genuineness, space, high expectations, dignity, individualized attention, and community. Journal of Community Psychology, currently under peer review, 2020.

Videos and Social Media:

See the Emmy Award Winning Grand Opening Video - [The Lotus House Story](#)

Hear the voices of those we serve: <https://youtu.be/O1J22jC2bBY>

Learn about the Lotus House Children's First principles in *Through the Eyes of Children* video: <https://lotushouse.org/childrenfirst/>

Watch a news video on our work here: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2018/04/10/mentoring-matters-lotus-house-founder-helps-homeless-people-get-back-on-their-feet-pay-it-forward/>.

<https://www.facebook.com/LotusHouseShelter/>

<https://www.facebook.com/lotushouse.thrift/>

<https://twitter.com/lotushouse1/>

<https://www.instagram.com/lotushouse1/>

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February 26, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners Via e-mail: Officeofthechair@miamidade.gov
Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Re: The Children's Trust Board of Directors Application

Dear Chairman Diaz and County Commissioners:

I write to express my interest in serving as a gubernatorial appointee on The Children's Trust Board of Directors. I was born and raised in Miami and returned to South Florida in 2019. I learned about the compelling work of The Children's Trust shortly after my son was born in August 2019, when I enrolled him in the organization's Book Club.

An attorney by training, my career now spans two decades across the public, private, and academic sectors—first as an appointee in state and federal government, then as the head of media relations for a top global law firm, and currently as executive director of communications for the President of the University of Miami, having previously served as an administrator at two state universities in Georgia. As a first-generation American and the first in my family to graduate college, I know education to be the great equalizer and it has loomed large as the issue I find most compelling, both personally and professionally. Having taught as an adjunct at the university level, it is clear that many students' academic and professional trajectories are shaped from a young age. Becoming a mom has only strengthened my commitment to promoting the importance of parental and community responsibility for the safety and success of children and families.

The timing of the available vacancies aligns perfectly with my eligibility to serve on the Board, having reestablished residency in Miami-Dade County 25 months ago. After more than two decades away and having lived in six other cities—including Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and Atlanta—I bring fresh perspective to the circumstances families face in large and diverse metropolitan areas.

I believe the complex challenges presented by the impact of a global pandemic and its economic and social consequences make the mission of The Children's Trust absolutely vital to Miami-Dade County's future success. I have experience serving on committees, including work with the United Way in two metro areas, and I have previously served on the boards of three non-profits—one in Philadelphia, two in Macon—all devoted to the wellbeing of women and children, particularly at-risk youth.

The past year has taught the world many lessons, not the least of which is the amazing resiliency with which communities can face and overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges. At this historic time, I would be honored to devote my experience in policy, communications, and strategic planning to support the work of The Children's Trust in my hometown.

All the best,

Frances Marine Davis

Enclosure: Resume

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Miami, Office of the President

Miami, FL

Executive Director of Communications, January 2019 – Present

- Advise university president on all communications, including media interviews, written and video messages to campus community, website, and social media
- Serve as lead speechwriter for all presidential events and appearances
- Collaborate with University Communications, Public Affairs, Government Relations, University of Miami Health System (UHealth) Communications, Athletics Communications, university leadership and all other departments on use of presidential voice to drive key messages
- Draft presidential communications related to the COVID-19 pandemic for internal and external audiences in English and in Spanish
- Position university president, a former Health Minister with experience through four prior pandemics, as a thought leader on global public health and higher education

Middle Georgia State University, Office of the President

Macon, GA

University Counsel, October 2014 – April 2016 and July 2018 – January 2019

Chief Counsel & Campus Affairs Officer, July 2017 – June 2018

University Counsel & Campus Affairs, May 2016 – June 2017

Counsel to the President, November 2014 – April 2016

Special Assistant to the President, July – October 2014

- Provided legal counsel to 7,000-student, 5-campus institution, advising leadership on compliance with state and federal regulations, serving as liaison to University System of Georgia Legal Affairs and Attorney General's Office
- Advised President on executive communications, served on Cabinet, and led various strategic initiatives
 - ✓ Responsible for all presidential media opportunities, publishing President's Annual Report and bi-weekly blog
 - ✓ Played key role in organizing annual institutional events including Convocation, Graduation, University Advisory Council Meetings, and State of the University Addresses
 - ✓ 2017-18 Chair of the university's Strategic Planning Board
- Oversaw Campus Directors in Cochran, Dublin, Eastman, and Warner Robins from 2016-2018, coordinating across divisions to ensure students received proper service on all campuses

Georgia State University, School of Public Health

Atlanta, GA

Director of Communications, February 2013 – June 2014

- Led communications for newest unit at university during transition from Institute into School of Public Health, positioning faculty as experts in their fields with media and policymakers on topics such as tobacco, obesity, HIV/AIDS and violence
- Oversaw migration of school's website from proprietary content management system to WordPress platform and launched social media pages for the school, led creation of copy for all external-facing collateral materials
- Assisted as translator and oversaw student blog on School's first study abroad program to the Dominican Republic

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Philadelphia, PA

Director of Public & Media Relations, July 2007 – February 2013

- Advised firm management and practice group leaders at 1400-attorney, 24-office law firm on strategy and messaging for internal and external communications, providing basic media training for attorneys in 13 practice groups across the firm
- Oversaw all efforts aimed at promoting, positioning, and tracking the firm's business activities, practice areas, attorneys, pro bono, community service, diversity efforts, and relationships in the news media
 - ✓ Handled publicity for firm, including major expansions in Houston, Chicago, and London, as well as opening of offices in Russia and Kazakhstan, more than tripling media mentions of the firm and its attorneys over five years
- Crafted and helped drive firm's social media strategy, managing firm presence on social networks
 - ✓ Oversaw launch of pages for the firm on LinkedIn and Facebook, as well as two feeds on Twitter, which garnered hundreds of new followers each year, including top legal industry reporters, clients, and associations
- Provided strategic crisis communications counsel on stories or potential stories about sensitive issues for the firm (such as layoffs following the 2008 recession) and legal issues, legislation, cases, or deals involving Fortune 500 companies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance, U.S. Department of State **Washington, D.C.**

Senior Policy Advisor for Public Affairs, February 2006 – July 2007

- Advised Deputy Secretary-level Director of Foreign Assistance on matters involving internal and external communications, working across federal agencies to craft messaging and advocate for continued support of US foreign assistance efforts

FEMA Florida Long-Term Recovery Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security **Orlando, FL**

Director of Public Affairs, August 2005 – February 2006

- Florida spokesperson for DHS/FEMA on all matters regarding response to and recovery from the seven hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, Katrina, Rita, and Wilma) that struck the state in 2004 and 2005
- Managed 10-25+ person public affairs team in field offices and impacted areas across the state, crafting strategy to communicate with media and policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels

Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State **Washington, D.C.**

Senior Public Affairs Advisor, April – August 2005

- Advised U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator on domestic media opportunities, organizing editorial board meetings, community visits, and other opportunities to educate the American public and policymakers about global HIV/AIDS; coordinated media outreach leveraging White House and seven federal agencies

Executive Office of Governor Jeb Bush (R – FL) **Tallahassee, FL**

Speechwriter, December 2004 – March 2005

- Drafted speeches to support the Governor's legislative agenda on topics ranging from tort reform to school accountability

Mel Martinez for U.S. Senate (R – FL) **Orlando, FL**

Deputy Communications Director, October – November 2004

- Campaign spokesperson on Spanish-language radio and television, assisted with opposition research on education issues

Florida Department of Education **Tallahassee, FL**

Communications Director, April 2003 – October 2004

- Media spokesperson and policy communications strategist for K-20 state Department of Education, serving more than 2.6 million students, 3,800 public schools, 180,000 teachers, 10 state universities, and 28 community colleges

U.S. Congress, Office of Representative Kay Granger (R – TX) **Washington, D.C.**

Press Secretary, July – November 2000

- Spokesperson and speechwriter, advisor on communications related to both domestic and international policy issues

Florida Department of Corrections **Tallahassee, FL**

Press Officer, June 1999 – July 2000

- Spokesperson for the third largest prison system in the United States, with a budget of \$2.3 billion, 27,000 employees, over 100,000 inmates housed in 146 facilities, and 150,000+ offenders under community supervision
- Organized first media tour of Florida's death row during special legislative session on capital punishment

EDUCATION, CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & CLERKSHIPS

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law **Washington, D.C.**

Juris Doctor, 2003, Certificate in Comparative and International Law

- Columbus Community Legal Services, Families & the Law Clinic, Student Attorney, January – April 2003
- U.S. Dept. of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Office of the General Counsel, Law Clerk, December 2002 – April 2003
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of the General Counsel, Summer Law Clerk, June – August 2002
- Moot Court Team: ABA Criminal Trials Competition (2002), Jessup Cup International Law Competition (2001)
- International Business and Trade Law Certificate Program, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, Summer 2001

Florida State University **Tallahassee, FL**

Bachelor of Arts, 1999, Interdisciplinary Social Science: Political Science and Economics

LANGUAGE SKILLS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Native Spanish speaker and writer
- Georgia Bar member since 2014 (Bar # 191068, inactive)
- Pennsylvania Bar member since 2012 (Bar # 313433, inactive)
- National Association of College and University Attorneys, member 2014-2019
 - Member of Latino Affinity Group (2014-2018), Volunteer on Web Legal Resources Committee (2017-18)
- Yoga Alliance registered yoga teacher since July 2013, Holy Yoga specialty instructor since December 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Middle Georgia State University, School of Business Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 Legal Environment of Business	Macon, GA
Middle Georgia State University, School of Information Technology Adjunct Faculty, Spring 2018 Security Policy, Ethical, and Legal Issues	Macon, GA
Georgia State University, College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Communication Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2013 Media Writing and Media Ethics	Atlanta, GA
Temple University, School of Media & Communication Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2012 Legal Issues in Communications Management	Philadelphia, PA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Caring Solutions, Inc. Volunteer Pre/Post-Natal Yoga Instructor, June 2018 – January 2019	Macon, GA
De Mujer a Mujer Board Member & Treasurer, March 2018 – January 2019	Macon, GA
Communities in Schools of Central Georgia Board Member, January 2015 – January 2019	Macon, GA
United Way of Central Georgia Steering Committee Member, Women United, June 2016 – December 2018	Macon, GA
Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Macon Graduate & Class Speaker, Class of 2015	Macon, GA
United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey Communications Committee Member, March 2011 – January 2013	Philadelphia, PA
Moving Creations Board Member, March 2011 – January 2013	Philadelphia, PA

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December 15, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners

Office of Commission Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz

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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I would like to express my interest to serve on the board of The Children’s Trust. Through my professional experience, I have become keenly aware of the health and socio-cultural needs of children and families in Miami-Dade County. Although I focus on addressing and overcoming disparities on a daily basis at the individual level, I recognize the importance of working at a community level to achieve more effective results. Thus, I am interested in fostering the work of The Children’s Trust by serving as a board member. I possess the necessary community experience, knowledge, leadership, and empathy to serve my community. Most importantly, I have dedicated my life to the promotion of health and well-being among youth and families and have the commitment and passion to further this goal.

As a young high school student, I began to volunteer on a weekly basis at Baptist Hospital, an activity that I continued for years. Understanding the importance of volunteer work, I continued this endeavor throughout my life. During my multiple experiences I had the opportunity to engage with people from various cultures, many of whom were significantly different from mine. Working closely with such diverse populations helped me understand that problems and needs in a community need to be addressed with culturally competent solutions in order to be effective. I was initially motivated to participate in volunteer activities by the notion that I was contributing to the community, and in doing so, I quickly learned that it was I who was receiving just as much if not more.

My community participation has centered mostly around working with youth, which solidified my early interest in the health of children. It is precisely this interest which would later lead to more than my career, rather, my passion. For years I have worked diligently to acquire the medical competency to treat children with complex liver and gastrointestinal disorders. I now lead the KIDZ Liver Center. However, I am clearly aware that this is not enough to help improve the lives of youth in our community. I obtained a degree of Masters in Public Health from Harvard University to better understand and address the complexities of medical problems at a

society level. I am now well suited to take an active role in an organization such as The Children's Trust, to effectively improve the current health needs of youth and families in our community.

In summary, I would like to be considered for a position on The Children's Trust because I have the medical background, personal experience and cultural awareness, leadership abilities and passion needed for this position. I share the values of The Children's Trust and look forward to being able to participate in the exciting process of improving the lives of children and families from Miami-Dade County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secondary or Joint Appointment: Associate Scientific Researcher,
Boston Children's Hospital
Harvard University

Citizenship: U.S.A.

II. Higher Education

Postdoctoral Training:

Clinical and Research Fellowship

Combined Program in Pediatric GI/Nutrition, Harvard Medical School
Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital

Internship and Residency

Resident in Pediatrics, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL
Intern in Pediatrics, Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, MN

Education

<i>Harvard School of Public Health</i> (Boston, Ma)	M.P.H.	May 2003
<i>New York University School of Medicine</i> (New York, NY)	M.D.	May 1997
<i>Brown University</i> (Providence, RI)	A.B. Honors	May 1993

Certification and Licensure:

Florida License Registration #95357	2006
Board certified, Pediatric Gastroenterology	2005
Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics	2002
Massachusetts License Registration #20803	2001

III. Experience

Academic:

KIDZ Pediatric Multispecialty Centers Doral and Hollywood, Florida	August 2014 – present
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics	January 2007- August 2014
Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard University Associate Scientific Researcher	January 2007- present
Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard University Instructor of Pediatrics	July 2004- December 2006

Hospital Appointments:

North Collier Hospital Pediatric Gastroenterologist	August 2014- present
Jackson Memorial Hospital Pediatric Gastroenterologist	January 2007- August 2014
Boston Children’s Hospital Assistant in Medicine Pediatric Gastroenterology	July 2004- December 2006
Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree, MA Pediatrician (part-time)	May 2004- 2006
MGH Revere Health Care Center, Revere Beach, MA Pediatrician (part-time)	June 2001- September 2004

IV. Publications

Books and Monographs Published:

Delgado-Borrego, A, Metabolic Syndrome and Related Liver Diseases (Chapter 7), In: Pediatric Metabolic Syndrome: Comprehensive Clinical Review and Related Health Issues. Lipshultz SE, Messiah SE, Miller TL, Editors (2012). Springer, London, United Kingdom. ISBN 978-1-4471-2365-1. DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4471-2366-85.

Delgado-Borrego A, Jordan SH, Negre B, Gonzalez-Peralta R., Hepatitis C en niños, In: Temas Selectos en Hepatologia Pediatrica, CA . Velasco ed., Colombia: Gastrohnutp Ltda. Editorial, 119-146, 2008

Juried or Refereed Journal Articles:

1. Fifi A, Barreto A, Delgado-Borrego A. **Optimal Management of Hepatitis C in Pediatric Population: A Review**. *Pediatric Health, Medicine and Therapeutics* 2014;5:173-184
2. **Delgado-Borrego A**, Gonzalez-Peralta R, Raza R, Negre B, Goodman Z, Jonas MM, Chung RT, PEDS-C Clinical Research Network. Correlates of Adiponectin Among Hepatitis C Infected Children: The Importance of Body Mass Index. In final preparation for submission to *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition*.
3. **Delgado-Borrego A**, Smith L, Jonas M M, Hall CA, Negre B, Ogrodowicz M, Raza R, Jordan SH, Ludwig D, Miller T, Lipshultz SE, Gonzalez-Peralta R, Chung RT. Expected and Actual Case Ascertainment and Treatment Rates for Hepatitis C-Infected Children in Children in Florida and the US: Epidemiological Evidence from Statewide and National Survey. *Journal of Pediatrics* 2012; 161(5):915-21

Editorial by William F. Balistreri: Hepatitis-Do you “C” it?. *Journal of Pediatrics* 2012;161(5):A3

4. Corey KE, Zheng H, Mendez-Navarro J, **Delgado-Borrego A**, Dienstag JL, Chung RT, and the HALT-C Trial Group. Serum vitamin D levels are not predictive of the progression of chronic liver disease in hepatitis C patients with advanced fibrosis. *PLoS One* 2012; 7(2):e27144
5. **Delgado-Borrego A**, Kamegaya Y, Jordan SH, Agrawal S, Valim C, Chung RT. HCV synergizes with body weight in the promotion of insulin resistance. *Journal of Viral Hepatology* 2011; 18(2):135-41
6. **Delgado-Borrego A**, Jordan SH, Negre B, Healey D, Lin W, Kamegaya Y, Christofi M, Ludwig DA, Lok ASF, Chung RT. Reduction of insulin resistance with effective clearance of

hepatitis C infection: results from the HALT-C Trial. *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology* 2010; 8 (5):458-62.

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12. **Delgado-Borrego A**, Jonas MM. Treatment of HCV infection in children. *Current Treatment Options in Gastroenterology* 2004;7:373-379.
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Delgado-Borrego A. Treating Hepatitis C: Are Children the Same as Adults? *Gastroenterology* 2011; 140(2): 389-92

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1. Munroe, M., **Delgado-Borrego, A.** The role of the Pediatric Gastroenterologist in rare Multisystemic Diseases. Dec. 12-17, 2021. NASPGHAN Annual Meeting.
2. Delgado, K., Segura, S., Hanif, I., **Delgado-Borrego, A.** Pernicious Anemia Secondary to Autoimmune Atrophic Gastritis in a 12 year Old Female. Nov. 1-6, 2020. NASPGHAN Annual Meeting.

3. Segura S., **Delgado-Borrego A.** Failing to Identify Hepatitis C Infection in an At Risk Child. Oct. 17-19, 2019. NASPGHAN Annual Meeting, Chicago. *Poster of Distinction*.
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6. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Lesley J. Smith, Maureen M. Jonas, Cyndena A. Hall, Betania Negre, Tracie L. Miller, Regino P. Gonzalez-Peralta, Raymond T. Chung. The Underdiagnosis of Pediatric Hepatitis C: An Emerging Health Care Issue in Florida. *Gastroenterology* 2010;138(5)(Suppl.):232A.
7. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Jordan SH, Negre B, Healey D, Lin W, Kamegaya Y, Christofi M, Ludwig DA, Lok ASF, Everhart JE, Chung RT, The HALT-C Trial Group. The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Reduction of insulin resistance with effective clearance of hepatitis C infection: results from the HALT-C Trial”. Oct. 31 – Nov. 4th, 2008. *Hepatology* 2008;48(4)(Suppl.):271A.
8. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Christofi M, Healey D, Ludwig D, Chung RT, Jonas M. North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Annual Meeting, “The role of BMI in HCV progression in the Young”. October 25-27,2007. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr* 2007;45(4):183A.
9. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Christofi M, Healey D, Ludwig D, Jonas M, Chung RT. The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 58th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Overweight is associated with diminished antiviral response in HCV-infected children”. November 2-6,2007. *Hepatology* 2007;46(4)(Suppl.):98A.
10. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Giebenson H, Liu YS, Zang H, Jordan SH, Agrawal S, Casson D, Chung RT. The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, “HCV infection is associated with progressive insulin resistance in liver transplant recipients”. October 27-31,2006. *Hepatology* 2006;44(Suppl.):229A.
11. **Delgado A,** Kamegaya Y, Jordan SH, Agrawal S, Hiasa Y, Chung RT. Digestive Disease Week. Abstracts of the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Gastroenterological Association Institute, “Low serum adiponectin levels in a transgenic mouse model of hepatitis C infection”. May 20-25, 2006. Los Angeles, California, USA. *Gastroenterology* 2006;130(4)Suppl2:173A.
12. **Delgado-Borrego A,** Kamegaya Y, Jordan S, Hiasa Y, Altman R, Chung RT. The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, “HCV synergizes with body weight in the promotion of insulin resistance”.

October 29-November 2, 2004. Boston, Massachusetts, USA. *Hepatology* 2004;40(4):162A-735A.

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Selected Medical Journal and Media Citations

1. On camera interview, Pediatric Hepatitis C Infection. September 6th, 2012. “Hailey’s Hope” Channel 7 News. Interview about hepatitis C infection in children exemplified by a patient referred to Dr. Delgado at age 17 who presented with decompensated hepatic cirrhosis as a result of vertically acquired hepatitis C infection.
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4. EVERYDAY HEALTH: <http://www.everydayhealth.com/publicsite/news/view.aspx?id=638694>
5. HEALTHDAY NEWS: <http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=638694>
6. WebMD/Medscape story: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/721277>
7. BLOOMBERG/BUSINESSWEEK: <http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/638694.html>
8. DISCOVERY: <http://health.discovery.com/news/healthscout/article.html?article=638694&category=18&year=2010>
9. EVERYDAY HEALTH: <http://www.everydayhealth.com/publicsite/news/view.aspx?id=638694>
10. US HHS: <http://www.healthfinder.gov/news/newsstory.aspx?docID=638694>
11. HEALTHDAY NEWS: <http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=638694>

Local Newspaper

1. Major Miami Newspaper (Spanish edition): <http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2010/05/17/721497/alerta-de-vigilancia-para-la-prevencion.html>

International Media

1. China:

Link: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/health/2010-05/03/c_13276557.htm
<http://life.globaltimes.cn/health/2010-05/528253.html> (xinhua)

2. Peru:

<http://www.larepublica.pe/archive/all/larepublica/20100531/20/node/269454/todos>
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3. Iran

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1. <http://www.medscape.com/medscapetoday>
2. <http://hardtimehepc.blogspot.com/2010/05/children-should-be-seen-heard-and.html>
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6. <http://marianxopkin.10lz.com/many-children-suffer-from-hepatitis-c-without-diagnosis-and-treatment/>

Interviews

1. Steven Reinberg (HealthDay News)
2. David Wild (Gastroenterology and Endoscopy News) (CANADA)
3. Ivonne Gomez (Miami Herald)
4. Vanessa Herrera (Diario La Republica, PERU)
5. Lynn Martinez, Channel 7

V. Professional

Funded Research Performed:

1-Title: Insulin Resistance in Hepatitis C Infection
Principal Investigator: Aymin Delgado-Borrego, MD
Agency: NIDDK Type: K08
Dates: 9/2006 to 8/2011
Amount: \$625,000.00

2-Title: Insulin Resistance in Hepatitis C Infection
Principal Investigator: Aymin Delgado-Borrego, MD
Agency: Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program-Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Dates: 7/1/2006-6/30/2011
Amount: \$365,400.00

3-Title: Cardiovascular Risk in Young Patients with Hepatitis C Infection
Principal Investigator: Aymin Delgado-Borrego, MD
Agency: Greenview Hepatitis C Fund
Dates: 4/8/2011-4/8/2012
Amount: \$5,400.00

4-Title: Clinical Investigation to Evaluate the Performance of the OraQuick® Rapid HCV Antibody Test in Fingerstick Whole Blood and Oral Fluid. Protocol No. OQ-HCV-OF-FS-17. Version 1, 24 June 2009
Company: OraSure Technologies
Date: 2009
Amount: \$200,000

6-Title: A Two-Part, Open-Label, Single-Arm Phase 1/2 Study of Safety, Pharmacokinetics, and Efficacy of Telaprevir in Combination With Peginterferon alfa-2b and Ribavirin in Pediatric Subjects Aged 3 to 17 Infected With Genotype 1 Hepatitis C Virus
Sponsor: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
Dates: December 2012- December 2017
Amount: Estimated \$184,000 in year 1; \$22,169.52 direct cost/patient

7-Title: A Phase 3 Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Boceprevir in Combination with Peginterferon alfa-2b Plus Ribavirin in Pediatric Subjects With Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1
Sponsor: Schering Corporation, a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.
Date: 2012-2020
Amount: \$247,807 estimated based on total of 6 patients

8- Title: A Phase III, Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo and Metformin-Controlled Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Sitagliptin in Pediatric Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Inadequate Glycemic Control
Sponsor: Schering Corporation, a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.
Date: 2013-2015

Amount: 175,940.68 estimated based on total of 4 patients

9- Title: A Phase III Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of MK-0431A XR (a Fixed-Dose Combination Tablet of Sitagliptin and Extended-Release Metformin) in Pediatric Subjects with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus With Inadequate Glycemic Control on Metformin Monotherapy

Sponsor: Schering Corporation, a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.

Date: 2013-2015

Amount: \$175,940.68 estimated based on total of 4 patients

Editorial Responsibilities:

Reviewer for:

Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Gastroenterology

Journal of Hepatology

Journal of Transplantation

Therapeutic Advances in Gastroenterology

Professional and Honorary Organizations:

- 2005- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, member
- 2000- North American Society of Pediatric GI and Nutrition, member
- 2000- American Gastroenterological Association, member
- 1997- American Academy of Pediatrics, member

Honors and Awards:

- 2021 Top Doctors, 2021, *Ft. Lauderdale Illustrated* (selected from peer nomination process)
- 2004-present Best Doctors (selected from peer nomination process based on national reputation)
- 2005 Jan Albrecht Commitment to Clinical Research in Liver Disease Award
- 2005 Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program Finalist
- 1993 Honors in Biology, Brown University

- 1993 Sigma Xi Award, Brown University
- 1993 Intramural Research Training Award, National Institutes of Health
- 1992 Intramural Research Training Award, National Institutes of Health
- 1991 National Hispanic Scholarship Fund recipient
- 1991 Irving Lysander Foster Scholarship for French

Other Professional Activities:

Presentations

- 2021 Selected Poster Presentation, Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). “The Role of the Pediatric Gastroenterologist in Rare Multisystemic Diseases.” Virtual Conference, December 2021.
- 2020 Selected Poster Presentation, Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). “Pernicious Anemia Secondary to Autoimmune Atrophic Gastritis in a 12-Year-Old Female.” Virtual Conference, November, 2020.
- 2019 **Selected Poster of Distinction**, Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). “Failing to Identify Hepatitis C Infection in an At Risk Child.” Virtual Conference, October 2019.
- 2014 Selected Poster Presentation, Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). “Association Between Hepatitis C Virus Infection and Biomarkers of Vascular Dysfunction in Children and Youth.” Atlanta, Georgia. October 2014.
- Selected Poster Presentation, Annual Meeting of the North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN). “Triglycerides and Glucose Levels as Possible Indicators of HOMA2 IR in Hepatitis C Virus Infected and Uninfected Children and Youth.” Atlanta, Georgia. October 2014.
- Selected Poster Presentation, Liver Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD). “Association Between Hepatitis C Virus Infection with Insulin Resistance and Total Cholesterol Levels in Children and Youth.” Boston, Massachusetts. November 2014.
- 2013 Selected Poster Presentation (presented by mentee Marco Loayza), 2013 North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Annual

Meeting, “Impact of Pediatric Transmission on Burden of Hepatitis C Virus Infection.” Chicago, IL

Selected Poster Presentation (presented by mentee Marco Loayza), 2013 North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Annual Meeting, “A Vertically Acquired HCV Infection Leading to Liver Transplant and Incidental Finding of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in an Adolescent Female.” Chicago, IL

Selected Poster Presentation (**achieved first place award in the Medical Student Poster Competition**, presented by mentees Leah Katta and Jonathan Nahas), Florida Chapter American College of Physicians 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting, “TyG Index as a Surrogate Marker of Insulin Resistance: A Comparison With HOMA-IR in Subjects of the Hepatitis C Antiviral Long-Term Treatment against Cirrhosis (HALT-C) Trial.” St Pete Beach, FL

2012 Invited as speaker at the Peruvian American Medical Society (PAMS) conference to give lecture on pediatric liver diseases. June 13th-17th, Lima, PERU

Invited as speaker to the 3rd Annual Symposium of Hepatitis Virus (SHV-2012). July 30th - August 1st, Guangzhou, CHINA

2011 Invited Faculty at North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, “Hepatitis C” (Meet the Professor Lunch), Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Postgraduate Course, Orlando, FL

Invited Faculty at North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology (Latin American Session, LASPGHAN), “Atresia Biliar” (Spanish Curriculum), Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Postgraduate Course, Orlando, FL

Selected Poster Presentation, The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Longitudinal Evaluation of Adiponectin Levels in HCV Infected Children Undergoing Antiviral Therapy: Results from the PEDS-C Trial.” San Francisco, California

Selected Poster Presentation, The Liver Meeting Abstracts of the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Factors Associated with Fibrosis among HCV Infected Children and Adolescents Receiving Cancer Chemotherapy.” San Francisco, California

2010 Selected Speaker, Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2010, “The Underdiagnosis of Pediatric Hepatitis C: an Emerging Health Care Issue in Florida.” New Orleans, LA

2008 Selected Speaker, 59th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Reduction of insulin resistance with effective clearance of hepatitis C infection: results from the HALT-C Trial.” Boston, MA

- Poster Presentation, 2008 Masters of Pediatrics of University of Miami, “The Role of Body Mass Index in Hepatitis C Virus Progression in the Young.” Miami , FL
- 2007 Selected Speaker, 58th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “Overweight is associated with diminished antiviral response in HCV-infected children.” Boston, MA
- Selected Poster Presentation, 2007 North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course, “The role of BMI in HCV progression in the Young.” Salt Lake City, UT
- 2006 Selected Speaker, 107th Annual Meeting of the American Gastroenterological Association, “Low serum adiponectin levels in a transgenic mouse model of hepatitis C infection.” Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 Selected Speaker, 55th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, “HCV synergizes with body weight in the promotion of insulin resistance.” Boston, MA
- 2002 Selected Speaker, 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, “HCV is independently associated with increased insulin resistance following liver transplantation.” Boston, MA

VI. Teaching

- 2014-Present Teaching Attending for Medical Students and Pediatric Residents, Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital, Hollywood, FL
- 2009 Teaching Attending for Inpatient Medical Student Pediatric Rotation (4 sessions)
- 2006-2014 Teaching Attending for Inpatient Pediatric Gastroenterology Rotation, University of Miami, Miami, FL
- 2006 Tutor, HMS I Gastrointestinal Focused Exercise, Harvard Medical School (1 session)
- 2004 Tutor, HMS I Gastrointestinal Focused Exercise, Harvard Medical School (1 session)
- 2003 Tutor, HMS I Gastrointestinal Focused Exercise, Harvard Medical School (1 session)

Research Mentor (weekly meetings) for the following trainees:

1. Melissa Munroe (Pediatric Resident): Dr. Munroe is studying methods to improve the identification of HCV infected children, and she is also studying the impact of COVID-19 in the setting of other hepatic infections or disease on the liver. (2020-Present)
2. Stephanie Segura (Pediatric Resident): Developed a clinical research investigation, Improving linkage-to-care and screening in infants and children at risk for HCV infection (2018-Present).
3. Maria Jimenez (Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellow): Dr. Jimenez will be evaluating the prevalence and determinants of pediatric fatty liver disease in Miami, FL. She will be studying a new, non-invasive technology developed by ECHONSENSE as well as Fibroscan in the evaluation of fatty liver in children (2013-2015)
4. Marco Loayza (PGY 2, Pediatric Resident): Evaluating impact of early detection of HCV infection in the Young: Results from the HALT-C Trial. Dr. Loayza is presently assessing the percentage of Trial participants that acquired HCV infection in the pediatric age range and the potential impact of early recognition of the infection focusing on cost effectiveness. (2013-2014)
5. Leah Katta (MS3, C04040425): Evaluating tryglyceride-glucose (TyG) index as surrogate of homeostasis model assessment (HOMA) among patients with chronic hepatitis C virus infection. (2013-2014)
6. Jonathan Nahas (MS3, C03924886): Evaluating tryglyceride-glucose (TyG) index as surrogate of homeostasis model assessment (HOMA) among patients with chronic hepatitis C virus infection. (2013-2014)
7. Andrea Barreto, FMG: Evaluating the effect of music education on dietary patterns in children. (2012-2014)
8. Michelle Godbee, B.A.: Evaluating insulin resistance and cardiovascular risk markers among youth with chronic hepatitis C infection. (2012-2014)
9. Elsa Yumar (Florida International University, Junior Student, C1125879): Evaluating insulin resistance and cardiovascular risk markers among youth with chronic hepatitis C virus infection. (2011-2013)

VII. Community Service and Activities

2021- Development of MetLiv Program (Program for the management of Liver and Metabolic Diseases in Children)

2011-2020: Volunteer Speaker in Career Day at John I. Smith K-8th Center, Doral, FL

2018: Speaker for American Diabetes Association, “Dunk 4 Diabetes” event, Temple Beth Am, Miami, FL

2012-2014: Volunteering with a non-profit organization “AGAPE PARA EL MUNDO” to educate parents and children on obesity prevention. 10705 NW 33rd St #110, Doral, FL 33172

1989-1993: “Big Sister” at Friends of Southeast Asian program, Providence, RI

1991: Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, Miami, FL

1986-1989: “Candy Striper” at Baptist Hospital, Miami, FL

VIII. Languages

English

Spanish

Proficient in French and Italian



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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
111 NW 1st Street,
Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

RE: Board Recruitment for Children’s Trust Board Appointment

Dear Chairman Diaz,

I am writing today to express my interest in serving on the Board of the Miami-Dade County Children’s Trust. I believe my combined experiences as a leader of a not-for-profit company that serves children and families in Miami-Dade (Fantasy Theatre Factory at the Sandrell Rivers Theater), where I have served for more than 15 years (8 years as Director), along with my prior service on multiple State of Florida Division of Arts and Culture Grant Panels, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Grant Panels, and others, along with my more than 30 years of living in South Florida (more than 13 years in Miami-Dade) uniquely qualify me for service on this Board.

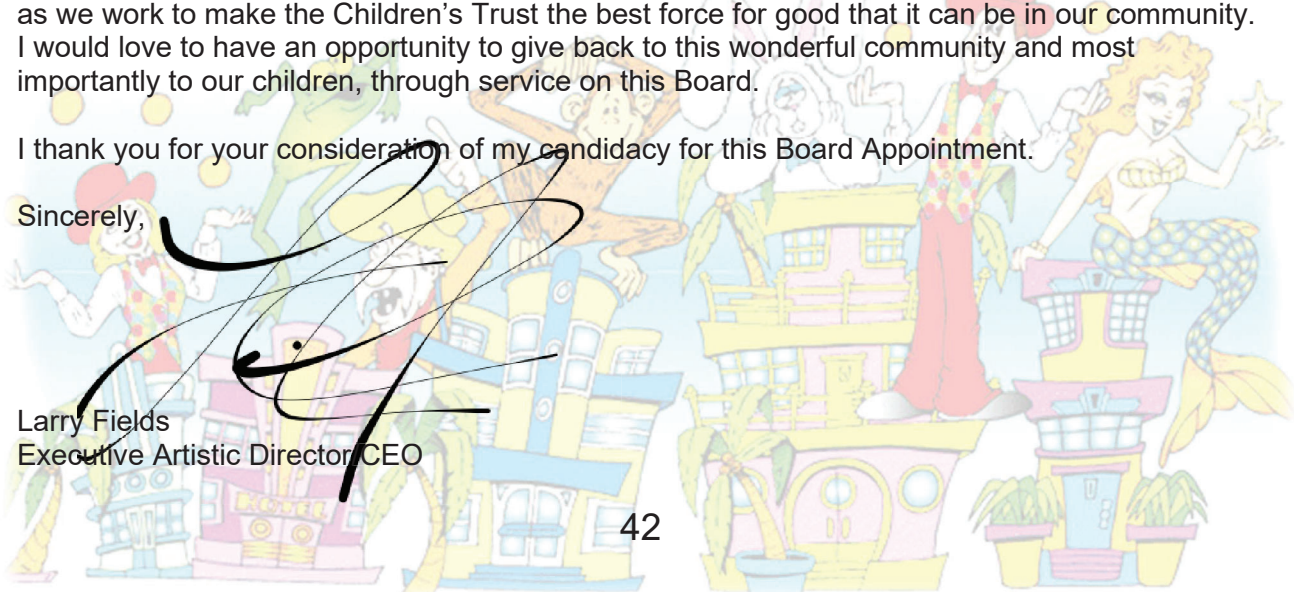
As part of my role at Fantasy Theatre Factory I both design and implement arts and cultural programs for children and families in Miami-Dade County, as well as serving as our principal grant writer, responsible for raising more than \$700,000 in federal, state and local grants each season as part of our more than \$1M annual operating budget as a small not-for-profit theater that reaches more than 125,000 children/families each year in Florida.

My diverse experiences in the not-for-profit sector on both the program implementation side, as well as my experiences as an administrator, grant writer, and grant panelist all give me unique experience and insights that I believe will be a benefit to the Children’s Trust Board of Directors as we work to make the Children’s Trust the best force for good that it can be in our community. I would love to have an opportunity to give back to this wonderful community and most importantly to our children, through service on this Board.

I thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for this Board Appointment.

Sincerely,

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Professional & Programmatic Resume

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Position Held: EXECUTIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CEO



Job Description: As Executive Artistic Director & CEO of Fantasy Theatre Factory (FTF) at the Sandrell Rivers Theater, Mr. Fields directly oversees all artistic *and* administrative aspects of the organization including new programs from conceptualization to creation & execution.

Program Responsibilities:

- Mr. Fields makes executive level decisions on behalf of Fantasy Theatre Factory (FTF), writes grants, & shapes the direction & artistic goals of the organization in conjunction with the Associate Artistic Director, Theater Manager, FTF's Founders, who serve as program consultants & FTF's partner organizations.
- Program Conceptualization and Development. Research: Matches and designs programs that adhere to Fantasy Theatre's Mission. Seeks out partnering organizations whose missions will work in collaboration with FTF's goals.
- Develops and implements new FTF programs for each season.
- Grant Writing: Researches, identifies, and writes grant proposals at the federal, state, regional, and local levels to secure funding for all FTF programs – both general operating and specific project support.
- Long-range planning. Creates and schedules FTF's theatre schedule with Broward, Miami-Dade, and Hillsborough County School schedules, State Touring schedules, and Sandrell Rivers Theater programming. Schedules up to 10 different programs that tour simultaneously, with 8-10 separate casts of artists (500+ programs yearly).
- Develops new programs and directs most of FTF's 18 original plays.
- Oversees all major FTF programs: 18 Arts in Education programs, local community and artist outreach programs, State Touring Program, special events, Environmental Resource Programs, and more.

Arts Leadership:

In addition to his administrative duties Mr. Fields is also an FTF Performance Artist (juggler, actor, clown), designs and teaches workshop residency programs (examples of past programs: Miami-Dade College Humanities Edge, Nova Southeastern University, City of Hialeah (Special Needs), University of Miami, Cushman School, Pembroke Pines River of Grass Theater), accompanies FTF touring shows on the road, auditions and casts FTF season programs, represents FTF at industry conferences, designs and implements Arts-In-Education programs for partner organizations (C-QuELL Centers, City of Miami Beach, YMCA, Community Afterschool, etc.)

Mr. Fields is a multi-year grant recipient of the **Community Arts in Education Partnership grant award for his Arts & Culture Community Engagement for Students with Special-Needs (ACCESS) program** which he presents in partnership with the YMCA of South Florida and FTF. Awarded FY14 – FY20.

Education/Training/Professional Development

Broward College: Theatre Performance 2004/ Kennedy Center: LEAD Conference (Accessibility for disabled patrons) 2012 Boston, 2013, 2015 Washington DC/ My Brother's Keeper Initiative Action Summit: Miami 2016 (serving minority at-risk youth) Florida Alliance for the Arts Leadership Summit Orlando 2011, 2014/ Children's Trust Discovering Inclusion (Special Needs) 2010.

FTF Professional: 2006-08 Lead Performer; 2008-09 Office Manager; 2009-11 Production Manager, 2011-13 Associate Artistic Director; 2013-Present FTF Executive Artistic Director.

Arts Community Involvement/Service: Served as a panelist for the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs 2013-2016; serves as a Youth Enrichment in the Arts (YEP) panelist for Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs 2014-present. Broward Cultural Division panelist 2021-present.

Awards/Honors: 2019 Hero- Key Biscayne Magazine; 2018 Remy Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Theatre presented by the Theatre League of South Florida; Featured Guest- PBS' Art Loft, BECON TV's Spotlight on the Arts; Celebrate South Florida Theatre Edition (PBS/WLRN Miami).

RESUME

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EDUCATION

Certificate in Educational Leadership, 2004, Florida International University, Miami, Florida

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Disorders (Ph.D.), 1987, Howard University, Washington, DC;

Master of Science in Communication Sciences (M.S.), 1975, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC. Minor: Sociolinguistics

Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology (B.A.), 1973, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Self-Employed)

Owner and President/CEO, Dia Meridian Holdings, LLC; incorporated in 2020 to provide management, funding and development for subsidiary companies

Owner and President, Meridian A – Global Intellectual Knowledge, LLC; incorporated in 2018 to provide consulting/research services in artificial intelligence, expert systems and computer simulation;

Owner, Interactive Communication, LLC. in 1987. IC is a private company that provides consulting services to the healthcare and information technology industries. ICI Client Partners (1987-present): Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL;; School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, Resources for Human Development, Philadelphia, PA.; Kids and Family, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.; Village Care Family Services, Philadelphia, PA. Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, Philadelphia, PA; Sunny Days, Inc., Freehold, NJ; For Love of Children, Inc., Washington, DC; Ken-Crest Consultants, Inc.; Rock Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Washington, DC; Sundance Rehabilitation, Inc., Severna Park, MD; Grainger Rehabilitation Medical Services, Washington, DC; Community Medical Care, Washington, DC; The Weston Rehabilitation Group, Inc.; Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc., Baltimore, MD; Mountain Top Rehab, LLC, Cumberland, MD; Educational In-Roads, Jersey City, NJ; Symphony Health Services/RehabWorks, Inc., Charlotte, NC; District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC.

NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

Founder and Executive Director (2008-present): Partnership for Health and Education (PHE) is a non-profit, non-partisan alliance of community leaders, organizations, community activists, families and individuals that serves as a national institutional catalyst for positive social change and political advancement in healthcare issues and concerns. Its primary purpose is to analyze healthcare issues of common concern to consumer communities, especially the family network, and develop strategies for espousing and advocating an informed perspective before the various levels of government, the private sector and other relevant healthcare institutions.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (Staff)

2017-2018 Staff Speech-Language Pathologist, Broward County Public Schools, Hollywood, FL.

2008-2016 Contract/Staff Speech-Language Pathologist, School District of Philadelphia, PA 19140, Philadelphia, PA.

2002-2008 Administrative Supervisor: Programs for Speech/Language, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visually Impaired and Dual Sensory Impaired, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL.

2000-2002 Staff Speech-Language Pathologist, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL.

1975-2002 32 years experience as a speech-language pathologist serving pediatric through geriatric clientele, diagnosed with the full range of communication disorders in a variety of settings (including public school systems, universities, rehabilitation centers, residential settings, long-term care facilities, hospitals, and private homes).

PUBLICATIONS

Finley, D.A. and A. H. Normore, "Class Size Reduction: A Significant Option for Improving Student Learning." Proceedings of the Third Annual College of Education Research Conference, April, 2004.

Book Review: - "Taste and Development: The Genesis of Sweet Preference." Ed. Weiffenbach, J.M., Cleft Palate Journal. Vol. 15, No. 2, 1978.

Book Review: - "Swallow Right: A Program for the Correction of the Deviate Swallowing Pattern in Young Children." (Rev.Ed.) ed. Pierce, R.B. and V. Warvi. International Journal of Oral Myology, Vol. 3, No. 2, 1977

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA., Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Health Professions, Adjunct Professor. Course Articulation II (Graduate Level), 2008-2009.

Florida International University, Miami, FL., School of Health, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Adjunct Faculty Member. Course: Dysphagia (Graduate Level), 2001-2002.

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD., School of Continuing Studies. Adjunct Faculty Member. Courses: Expert Systems and Artificial Intelligence; Graphic and Imaging Systems (Graduate Level), 1992-1994.

The University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD, Graduate School of Management and Technology. Adjunct Assistant Professor. Courses: Expert Systems and Artificial Intelligence; 1993-1994

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer – Finley, D.A., Inclusive Practices for Language Development. St. Thomas University, Miami, FL., June, 2008.

Workshop Presenter – Speech and Language as a Related Service, Professional Development Course, Miami-Dade County Public Schools November, 2006.

Panel Participant – Language Reading Connection, Co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and Project CENTRAL, September, 2006.

Workshop Presenter – Inclusion for Special Education Students who are Speech and Language Impaired, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Visually Impaired or DeafBlind, Professional Development Course – Summer Heat Series, Miami-Dade County Public Schools July, 2006.

Conference Presenter - Finley, D.A. and A. H. Normore, “Class Size Reduction: A Significant Option for Improving Student Learning.” The Third Annual College of Education Research Conference, Florida International University, April, 2004.

Workshop Presenter – Conducted a 3- -Day Training: Instructional Development of Computer-Based Training Modules for Executive Managers of The International Airline Transport Association, Geneva, Switzerland, January, 1997.

Panel Participant – DACUM Profile for Multi-Media Technicians. Dundalk Community College, Dundalk, Maryland, June , 1993.

Workshop Presenter – Maryland Small Business Network Development Conference, Computer-Based Training Systems, April, 1993.

Workshop Presenter – Sponsored by the Suburban Washington Small Business Development Center, Women in Technology Roundtable, University of Maryland, November, 1992

Workshop Presenter –Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development, Small Business Roundtable on the Glass Ceiling. University of Maryland . October, 1992.

Workshop Presenter – The Future of Expert Systems. The IEEE Managing Expert System Programs and Projects Conference, September, 1990

CERTIFICATION/LICENSE

Certificate of Clinical Competence (Life Member) – American Speech, Language and Hearing Association

Professional License – Board of Examiners in Speech, Language and Hearing – State of Florida

Professional License – Board of Examiners in Speech, Language and Hearing – State of Pennsylvania

Teacher Certification (All Subjects) – State of Pennsylvania

HONORS AND AWARDS

Award for Continuing Education (ACE) - as recognition of professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning by earning 7.0 CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36-month period). Conferred by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2006 – 2009) and (2017-2019).

Selected as a participant for the 1990 Inaugural Class of Leadership Montgomery, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Certificate of Appreciation from the Maryland Information Technology Center for Service on the Executive Committee. 1992-1993.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITY

March 8, 2019 – Workshop: Rewire The Anxious Brain; Miami, FL; Marwa Azab (Presenter)

January, 2019 – Online Course: Preventing Medical Errors

ASHA Convention, Boston, MA (November 17, 2018)

ASHA Convention, Los Angeles, CA (November 11, 2017)

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITY (continued):

September 30, 2017 – Online Course: Preventing Medical Errors

August 12, 2017 – Intervention Frameworks for Students with Social Communication Challenges, ASHA Professional Development Course

June 30, 2017 – English Language Learners (Course for Therapists), Florida DOE, BEESS, Working with The Experts Project

May 16, 2017 – NOVA Chat: Explore, Customize, Communicate, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Sattilo Corporation

January 8, 2010 – Workshop: SpecialQuest Training of Trainers, Pennsylvania SpecialQuest State Leadership Team; Beth Fairchild (Presenter)

ASHA Convention, Los Angeles, CA (2017), Boston, MA (2018)

May 19, 2009 - Workshop: Instructional Leadership in the Schools and Speech Sound Disorders, School District of Philadelphia; Dr. Wayne Secord (Presenter)

June 29, 2009 - Workshop: Challenges and Changes in Dysphagia Management, Temple University

July 18-19, 2009 - Workshop: Pediatric Feeding – A Behavioral Approach, San Francisco; Ben Zimmerman (Presenter)

September 3, 2009 – Workshop: Modifying Teachers’ Communication, School District of Philadelphia; Jean Blosser, Ed.D. (Presenter)

November 3, 2009 – Workshop: Pivotal Response Training in Autism, School District of Philadelphia; Jane Cordero (Presenter)

January 8, 2010 – Workshop: SpecialQuest Training of Trainers, Pennsylvania SpecialQuest State Leadership Team; Beth Fairchild (Presenter)

March 8, 2019 – Workshop: Rewire The Anxious Brain; Miami, FL; Marwa Azab (Presenter)

December 2, 2009-2019 – Online Course: Preventing Medical Errors

ASHA Convention, Los Angeles, CA (2017), Boston, MA (2018)

January 8, 2010 – Workshop: SpecialQuest Training of Trainers, Pennsylvania SpecialQuest State Leadership Team; Beth Fairchild (Presenter)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Board Member (2020-present) - Every Girl Can Learning Institute, Inc., Silver Spring, MD

Board Member (2020-present) – Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc., Miami Gardens, Florida

GED Tutor - Lotus House Shelter for Women and Children (2019-present) – Miami, Florida

Pro- Bono Consultant (2017 – present) – Caribbean Center or Child Development, Nassau, Bahamas

Board Member (2008-2012) - Taller Puertorriqueno, Philadelphia, PA.

Board Member (1992) – Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, Montgomery County, MD

Board Member (1992) – Montgomery County Public Libraries, Montgomery County, MD

Board Member (1991) – Suburban Maryland Fair Housing Association, Montgomery County, MD

December 16, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners,

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the board of directors of The Children's Trust. I believe my background as an educator for the last 31 years in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools could be of value to The Children's Trust. During those years, I have served as a classroom teacher, an assistant principal and now as a principal of an elementary school. My experience working with hundreds of students has provided me the opportunity of truly knowing the needs of our community. Therefore, it would truly be an honor to share my insights and perspective with The Children's Trust.

I have always admired the valuable work that The Children's Trust has done in our community and would like to contribute by becoming part of the board.

I have attached my resume for your review and consideration. I thank you in advance for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Marta Garcia

Marta Garcia

12940 North Calusa Drive, Miami, FL 33186 * (305) 338-8874 * mgarciarpe@dadeschools.net

Education

Nova Southeastern University	1991
Educational Leadership Certificate Program	
University of Salamanca	1990
Student Exchange Program from the University of Florida	
University of Florida	1990
Master's Degree in Foreign Language (Spanish)	
University of Massachusetts at Amherst	1989
Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education	
University of Puerto Rico	1986
General Studies	
Colegio San Antonio	1985
High School Diploma	

Professional Employment History

Royal Palm Elementary	2009-Present
Principal	
Blue Lakes Elementary	2008-2009
Assistant Principal	
Royal Palm Elementary	1996-2008
Assistant Principal	
Mae Walters Elementary School	1996
Temporary Assistant Principal	
Hialeah Gardens Elementary School	1994-1996
Teacher, Dept. Chairperson, and Academic Excellence Program Director	
Ben Sheppard Annex Elementary School	1990-1994
ESOL Teacher	

Professional and Community Involvement

Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA)
Member since 1996-Present
Dade Reading Council
Member since 1996-Present

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Member since 2010-Present

South Dade Chamber of Commerce
Member since 2009-Present

PTA/PTSA
Member since 1990-Present

The Superintendents' 5K Challenge- A Race for Education
2016-2017

South Region Office Budget/Personnel Conference Review Team
2013, 2015

Pathways for Biliteracy in Elementary Education Taskforce
2015-2016

Served as a Member of the Commissioner's Leadership Academy for the State of Florida
2013

Awards and Honors

2018	Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education Inclusion Achievement Award
2017-2018	Florida Department of Education Schools of Excellence
2017-2018	Florida Department of Education School Recognition Award
2017-2018	Department of Early Childhood Programs Excellence in Early Childhood Education Award
2016-2018	Certified Silver STEAM Designation Program
2014-2018	Southwest Feeder Pattern Lead Principal
2011-2018	Florida School Recognition Award "A" Grade School - 7 Consecutive Years
2017	Visitation from U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos
2015	Let's Move Active Schools, Active School Environment National Award
2013-2014	Alliance for a Healthier Generation National Healthy Schools Silver Award
2013-2014	Florida Title I Distinguished School
2013	East Coast Technical Assistance Center Exceeding Expectation in Student Achievement Award

NORMAN S. GERSTEIN P.A.

ATTORNEY AT LAW
OFFICES AT THE GRAND BAY PLAZA
5966 South Dixie Highway Suite 300
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33143

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Dear Chairman Diaz,

I would appreciate being considered for an appointment to The Children's Trust. I had the honor to serve on the board of The Children's Trust from 2004-2009, soon after the voters approved its creation in Miami-Dade County.

Throughout its existence, The Children's Trust has continued its commitment to fund and develop quality programs for all children in Miami-Dade. The programs funded by the trust have made significant contributions to the well-being of all of our children and their families. I believe the mission of The Children's Trust has never been more important than it is today and I would be honored to serve again.

As requested, I have attached my resume. Should any additional information be required, I can be reached by email (nsglaw@icloud.com) or telephone (786 363 5615).

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Hon. Norman S. Gerstein (Ret.)

Law Offices of Norman S. Gerstein
5966 South Dixie Highway Suite 300
Miami, FL 33143
786.363.5615


LAW OFFICES OF
NORMAN S. GERSTEIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

HON. NORMAN S. GERSTEIN (RET.)

Norman Gerstein retired from the Circuit Court after 29 years of distinguished service to the community. He dedicated his life to the interests of justice and to the needs of the South Florida community. He was a highly respected and admired Judge throughout his judicial career and presided over numerous celebrated and high-profile trials. He was one of South Florida's highest rated Circuit Judges, and presided over thousands of jury and non-jury trials in virtually every division of the County and Circuit Court. He has extensive experience in virtually all areas of the law.

In 2010 he founded the Law Offices of Norman S. Gerstein. His practice is primarily devoted to Mediation and Arbitration. Additionally, he serves as a Special Master, Special Magistrate, Court Appointed Receiver, Court Appointed Personal Representative and serves as a neutral evaluator upon request. Throughout his career, He has worked with many community and governmental agencies and has been recognized as a lifelong advocate for the rights of children and persons with developmental disabilities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2010- PRESENT LAW OFFICES OF NORMAN S. GERSTEIN P.A.
- Founder and President of Norman S. Gerstein P.A.
- Mediator/Arbitrator/Receiver/Special Master/Umpire for Insurance disputes in binding Appraisals.
- 1986-2010 - CIRCUIT JUDGE - Appointed by Governor Graham. Elected to a six-year term in 1986, 1992, 1998 and 2004. Served in General Jurisdiction, Probate, Criminal and Juvenile Divisions.
- 1981-1986 - COUNTY COURT JUDGE - Appointed by Governor Graham. Elected to a four-year term in 1982
- 1979-1980 - SPECIAL ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY- Assisted Grand Jury in investigations of nursing homes and State of Florida programs for abused, neglected, and abandoned children
- 1973-1980 - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER - Office of the Public Defender, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Dade County

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 2017- Current MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Board Member
- 2011 THE CORAL GABLES TRUST
Board Member
- 2004-2009 THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
Miami-Dade County
- 2002-2019 SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS, INC.
President and Founder
- 2000-2005 HANDS ON MIAMI
Board of Directors
- 2000-2002 THE FLORIDA BAR COMMISSION ON THE LEGAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN
Commission Member
- 1998-2008 ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
- 1996-2018 MELISSA INSTITUTE FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
Board of Directors
- 1995-1999 FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES
Executive Committee
- 1995 LEADERSHIP FLORIDA

Class XIV

- 1995 SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON COURT RELATED NEEDS OF CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- 1993-2001 CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY.
Board of Directors
- 1992 ADVOCACY CENTER INC.
Board of Directors
- 1992 VICTIMS SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.
Chairperson.
- 1985 ADVISORY BOARD, COMMUNITY HABILITATION CENTER Miami, Florida. (1980-1985)
This is a non-residential Program for developmentally disabled adults.
- 1982 FLORIDA CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tallahassee, Florida. This is a non-profit organization which advocates on behalf of children.
- 1981 DADE-MONROE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
appointed by the Dade County Commission, December 18, 1979
- 1981 SOUTH DADE Y.M.C.A.
Board of Directors
- 1980 DISTRICT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Chairperson Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
- 1980 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY COMMITTEE Chairperson
Investigating Sunland Training Center
- 1979 TASK FORCE ON EMOTIONALLY/BEHAVIORALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
- 1975 MEMBER STATEWIDE TASK FORCE TO IMPLEMENT BILL OF RIGHTS FOR RETARDED PERSONS

HONORS:

- JUSTICE GERALD KOGAN JUDICIAL DISTINCTION AWARD
Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
- JUDGE WILKIE FERGUSON, JR. ADVOCACY AWARDS
Easter Seals Miami Dade
- THE HEART AWARD
Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami
- JUSTICE HARRY LEE ANSTEAD PROFESSIONALISM AWARD
Dade County Trial Lawyers Association
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Healthy Families
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FOREIGN ATTORNEYS
Judge of the Year Award
- CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY
Outstanding Children's Patron
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Dade County Bar Association
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
City of Miami
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
City of South Miami
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
- CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Miami-Dade Addiction Services Board
- OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD,

- Advocacy Center
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD,
Sunrise Community for the Retarded
- OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD,
Dade County Public Defender's Office
- DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD
Sunland Training Center for the Retarded Citizens

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING:

- AAA-ICDR Building Industry Specific Mediation Expertise in a Competitive ADR marketplace
October 16, 2019
- ICDR INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA IN ADVANCED CASE MANAGEMENT ISSUES
- December 6, 2018
- NADN 2017 ADVANCED TRAINING MEDIATION COURSE
August 17-19, 2017
- FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING
March 15, 2017
- FLORIDA SUPREME COURT CERTIFIED CIVIL MEDIATOR 2010-PRESENT
- 2016 ACESIN/AAA E-DISCOVERY TRAINING PROGRAM
ARBITRATING IN A DIGITAL WORLD: FAIR & EXPEDITIOUS MANAGEMENT OF
ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY
October 18-19, 2016
- 2016 AAA /ICDR /MEDIATION.ORG PANEL CONFERENCE
February 18th- 20, 2016
- DADE COUNTY BENCH AND BAR CONFERENCE
February 15, 2016
- BEST PRACTICES JURY SELECTION LAW THEORY METHOD
February 3, 2016
- ICDR BILTMORE HOTEL DELIBERATING THE DELIBERATIONS
January 27 to January 29, 2016
- ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING RETREAT
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS
August 13-15, 2015
- 32ND JOINT COLLOQUIUM ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
Friday, December 11, 2015
- AAA ICDR INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA IN ADVANCE CASE MANAGEMENT ISSUES
2014
- AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION
Arbitration training and certification 2012
- APPELLATE MEDIATION TRAINING
(Florida Supreme Court Certification course) 2011
- FAMILY MEDIATION TRAINING
(Florida Supreme Court Certification course) 2011
- CIRCUIT/CIVIL MEDIATION TRAINING
(Florida Supreme Court Certification course) 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARBITRATOR
- FLORIDA ACADEMY OF PROFESSIONAL MEDIATORS
- NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS
Member of mediation and arbitration panel

- AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION
Member of mediation and arbitration panel
- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
- ICDR - INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS
Member of arbitration panel (Maritime)

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- CRUISE INDUSTRY PASSENGER & SEAFARER CLAIMS SEMINAR LECTURER
October 13, 2017
- 16SYMP002 ICDR CRUISE LINE & SEAFARER PANEL – SYMPOSIA
October 13, 2016
- WORKSHOP FACULTY PRESENTER AT THE 15TH ANNUAL WINDSTORM INSURANCE
CONFERENCE
THE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WINDSTORM CLAIMS INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS
January 27- 30, 2014

November 29, 2021

Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
111 NW First Street, Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman:

I am respectfully requesting to be reconsidered for my current position as a Board Member with The Children's Trust. As a lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County and a longtime educator and advocate committed to the education and well-being of children and youth, I welcome the opportunity to continue working with the Board and share my advisory skills. I am very aware and proud of the immense impact The Children's Trust makes for our children, youth, and families in Miami Dade County.

In my tenure of over 40 years in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Private Schools, I worked with children and families from all walks of life and am very sensitive to their individual and collective needs. During my professional and adult life, I have been privileged to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children and families I serve, not only as their advocate and their voice, but also in ensuring each child reaches his/her full potential.

Attached is my resume, which speaks to my professional knowledge and experience, including areas of expertise, which I hope will convey my passion and ability to continued serving on this Board in a variety of capacities and as a dedicated adviser and Board Member. In addition to meeting the requirements to continue serving on this Board, I can bring many other valuable attributes to this position. I am a team player, consensus builder, decision maker, leader, and community participant who will always maintain our children and youth as our ultimate focus.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your decision about this exciting opportunity to continue serving our children, youth and community.

Sincerely,

Lourdes P. Gimenez

Lourdes P. Gimenez
4061 S. Le Jeune Road Miami, Florida 33146
305-666-2794 (H) 786-443-5480 (C) Email gimenezlp@gmail.com

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS: Retired Professional Educator with over 40 years of experience in Miami Dade County Public Schools and Private Schools. Certified in Early Childhood, Elementary Education and Educational Leadership (K-12). Held positions in the capacity of Region Administrative Director, University Adjunct professor, Principal, Assistant Principal, Curriculum Supervisor, Teacher and Substitute Teacher.

EDUCATION

2005 Harvard's Graduate School of Education Principal's Center Program
Completed
1992 Nova Southeastern University
Educational Leadership Certification
1980 Nova Southeastern University
Masters Elementary Education
1976 Florida International University
Bachelors Early Childhood Education

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2016 Administrative Director, Regional Center II, North Region Office, Access Center 5,
Center Region Office
1999 – 2006 Founding Principal, Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School
2000 Adjunct Professor, Florida International University
1995 – 1999 Principal, George Washington Carver Elementary School
1992 – 1995 Assistant Principal, Coral Gables Elementary School
1991 – 1992 Supervisor, Human Resources and Development
1990 – 1991 Curriculum Supervisor, Region Center VI
1985 – 1990 Teacher, Sweetwater Elementary School
1982 – 1985 Teacher, Flagami Elementary
1981 – 1982 Teacher, Henry M. Flagler Elementary School
1977 – 1981 Substitute Teacher, Miami Dade County Public Schools

SPECIAL AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 Proclamation-School Board of Miami-Dade County
2007 Florida International University Golden Medallion for Outstanding Alumni
2006 Miami Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame
2000 – 2006 Florida Department of Education A Rated School (Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School)

2002 – 2003	Recipient of Washington Mutual Education Funds
2001 – 2002	IBM Grant Recipient (\$ 36,000.00)
2001 – 2002	Florida Recognition Award (Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School)
2000 – 2001	Alumni of the Year Award – Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
2000 – 2005	Barbara Bush Literacy Grant Recipient
1995 – 2000	Golden School Award (George Washington Carver and Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary Schools)
1996 – 1997	Five Star School Award Designation
1996 – 1997	Florida Department of Education A Rated School (George Washington Carver Elementary School)
1991 – 1992	Superintendent’s Merit Award Access Center VI

PROFESSIONAL BOARDS COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCE

2021 – Present	Congress International Club 1(IC1) Member
2018 – Present	The Children’s Trust, Board Member
2018 – Present	Agape Network Foundation, Board Member
2017 – 2020	Piano Slam Community Committee
2006 - 2016	Grade 3 Portfolio Review Committee
2006 – 2016	Principal of the Year/Region Committee
2011 – 2014	The State Advisory Board for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
2003 – 2006	Florida International University – College of Education’s Development Board
2001 – 2005	Florida International University – Professional Development Council
2002 – 2003	District Research Review Committee
2001 – 2002	Charter Schools Committee
2001 – 2002	District Instructional Leadership Advisory Council (ILAC)
2001 – 2002	Florida International University – Preparing Tomorrow’s Teacher to use Technology (PT3)
2000 – 2001	Miami Dade County Public Schools – National Teacher Recruiting Team
1999 – 2001	Governor’s Equity in Educational Opportunities Task Force
1997 – 1999	District Schools of Choice Advisory Council
1994 – 1995	Region Center IV Project Excellence Review Team

Nicole Gomez

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February 26, 2021

Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
111 NW First Street, Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128
Email: officeofthechair@miamidade.gov

Via E-mail

RE: Nomination for Appointment to the Children's Trust by the Governor

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I want to take this opportunity to first thank the Board of County Commissioners for previous selecting and recommending my appointment to The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County's Governing Board in 2018. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community in such a capacity.

During my tenure, the Chair of Board has appointed me to serve on the Program Services Committee and the Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee. In these past two years, I have witnessed firsthand the Board's effects on our community. The impact we have is fundamental and critical to the children and families of Miami-Dade County, especially during unprecedented times. Our role has never been more crucial, and the Trust continues to be a beacon of hope to those we serve. Even in the most vulnerable times, the Trust remained steadfast in its commitment to the general welfare of children by providing \$3.1 million in COVID emergency response funding for children, families and providers. I feel both honored and humbled to be part of an incredible group of leaders that make such a difference in our community.

I believe there is nothing more important than giving back to our community and helping to improve the lives of others. This goal is consistent with the Trust's mission of improving the lives of the children and families in our County. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting the Board of County Commissioners support my continued advocacy for the community's most vulnerable voices.

It has been my pleasure to serve to-date and I appreciate an opportunity to be reappointed to the Children's Trust Board.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Nicole Gomez

c: Muriel Muriel Jeanty, Clerk of the Children's Trust Board

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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL

Pro-active strategist with demonstrated accomplishments implementing government relations strategies for one of the largest municipalities in Miami-Dade County. Serve as point of contact for government officials locally and regionally developing and administering operational budgets, governing media exposure regarding highly publicized community events and advocating for change. Talent for establishing scalable systems that drive efficiency and create buy-in within targeted communities.

Core Competencies

- Grassroots & Grasstops Strategy and Implementation
- Project Management
- Fiscal Administration
- Communications and Social Media
- Relationship Building
- Legislative Policy
- Fundraising
- Campaign Management
- Public Relations

Professional Experience

LSN Partners, LLC, Miami Beach

Director of Client Relations

August 2018 – Present

Overview: Collaborate on projects and encourage advocacy and relationship building nationally and locally and bring a creative edge to LSN clients with innovative and dynamic strategies and execution.

Key Contributions:

- Develop and foster client relationships by engaging officials at all levels of government.
- Assist with the development and execution of grasstops advocacy efforts for clients, coordinate client contracts, and create and execute large in-person and virtual conferences and webinars.
- Advise on strategic public affairs efforts to amplify client profiles around the country and develop strategies for client meetings with key officials and decision-makers and municipal leaders, both large and small, to address issues in various industries.
- Oversee the firm's national network of clients before various organizations, including but not limited to the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), National League of Cities (NLC), Florida League of Cities (FLC) and various other leagues in the United States.

NVG Consulting Group, LLC, Miami

Managing Partner

August 2018 – Present

Overview: Consult and assist clients in navigating through the media landscape, establish a comprehensive communications strategy and refine an online presence, and engage with communities to spread a cohesive message.

Key Contributions:

- Successfully led the fundraising efforts behind the \$400+ Million General Obligation Bond for a local municipality, an entity that raised over \$200,000 in the endeavor to approve three (3) ballot initiatives – passing successfully by a wide margin.
- The entity set up social media accounts across different platforms and purchased sponsored ads to promote the importance of voting YES on the GO Bond.

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, North Miami Beach, FL

Chief of Staff to Mayor and City Commission | Public Affairs and Communications Manager

November 2014 – August 2018

Overview: Encourage advocacy and relationship building with local government officials to impact public policy and media coverage surrounding community events.

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Notable Achievements:

- Coordinated policy, legislation, external affairs and communications for the City of North Miami Beach.
- Manage \$1.2 Million budget for both the office of the Mayor and Commission and the Division of Public Affairs and Community Engagement.
- Developed and implemented strategic, comprehensive and integrated communications and public relations activities that increased awareness for the City, including media relations, a robust online and social media presence, and crisis communications.
- Fostered and developed relationships that led to securing sponsorships for successful, highly-publicized community events, including health fairs, awards ceremonies, State of the City, concerts, and artistic installations.
- Directed the development and production of communication and marketing materials, including newsletters, e-newsletter, social media messaging, brochures and videos, all created in house with limited resources.
- Expanded overall marketing and communications outreach by 500% in social media.
- Served as the Editor in Chief for the Award Winning *Cityline* newsletter; skyrocketing readership by 50%. Engaged and highlighted the City and all Departments with an average daily user reach of 3,413 through a series of posts with a total of 6.8 million impressions. A 3,488% increase since September 2015.
- Completed the website redesign to bring a more aesthetically pleasing, user-friendly, and state of the art digital lobby to the residents and business of the city.
- Worked closely with consultants to draft annual state funding requests, other correspondence related to State and Federal legislative affairs and policy.
- Frequently traveled to the State Legislature in Tallahassee, County Commission meetings, and other official events to monitor legislation and parallel actions by other governing bodies that will impact local projects.
- Secured close to a million dollars in state funding for roadways, waterways, and historical restoration projects.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA, Boca Raton, FL

Deputy Director of Palm Beach, Martin & St. Lucie Counties, April 2014 – November 2014

Overview: Spearheaded operations during the Governor's reelection campaign. Conducted tactical analysis of the competitive field, boosting online and media presence and influencing public opinion through intelligent campaign messaging.

Key Contributions:

- Demonstrated multifaceted leadership supervising campaign staff and delegating work assignments.
- Implemented an aggressive volunteer recruitment and retention program that allowed the campaign to build an effective and reliable voter contact program
- Recruited over 200 grassroots volunteers, providing training and mentoring on soliciting support from community members and leaders.
- Leveraged the power of digital media forums to raise awareness of relevant issues.
- Successfully canvassed territory, engaging key constituencies through over 300,000 phone calls and 300,000 person-to-person in the tri-county area.
- Consistently recognized in the top 10 offices statewide for GOTV metrics.

LAW OFFICE OF ISAAC BENMERGUI, P.A., Bay Harbor Islands, FL

Litigation Paralegal, January 2014 – April 2014

Overview: Drafted pleadings relating to civil and foreclosure matters. Prepared correspondence, including motions, subpoenas, arbitration statements, mediation memorandums and record release authorizations.

Key Contributions:

- Streamlined administrative functions, preparing and submitting pleadings via Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. Managed attorney calendar, coordinating depositions and preparing deposition summaries.
- Exhibited keen knowledge of Florida legal statutes assisting attorney with landlord/tenant disputes by drafting eviction letter, summons, complaints, default final judgment and writ of possessions.

Nicole Gomez

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THE CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE, Miami, FL

Judicial Assistant to Honorable Cindy S. Lederman, February 2007 – June 2013

Overview: *Executed management of docket schedule for all cases in dependency court. Drafted litigation documents as the Judicial Assistant to Honorable Cindy S. Lederman. Served as an integral member of the administrative staff, maintaining the judge's court and professional calendar, scheduling motions, hearings conferences, trials and assisted families in distress in resolving case-related matters.*

Key Contributions:

- Regularly interacted with judges, offices of the Clerk of Court, State Attorney, Public Defender, state and local law enforcement, witnesses, bailiffs, case managers and protective investigators to facilitate hearings and meetings.
- Leveraged knowledge of dependency law to oversee administration functions for cases including notarizing Termination of Parental Rights surrenders and Vehicle Information Database (D.A.V.I.D) to locate proper parental identification as needed.
- Researched on a collection of relatively complex and intricate legal issues.

U.S. SENATOR MARCO RUBIO'S OFFICE, Doral, FL

Legislative Intern, August 2012 – May 2013

Researched, monitored legal developments and formulated memorandums in matters relating to foreign policy, particularly those of Cuba, Central America & Middle East.

Key Contributions:

- Worked collaboratively with the Director of Public Policy & External Affairs doing extensive research that formulated legislative memoranda on global Human Rights Violations.

Additional Professional Experience (2002 - 2011)

*Law Office of Woodrow "Mac" Melvin, Jr. P.A. | Legal Secretary
Bander and Associates P.A. | Client Support
Law Offices of Hoss Hernandez, P.A. | Legal Assistant*

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Pre-Law, December 2012
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA – Orlando, FL
Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law

Certifications

Florida Bar Registered Paralegal

Community Projects/Associations/Memberships

Governing Board for the Miami-Dade Children's Trust, Gubernatorial Appointee
Greater Miami Jewish Federation (GMJF), Support Agency Committee Member
Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), Subcommittee Member
Friends of the Israel Defense Force (FIDF), Young Leaders Miami
United Way of Miami-Dade, Mayor's Ball Committee 2020

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February 26, 2021

Via Email: officeofthechari@miamidade.gov

Miami Dade County
Board of Commissioners
c/o Commission Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RE: The Children's Trust Gubernatorial Appointment

Honorable Commissioner Diaz:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to provide you with my resume with details of my experience and recommendation letters which I have acquired throughout the years.

I have worked in the non-profit environment for many years and I am familiar with the demographics of the community both Miami and the South Dade area.

My passion over has been to work with those who have not been able to accomplish the skills required both in their family environment as well as to become employed. I have had the opportunity to plan, develop, and accomplish many projects and have more importantly provided families with the skills they need to find a new lease on life.

My training and prior positions have enabled me with the ability to help develop these individuals as well as their family unit to work on personal relationships as well as find business opportunities which they would have not been able to accomplish before.

I am a self-starter and take pride in whatever project I take on. I believe that my qualifications would make me an outstanding asset to any organization. Realizing that this data cannot adequately convey my personal strengths, I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 305-439-4933 or via email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Gorayeb

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

2012- Present Bloom & Minsker, P.L.

LEGAL/LITIGATION SECRETARY: Excellent personal and secretarial assistance; general office skills, organization abilities; creative, goal oriented and highly motivated; assisting in paralegal duties; assessing needs of clients and assuring client satisfaction; experienced in Civil and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Defense, Maritime Law and Family Law.

EXPERIENCE:

2002/2012 Coalition of Florida Farmworkers

Economic Development Specialist

Responsible of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Program with a Budget of \$350K. Provided training for over 100 clients in the Homestead/Florida City and Immokalee. Enrolled clients in Vocational Training. Personally trained, Client Development and Job Readiness. Successful in placing over 10 clients in on-the-job training and 55 permanent jobs.

Data specialist for The Children's Trust Afterschool Program. Documented all phases of the program and provided outcomes for program serving 60 children in the Homestead/Florida City area.

4/1991 - 1/2002 Edward Nicklaus, P.A. – Coral Gables, FL

Executive/Legal Assistant to Managing Partner

Established client development strategy by coordinating special projects for each client, resulting in a 25% increase in client base. Heavy insurance defense practice. Preparation of trial documents. Transcribed and processed all joint venture and limited partnership agreements. Coordinated fundraising activities for the political campaigns.

EDUCATION

2011 - Family Development Credentials –Cornel University Program
RCMA- Redland Migrant Christian Association

1990 - Mortgage Broker – Gold Coast Real Estate – State Certified

1988 – Degree - Legal Secretary Studies- FIU

1979 - Sales & Executive Selling Studies Course- FIU -

Certified Seminars

- Zig Ziglar, Tom Hopkins
- Anthony Robbins and Peter Lowe's "Success Seminars".
- Executive Focus Selling
- Sales Strategies to Success

SKILLS

Motivator/Marketing/Trainer - Advanced- 15 years

Spanish-Interpreter -Advanced - 20 years

Microsoft Office - Advanced - 15 years

Power Point - Advanced - 10 years

IPO Certified - Advanced - 10 years

AFFILIATIONS:

- | | |
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| 1/2006 - 2012 - | Homestead Chamber of Commerce - Member |
| 1/2006 - Present - | Kiwanis of Homestead - Member |
| | Community Partnership for the Homeless |
| | Children's Reading Program |
| 1/2007/2010 | City of Homestead - Member |
| | South West Advisory Board Member |
| 2/1996 –2019 | Coral Gables Chamber - Member |
| 2/1996 –2010 | Early Learning Coalition the Children's Trust |

REFERENCES:

Arturo Lopez, Executive Director
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August 15, 2011

To whom it may concern:

Superintendent of Schools

Alberto M. Carvalho

I am honored to write this Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Annie Gorayeb. Ms. Gorayeb works with children and homeless families for the past 5 years and provides tremendous support for children with her reading program. As the School Board Member to the area in which Ms. Gorayeb serves, I am uniquely positioned to provide an accurate assessment of her outstanding character and qualities.

Ms. Gorayeb involves herself in local community activities in a leadership role and serves individuals and families of need within the community. She successfully organizes numerous events that assist a variety of organizations for the needy, fragile, and often forgotten.

Ms. Gorayeb takes a deep interest in the lives of others and provides inner strength to those in emotional need; she truly is a generous and unselfish individual. I find her to be hard-working, trustworthy, and conscientious; a person of integrity and honor.

Ms. Gorayeb conducts herself in a professional manner and demonstrates a strong work ethic. She is a talented individual with excellent communication skills. She is an inspiration to her colleagues as a coach and mentor and touches many hearts in the community in a positive and unforgettable manner. Ms. Gorayeb has excellent organizational skills, an efficient style of task differentiation, and an excellent rapport with people of all ages.

Ms. Annie Gorayeb has my recommendation for this or any position without hesitation or qualification. She will be an asset for any organization and value-added to any team or project.

Sincerely,

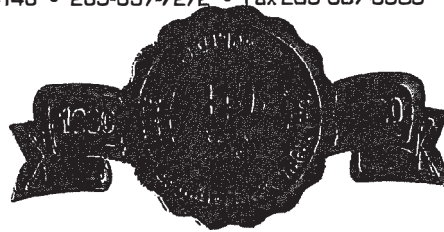
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February 26, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Ms. Annie Gorayeb for approximately 10 years and have worked with her on numerous projects. Ms. Gorayeb is a person that needs little if any motivation. Once she has determined the objective of any project, she designs a plan of action and follows it until the outcomes are accomplished.

Our agency has been operating after school programs for approximately 8 years and Ms. Gorayeb was instrumental in developing policies to insure the education and safety of the children involved.

Ms. Gorayeb is always looking for methods that can be employed to assist those individuals that have little or no resources. Individual that worked with her recognize her organizational skills and her concern for those that are less fortunate. Her leadership compels individuals to follow her direction and appreciate her desire to correct what is wrong.

Ms. Gorayeb is an asset to the community and individuals that have had contact with her offer the support needed for any endeavor she is involved in.

Ms. Gorayeb has my recommendation and will be an asset for any organization and value added to any team or project.

Feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Respectfully,


Arturo Lopez
Executive Director



Regina Wright, MHC MS
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July 21, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves to acknowledge the exceptional character that Anna Gorayeb reflects through her personal and professional growth, as well as through her interpersonal interactions. During the time I have known Anna, I have been struck by her authenticity as a change agent. Anna demonstrates the rare quality of aligning her actions with her verbalized values, and projecting visions for change that uphold social justice.

Anna commits to actualizing equal opportunities within communities by first tending to her own level of competence. I first met Anna when she took our six-month, statewide course to better understand ways to connect with diverse families to effect long-term, positive change. While many course participants attend due to professional development requirements, Anna sought such an opportunity by her own accord. Thus despite her profound experience with leading change, Anna recognizes the need for ongoing self-reflection and experiences that expand her understanding of people and the systems in which they are embedded. Anna's insights and advocacy have made excellent contributions to the course implementation in Florida. Anna is now certified to facilitate the course and thus further promote effective work with families.

Perhaps one of the greatest strengths I see in Anna is her ability to connect with people of different backgrounds. While many professionals are focused upon "networking," Anna is focused upon building meaningful relationships. She is easily received by community partners as a respected, competent advocate with warmth and integrity. In short, Anna possesses the high degree of social intelligence that is necessary for strengthening communities. I am honored to know her as a professional ally and a personal source of support.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the assets Anna may provide to your organization.

Sincerely,

Regina Wright, MHC

Regina Wright, MHC, MS

Florida Family Development Specialist & Instructor

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June 11, 2008

Ms. Annie Gorayeb
Fabulous Women Doing Fabulous Things
28205 SW 125 Avenue, bldg. K
Homestead, FL 33033

Dear Ms. Gorayeb:

Congratulations on being selected as a finalist for the Dorothy Shula Award for Outstanding Volunteerism, one of United Way of Miami Dade's 2008 annual volunteer awards honoring service to others and to our community.

This year, we received a large pool of very deserving nominations. The judges had a most difficult time selecting a winner, because every one of the finalists is an exceptional individual with a sincere dedication to improving lives in our community. Please know that it was a very close vote.

The winner of this year's Dorothy Shula Award for Outstanding Volunteerism, Mr. David Lawrence Jr., is deeply deserving of this honor because of an extraordinary commitment to making a difference in people's lives and in our community.

I only wish we were able to appropriately honor all the wonderful individuals – people like you – who go above and beyond in their volunteer efforts and in their everyday lives.

Enclosed is a certificate recognizing your being selected as a finalist. In the meantime, please accept our deepest appreciation for all that you do to make our community a better, more caring one.

Sincerely,

Harve A. Mogul
President & CEO

HAM/rs

cc: Mr. Michael Burnett

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February 26, 2021

To the Board of Directors of The Children's Trust:

It would be a distinct pleasure to join the Board of Directors of The Children's Trust. My background, expertise and experience working with Miami Dade families, children and their teachers, has allowed me to make a profound difference in the lives of our community.

My goal, as an early childhood educator, has always been about understanding developmentally appropriate learning, as well as, the importance of a safe, stimulating environment that says "learning through play happens here". This rudimentary goal has enhanced my skills and effectiveness, so that teachers, parents and administrators can connect with the mission and vision of best practices in early childhood education as well as understanding the relevance and purpose of intentional play. The key is for our children to acquire successful interactions, conversations and creativity in a bilingual environment that will include a problem-solving approach to the issues of daily life.

In my role as Early Childhood Educator, I know that the classroom teacher is the impetus behind excellence in early childhood education. This certainly would be my strength as an active Children's Trust Board member. My other areas of interest and concern and which affects the lives of our children are:

- *Addressing benefits and compensation for early childhood practitioners**
- *Expanding the role of research in making and implementing policy**
- *Understanding the essential nature and crucial needs of childcare program**
- *Developing effective bilingual programming and early literacy skills**
- *Strengthening the dismantling of racism and bias in early childhood**

I have been privy, in my career, in Miami Dade and New York, to have worked with dedicated professionals who support the children and families of our community. I have visited and worked with most of the early childhood programs in Miami Dade county including: Public School's Head Start delegate sites, Miami Dade Community Action Agency Head Start /Early Head Start, as well as faith based and private schools.

I know the work that my colleagues and I have done has made an enormous contribution in the lives of our children and teachers - it is this that propels me to continue to make a difference. I would appreciate your consideration to join the board of the Trust. My years of experience, expertise and love of the early childhood profession will certainly be well placed.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Fran Gordon, M.S. Ed.

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Education

Bachelor's/ Master's Degree: Early Childhood Education, H. Lehman College

New York City Experience

Teacher: Kindergarten, NYC Public Schools

Problem Solving Curriculum Developer: Herbert H. Lehman College

Director of Early Childhood: Aldrich Nursery School and Kindergarten; Central Queens YM&YWCA

Consultant: Agency for Child Development

Adjunct Professor: Herbert H. Lehman College, College of New Rochelle, Pace University

Trainer: High Scope, Creative Curriculum

Author: "Early Childhood Concepts through Cooking"

Miami Dade Experience

Consultant: Early Childhood Consulting Service

Trainer: WLRN "Ready to Learn", Sesame Street Project, Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Curriculum, High Scope Approach, Creative Curriculum, state mandated 45 hours, CLASS

Director of Early Childhood: Miami Dade College Early Childhood Center, Temple Beth Shalom Foundation School

Adjunct Professor: Miami Dade College, Barry University, Nova University, Union Institute, Broward College

Early Childhood Services Manager: Miami Dade Community Action Agency Head Start/Early Head Start

Enrollment & Recruitment Specialist: Miami Children's Museum

Validator: National Association for The Education of Young Children

Conference Coordinator: MDCAA Head Star/Early Head Start

Recommendations

Ophelia Brown Lawson, Jane McQueen, Debbie Spiegelman, Dr. Daryl Greenfield, Pam Hollingsworth, Belkis Torres,

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February 25, 2021

Re: Application for The Children's Trust Board Position

Dear Jose "Pepe" Diaz and The Children's Trust Board Members:

I'm writing to you to express interest in joining the Children's Trust Board as a Gubernatorial Appointee. With an extensive background in public health and healthcare law, I have dealt with health disparities in under-served neighborhoods and strive to leverage my professional connections and resources to help plan, advocate and fund strategic investments that improve our local communities.

Committed to serving the community and delivering healthcare to those in need, I work with several nonprofit health systems throughout Florida, including children's hospitals in Miami, to ensure hospital debts are reduced, allowing nonprofits to reinvest earnings in new technology that will increase patient care and the general public's well-being. My experience and in-depth knowledge of Medicaid programs and emergency Medicaid for undocumented populations, and Jackson Card Program can be applied when effectively structuring comprehensive school-based health care for the Trust.

With my proficiency in contract funding and renewals, I can provide constructive feedback to improve the Trust's operations, navigating board members through the ever-evolving framework of new regulations, and compliance associated with material laws, capital expenditures, and service changes.

As a representative of the Trust, I will maximize the foundation's mission around fundraising, invoking fiscal planning while expanding revenue capabilities. My experience in structuring competitive short-term and long-term solutions, evaluating potential risks associated with operational or transactional matters will help drive the foundation forward, strengthening its overall bottom line.

My previous experience creating nutritional and health programming for Booker T. Washington and involvement in the only substance use facility for adolescents in Florida, will benefit the Trust's strategic plan to elevate communities' social, educational, economic, and environmental foundations. Astutely aware of the socioeconomic hurdles faced by minorities, I will share key indicators for early substance abuse issues to facilitate change among residents and local agencies.

Reliability, flexibility, creativity, and time management skills are core tenants of my leadership style that I have imparted as a shareholder of Wolfe Pincavage and Chair of HFMA Payor Committee and will convey as a member of The Trust.

This past year has served as a reflection of the things I can change and the things I can't change. With this being said, I am deeply passionate about making a difference in my community and providing minority groups with the resources to achieve their goals.

I look forward to your response and hope to work alongside all of you, achieving our combined mission of improving the lives of all children in Miami-Dade County.

Warm regards,

Becky Greenfield

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wolfe Pincavage, LLP, Miami, Florida

Shareholder, January 2021-Present

Associate, June 2017 – December 2020

- Negotiate managed care fee-for-service and value-based agreements on behalf of non-profit hospital clients, including specialty children's hospitals throughout the state of Florida for Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial products
- Develop managed care contracting strategies on behalf of non-profit hospital and physician group clients, including specialty children's hospitals throughout the state of Florida with respect to Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payors
- Consult with non-profit hospital other provider clients, including specialty children's hospitals, ABA therapists, and other mental health and substance use providers throughout the state of Florida regarding healthcare reimbursement and billing, regulatory compliance, and other operational matters
- Represent non-profit hospital clients, including specialty children's hospitals, in payment disputes with insurers
- Consult healthcare provider clients regarding privacy laws, fraud and abuse issues, Florida's sunshine laws, and other regulatory and statutory matters
- Represent healthcare provider clients in various transactions, including the sale and purchase of provider practices

Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Health Care Law Associate, November 2016 - Present

- Defended physicians and other health care entities undergoing ZPIC, LIP, and AHCA audits
- Drafted responses to Board of Medicine complaint against physician client
- Drafted transactional documents including without limitation operating agreements, asset purchase agreements, employment agreements, and shared space agreements
- Analyzed business relationships to determine whether there exists fraud and abuse, including without limitation analysis with respect to the federal anti-kickback and Stark law and the Florida Patient Brokering Act
- Perform legal research and prepare memoranda related to health law
- Assisted with the structuring of new health care-related companies
- Drafted compliance policies, including without limitation midlevel practitioner prescription protocols, HIPAA and HITECH policies and procedures, and ACA § 1557 policies and procedures

GrayRobinson, P.A., Miami, Florida

Litigation Associate, August 2015 - November 2016

- Prepared clients for deposition and for trial
- Appeared as co-counsel on hearings in several areas including motions to dismiss, motions for protective order, motions to compel, and motions to strike
- Appeared as co-counsel at trial
- Deposed plaintiffs and non-parties, prepared and defended clients and experts at deposition, and participated in mediations
- Drafted pleadings, motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, discovery motions, briefs, and discovery in state and federal court, covering numerous areas of motion practice
- Attended closed-door executive sessions for public client

Florida 3rd District Regional Counsel For Dependency Court and Drug Dependency Court, Miami, Florida

Certified Legal Intern, January 2015 – April 2015

- Represented parents undergoing dependency proceedings in legal hearings before presiding eleventh circuit judge, including, but not limited to, entering plea bargains, reporting status updates to the court, and identifying applicable statutory and case law

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PRO BONO AND MEMBERSHIPS

Florida 3rd District Regional Counsel For Dependency Court

Attorney Ad Litem, 2018

- Represented the legal and personal interest of a minor child under supervision of the court during dependency proceedings

Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), Florida Chapter

Payer Committee Chair, 2020-2021

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida

Juris Doctor, May 2015

GPA: 3.79 **Top 3.4%**

Honors:

Order of the Coif, 2015 Magna Cum Laude, 2015

Dean's Certificate of Achievement Award, Health Rights Clinic (Fall 2013)

Dean's Certificate of Achievement Award, Implementing the Affordable Care Act (Fall 2013)

Activities:

Health Rights Clinic (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

- Represented client in a Social Security ALJ hearing before an administrative judge
- Represented client in asylum case during deportation proceedings before an immigration judge
- Obtained 12-month emergency Medicaid ("EMA") on a prospective basis for a client with End Stage Renal Disease.
- Developed an Emergency Medicaid Toolkit for dialysis and chemotherapy treatment for use by immigrant advocates, public hospitals, and dialysis/chemotherapy coordinators to educate the public and to help streamline the 12-month EMA approval process for undocumented persons.

Affordable Care Act Project, Team Leader (Spring 2014)

Jackson Public Health Trust Coding Project, Team Leader (Spring 2014)

Society of Bar and Gavel, Co-chair Service Commission (2013 - 2014)

Health Law Association, Treasurer (2013 - 2014)

Research Assistant, New Veterans Rights Course (Summer 2013)

Law Review:

Race and Social Justice Law Review, Submissions Editor (Spring 2014 - Spring 2015)

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida

Master of Public Health (MPH), May 2015

GPA: 3.9

Activities:

Public Health Student Association, Vice President (2011 - 2012)

Healthy Kids, Healthy Soles Nutritional Education and Cooking Class, Founder (2011 - 2012) Booker T.

Washington Community Garden, Founder (2011 - 2012)

Research: "Gender Roles and its Effects on Obesity for the Population of Isabella Island," Galapagos Islands, Ecuador (June 2012)

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Bachelor of Business Administration, Major: Management, Minor: Economics, May 2010

GPA: 3.7

Honors:

Magna Cum Laude 2010 Dean's List 2008-2010

Provost's List 2007-2010

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Activities:

Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, Founding President

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES

- *No Surprises Act and Its Intersection with Fla.'s Balance Billing Protections*, Daily Business Review, February 2, 2021.
- *CMS Price Transparency Mandate*, HealthLeaders, January 11, 2021
- *Price Transparency Mandate – Making Sense of the CMS Final Rule*, Waystar webinar, June 18, 2020.
- *CMS Treatment Preapproval Rules Will Drive Up Health Costs*, Law360, March 16, 2020.
- *Negotiating with Third-Party Payors in the ERA of MIPS & APM*, FCOM, Combined Otolaryngology Meeting & Network of Florida Otolaryngologists 2017 Annual Meeting, November 10-11, 2017.
- Frequently published as a notable source in top-tier industry publications such as Modern Healthcare, HealthLeaders, Healthcare Dive, Healthcare Finance, among others.

December 16, 2021

To: Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners

From: Alina Arias Johnson, RN

Re: The Children's Trust Board of Directors Position

Dear Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my sincere interest to be part of The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Please find in my enclosed Resume and outline of my extensive knowledge, leadership abilities, qualifications and contributions that will help me in this most important position.

I feel that my proven and demonstrated experience with interpersonal skills allow me to communicate well with board members and others, reducing errors and confusion.

My moral character and high ethics have always been compasses that have enabled me to provide objective-focused goals when managing publically funded and government budgets.

My ability to recognize and resolve issues fast and effectively will surely be a great contribution to the Board of Directors Children's Trust.

As an RN I am committed to helping meet the physical and emotional needs of children and families.

It would be an honor to serve in this board and help ensure that proper funds are distributed and provided to assist the health, safety and developmental needs of the many children and families in our Miami-Dade community.

Respectfully submitted,

Alina Arias Johnson, RN
786-747-9680

Encl: Resume

**ALINA ARIAS JOHNSON, RN, CAOHC, OHN, ICP
TRAINER-CONSULTANT-MANAGER**

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CAREER SUMMARY:

- * Experience in Leadership, Management
- * Excellent Written and Verbal Communication Skills (English/ Spanish)
- * Strong clinical, leadership and customer service skills
- * Excellent Presentation and Motivational skills
- * Trainer and Educator- Bilingual
- * Health & Wellness Educator/ Coach
- * Experience with Public and Government budgets
- * Excellent Computer Skills
- * Case Management / Risk Management with families and children
- * Spouse of Retired Veteran and former US Ambassador

WORK EXPERIENCE:

October 2019-January 2021- US Embassy El Salvador - **US Ambassador's Spouse**. Represented the US Ambassador in various Medical Training Programs, National Health, Safety and Development Services, and School Boards, with emphasis on promoting US interests in children and parental responsibilities.

December 2014-2018 - **US Veterans Administration-Trainer**. Provided classroom training in Spanish and English to Caregiver's of Veterans and families in the USA and Puerto Rico, on various Health, Wellness and Relationship topics including: *Taking Care of Yourself, Problem Solving and Communication, Conflict Resolution Skills, Stress Management, Utilizing Technology*.

May 2011-June 2013 - GENEX Services-**Bilingual Field Nurse Case Manager**
Provided Presentations and Preceptor Training to other Case Managers.

July 2010-March 2011 -Federal Occupational Health (FOH)- **Area Nurse Manager**. Managed daily operations of 23 Federal Health Centers (HC) and a staff of approx. 35 RNs and NPs, who provided health and wellness services for multiple government agencies. Including: DOC, DOE, DHS, DOI, etc.

August 2009-August 2010 – Fairfax Hospital- **Employee Occupational Health Nurse Consultant and Community Health & Wellness Educator**.

March 2008-August 2009 – The Mitre Corporation- **Occupational/ Environmental Health & Wellness Nurse Consultant**.

March 2007-February 2008 - Lifepath Path Hospice & Palliative Care -**Research Nurse Coordinator & Educator**.

November 2003-November 2006 – White Wilson Medical Center- **Employee Health/Wellness & OSHA Compliance Coordinator and Interim Nursing Supervisor**.

January 2001-January 2002 - Eglin Air Force Base-**Family Health Clinic RN Wellness Family and Children's Nurse Case Manager**.

October 1998- 2001 -Occupational Safety & Health Solutions- **Independent Consultant, Owner, and Senior Trainer, Manager.**

Jan 1997 to June 1998 -M.J. Soffe Company- **Occupational Health and Safety Nurse Manager.**

July 1995 to July 1996 -FBI Headquarters, Health Services- **Occupational Health & Safety Nurse.**

Jan. 1996 to July 1996- The Arlington Hospital- **ER Nurse** (*Recipient of STAR OF THE YEAR Excellence Award*)

May 1993 to May1995- Purolator Products, Inc.- **Occupational/Industrial Health Nurse Manager.**

Dec. 1992 to May 1993 -Children's Health Care- **Pediatric Home Care Nurse**, care of Pediatric Critical Care Cases in their home.

EDUCATION:

* Harbor Hospital School of Nursing/Johns Hopkins University
3001 S. Hanover St., Baltimore, MD 21230
Registered Nurse, 1994

* John C. Calhoun Community College
Decatur, AL 35601
LPN, Diploma in Nursing, 1980

* Health & Wellness Coach Training
May 2008

* Occupational & Environmental Health Nurse Certification Course
Bonnie Rogers & Associates
Amelia Island, FL January 2006

* American Red Cross & American Heart Assoc .
CPR / First Aid & Safety Instructor 1994 to present
Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification(ACLS) 1992

* U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
Train the Trainer Instructor Certification , November 1998

* Covey Effective Management Course, 1994

PERSONAL REFERENCES: Available upon request.

PERSONAL DATA:

Marital Status: Married.

Husband, **Prior US Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador** from 2019 to 2020

Retired CIA Senior Officer, Retired U.S. Army Special Forces Colonel.

Mother of four adults, grandmother.

Florida R.N. License Number: RN-3343802

MICHAEL JOSEPH, ESQ.

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Results-driven executive and policymaker with a proven track record of leading organizations in the public, private and non-profit sectors to profitability and success. Accountable for generating new business and commercial transactions in excess of \$100 million. An attorney experienced in reducing risk and liability successfully negotiating over \$50 million in insurance coverage and settlements. Acknowledged talent in innovating and launching software solutions involving process management, legal compliance and security concerns. Core skill sets include:

- Public Speaking • Negotiation • Project Management • Legal Analysis • Compliance
- Innovation • Business Strategy • Immigration Law • Acquisition • Risk Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Commissioner | City of North Miami Beach Commission, FL
November 2018 – Present

Direct oversight of legislative policies and regulations affecting 47,000 city residents. Directly coordinated with City Manager and Management Team over a \$155 million city budget and more than 330 full-time employees. Fiduciary responsibility to the community includes budgeting, develop strategic planning, contract negotiations, civil service bargaining, pension reform, zoning overlay and site plan approvals. Also, serves as a board member of NMB Water, the city's water utility that serves over 180,000 people throughout North Miami-Dade County. The water utility is valued at over \$1 billion.

Accomplishments:

- Successfully lobbied county government to contribute \$700,000.00 in partnership towards the construction of the new Washington Park Community Center and Park.
- Created a program offering the public free legal aid for expungement of criminal offenses, sealing of court records, and immigration applications with over 200 residents served to date.
- Participated in board approval for a \$62 million WIFIA loan through the Federal EPA to finance essential upgrades to the water utility service.
- Introduced solutions for water billing complaints by restoring the quarterly billing cycle and a billing assistance program to help residents who had fallen behind due to excessive water bills.

- Met regularly with community leaders to assist them in developing quality of life improvement plans. Encouraged discussion and community input with a series of town hall meetings.
- Negotiated a \$3 million reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Hurricane Irma relief for the city, through congressional contacts, despite initial reimbursement denial.

Partner | Galbut Walters & Associates, LLP., Miami, FL

January 2013 – Present

Represent clients in civil rights litigation in federal and state court, as well as in complex local and federal relations involving municipal zoning, code compliance, and comprehensive land use planning. Provide legal counsel and referrals for immigration matters such as Petitions for Permanent Status, or Temporary Protective Status applications. Manage multi-million dollar commercial transactions from inception to end; represent lenders, buyers, sellers, landlords, and tenants. Practice also includes representing low income individuals and nonprofits before county and municipal boards throughout South Florida.

Accomplishments:

- Successfully closed nearly \$50 million in real estate transactions with firm clients.
- Led the successful \$100 million expansion of Plaza Health Network through the acquisition of existing nursing homes, arranging investment through the EB-5 investor visa program and purchasing nursing home licenses.
- Created the legal strategy in a multi-billion dollar Medicaid reimbursement dispute that led to a \$17 million settlement agreement.
- Arranged the state and local regulatory approvals for the creation of the Polaris Healthcare Network, a pharmacy service serving 100 nursing homes and about 24,000 beds throughout the Southeastern United States.
- Directed the creation of Medicaid Excel, a business to government service involving Medicaid enrollment and billing procedures.

General Counsel & Legal Consultant | Michael Joseph, P.A., Miami, FL

November 2010 – Present

Served as a general counsel and legal consultant in management and insurance matters. Represented low-income clients in the areas of immigration and customs enforcement, family, and criminal law. Attended criminal pre-trials, sentencing, and parole violation hearings for misdemeanor cases. Litigated administrative law cases, including attending pre-trial motions and negotiating in settlement conferences.

Accomplishments:

- Built a portfolio of business worth up to \$1 million per year with a staff of 2 paralegals, 2 of counsel and an administrative assistant.
- Successfully litigated several high profile police abuse cases in South Florida carefully balancing the pursuit of legal goals and publicity to strengthen these cases.
- Created and managed a legal clinic for persons requesting Temporary Protected Status displaced by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake in partnership with a non-profit that had 15 attorneys that assisted the public with immigration services.
- Established the medical and life insurance benefits program for the Professional Law Enforcement Association (PLEA), with nearly 500 member police officers which took nearly 6 months to receive administrative and regulatory approvals.
- Successfully settled the Emile Hollant case, connected to the high profile Kinsey Shooting Incident in North Miami, leveraging positive media and community response. This case was a referral from PLEA.
- Maintain a 100 percent success rate as outside counsel for PLEA dealing with alleged police misconduct defense.
- Handled \$5 million in insurance claims from Hurricane Irma damage with Lloyds of London and Federal Emergency Management Agency involving nearly 200 residential units and commercial property throughout Florida.

**Special Assistant, Office of the Chief Counsel | U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Miami, FL
October 2007 – August 2010**

Researched legal issues and drafted administrative appeal briefs to be submitted to the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals. Provided the Deputy Regional Counsel with analytical and administrative support in planning and coordinating a variety of security-sensitive activities between various federal agencies.

Accomplishments:

- Presented an updated methodology for the Miami field office to intervene with a legal brief in opposition of U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals.
- Submitted a proposal that was approved by managers in HQ and the field office for the development of software to improve the application processing and wait time.
- Helped to develop InfoPass, the automatic scheduling service to handle appointment requests reducing the burden of walk-in applicants to field offices.
- Designed and implemented the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services background check program, M.I.K.E., or “Management Information Known Errors” which standardized the process to minimize errors, empowering the agency for the first time to submit name search request and receive immediate results from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s criminal database.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate | St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, FL
May 2010
Admitted to the Florida Bar
Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Thurgood Marshall Fellow | University of Pittsburg School of Law, Pittsburg, PA
July 2007

Master of Business Administration | Florida International University, Miami, FL
May 2006

Bachelor of Business Administration | Florida International University, Miami, FL
May 2004

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

City of North Miami Beach Public Utilities Commission (Commission Liaison)
City of North Miami Beach Code Enforcement Board (Commission Liaison)
Voter's Council of North Miami Beach, Inc. (Member)
Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights (Past Member)
Miami-Dade County Small Business Architectural and Engineering Board (Past Member)
Miami-Dade County Small Business Enterprise Goods and Services Advisory Board (Past Vice-Chair)
City of Miami Bayfront Park Management Trust (Past Member)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Dade County Bar Association
The Haitian Lawyers Association
The Caribbean Bar Association
National Association of Realtors
Miami Association of Realtors

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French Creole (proficient)
French (conversational)
Spanish (basic)

HONORS & AWARDS

Top 20 Under 40, Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, 2021
Miami Times Next Generation of Dreamers Honoree, 2020
Legacy Magazine's 40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow, 2019

Service Recognition, City of Miami Bayfront Park Management Trust, 2011
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Service Recognition, 2010
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Special Act Award, 2007
The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Scholarship Recipient
Member of the 5,000 Role Models of Excellence & Past Scholarship Recipient

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

Licensed Florida Insurance Broker (Annuities and Health)
Licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate

November 28, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of the Chairman, **Jose “Pepe” Diaz**
111 NW First Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Diaz,

My name is Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn, and I am submitting this cover letter stating my intent to apply for the gubernatorial board position as advertised on the Children’s Trust website. I have served on the Board of the Children’s Trust since 2015 and would love the opportunity to continue serving on the Board of the Children’s Trust. I am deeply committed to serving the children and families who call Miami-Dade home! Please find my CV attached for your review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn

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CURRICULUM VITA

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Education:

Ed.D. - School Psychology in Progress at Loyola University Chicago: (Conferred December 2021)

S.S.P. - Specialist School Psychology, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL (2007)

M.S. - Psychology, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL (2001)

B.S. - Psychology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (1997)

Additional Education (Non-Degree):

March 2019 Educational Leadership, American College of Education

Professional Experience:

9/05-Present School Psychologist: **Miami-Dade County Public Schools** (Full-Time). Miami Florida

1/21-5/21 Adjunct Faculty: **Barry University** (Part-Time). Miami Shores, Florida

1/19-5/19 Adjunct Faculty: **Barry University** (Part-Time). Miami Shores, Florida

1/16-5/17 Adjunct Faculty: **Barry University** (Part-Time). Miami Shores, Florida

11/08-Present Private Practice (Part Time)

6/10-8/10 Academic Counselor: **Johns Hopkins University/Center for Talented Youth Program (JHU-CTY)** (Temporary). Baltimore Maryland

6/09-8/09 Academic Counselor: **Johns Hopkins University/Center for Talented Youth Program (JHU-CTY)** (Temporary). Baltimore Maryland

- 3/05-9/05 Therapist/Clinician: **Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center** (Full-Time). Fort Lauderdale Florida
- 8/03-6/04 Intern School Psychologist: **Broward County Public Schools** (Full-Time). Broward County Florida
- 1/03-5/03 Practicum Student (School Psychologist): **Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Access Center 5)**, Miami Florida
- 11/00-8/03 Child Development Specialist (Full-Time) **The Village South Inc.** Head Start and Families in Transition (FIT) Programs, Miami FL
- 1/98-11/00 FSPT Case Manager & Supportive Foster Care Worker (Full-Time). **Center for Family and Child Enrichment Inc.** Miami Florida

Professional Experience: (Duties)

- 7/18-Current District Chairperson, School Psychologists Miami, FL.
- Develop professional development courses for psychologists
 - Monitor School Psychology Internship Program
 - Order psychological test kits and protocols
 - Monitor inventory for Psychological Services
 - Assist with special projects as assigned
- 7/17-7/18 Co-chair School Psychologists North Region, Miami-Dade, FL.
- Work closely with the other co-chair in the region
 - Acts a liaison to the region and district office
 - Maintain inventory of psychological tests and assessments
 - Support all school psychologists in the North Region office
 - Conduct all duties as listed below as a school psychologist
- 9/05-Current School Psychologist, Miami-Dade Florida
- Serve as School Psychologist Co-chair North Area Region
 - Facilitate Student Support Team Process (SST team) to ensure meetings are conducted appropriately and effectively
 - Facilitate Response to Intervention (RTI) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports in assigned schools
 - Psychological evaluations of students
 - Psycho-educational evaluations of students
 - Re-evaluations of special education students
 - Psychological evaluations of potentially gifted students
 - Consultation with teachers, administrators, students and parents
 - Individual/Group counseling

- Parent/Student information workshops
 - Professional development workshops
 - Assist with the development of intervention plans for students
 - Clinician for the Emotional/Behaviors Disabilities Program
 - Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Coach (Middle School)
- 1/21-5/21 Adjunct Faculty, Barry University
SPY 614: Behavioral & Personality Assessment of Children & Adolescents
- 1/19-5/19 Adjunct Faculty, Barry University
SPY 614: Behavioral & Personality Assessment of Children & Adolescents
- 1/16-5/17 Clinical Supervisor School Psychology Clinic-Barry University
- Supervise graduate students conducting evaluations
 - Provide live supervision of test administration
 - Assist students provide an explanation of assessment results
 - Assist Graduate Assistants with scheduling and billing
 - Help students conduct clinical interviews & identify assessment battery for clients
- 11/08-Current Private Practice (School Psychologist)
- Consultations
 - Psychological/Psycho-educational evaluations
 - Counseling
 - Workshops/seminars
- 6/10-8/10 Academic Counselor, Baltimore Maryland
- Part of administrative team for the JHU-CTY Program located at Stanford University in Palo Alto California
 - Short-term counseling for academically talented students
 - Consultation with instructional and residential staff
 - Classroom observations
 - Workshops/Seminars for students and staff
 - Develop interventions & strategies for students with challenging behaviors
 - Ensure implementation of accommodations for special needs students
- 6/09-8/09 Academic Counselor, Baltimore Maryland
- Part of administrative team for the JHU-CTY Program located at Washington College in Chestertown Maryland
 - Short-term individual and group counseling for students

- Consultation with instructional and residential staff
- Classroom observations
- Workshops/Seminars for students and staff
- Develop interventions & strategies for students with challenging behaviors
- Ensure implementation of accommodations for special needs students

3/05-9/05 Therapist/Clinician, Susan B. Anthony, Fort Lauderdale Florida

- Mental health group therapy sessions with adult clients in drug rehabilitation
- Mental health group therapy sessions with children of adult parents attending drug rehabilitation
- Conduct individual therapy with adults and children
- Psychological testing of children
- Create treatment plans for clients

8/03-6/04 Intern School Psychologist, Broward County Florida Public School

- Administration and interpretation of psychological assessments
- Consultation with parents, teachers, and staff
- Development of intervention plans
- Participation on school improvement and intervention assistance teams
- Conduct informal assessments and observations of students in need of school-based services
- Individual counseling

11/00-8/03 Child Development Specialist, The Village South Inc. Miami, FL

- Assist in the operation of the agency Head Start Program
- Monitoring of services provided to clients
- Ensure The Village followed contract with the Head Start Program
- Attend various conferences and trainings conducted/offered by the Head Start Program
- Administration and interpretation of psychological assessments to Head Start and school age children
- Networking with community agencies
- Attend child study team and IEP meetings for clients enrolled in the Head Start Program and in Miami-Dade Public Schools
- Attend weekly child and family case conference
- Conduct in-service training to staff members

- Individual, group, and play therapy with children

1/98-11/00 FSPT Case Manager/ Supportive Foster Care Worker, Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Miami FL

- Development of service and treatment plans
- Bi-weekly case presentations to clinical team members
- Coordination of services for clients
- Liaison with staff psychiatrist
- Monthly home and school visits
- Development of court case plans
- Assist clients with post-secondary educational planning
- Supervise court ordered visitation between parents and children
- Monitor services provided to clients

Committee Memberships:

- **Social Justice Committee, NASP-Current**
- Mental Health Committee-Miami-Dade County Public Schools, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years
- Gifted Task Force Committee-Miami-Dade County Public Schools, 2006-2007 (appointed)
- Emotionally Handicapped Committee related to Minorities (Miami-Dade County Public Schools), 2006-2007 (appointed)
- Educable Mentally Handicapped Committee (Miami-Dade County Public Schools), 2006-2007 (appointed)
- Diversity/Equity Committee National Association for Gifted Children, (appointed 2007-2018)
- Professional Advisory Committee-Western Psychological Services (WPS), 2012-present

Membership in Professional Associations:

- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP)
- Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG)
- Florida Gifted Network (FGN)

Leadership/Board of Directors Positions (Appointed)

- Gubernatorial Appointment to The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County, Florida 2105-2022
- Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG)
Served on board of directors from 2009-2015

- President of SENG from 2013-2015
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-President 2013-2014 School Year
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-Past President 2014-2015 School Year
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-President-Elect 2015-2016 School Year
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-President- 2016-2017 School Year
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-President- 2017-2018 School Year
- Dade Association of School Psychologist-Past President-2018-2019 School Year
- Florida Association for the Gifted-Membership Chairperson (2017-Present)

Certifications:

- School Psychologist-State of Florida Department of Education
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP)-National Association of School Psychologist

Licensure:

- Florida licensure-School Psychologist-Florida Department of Health License number SS 948

Research Experience:

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| 2004-2006 | Directed Research Project, Barry University
Research Title: <u>Academic Support Services Among African American Male High School Student Athletes</u> |
| 1996-1997 | Directed Research Project, Florida State University
Research Title: <u>Developing a Classification System for Women in Prison</u> |

Conferences Attended:

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| November 2018 | National Association of Gifted Children, Minneapolis M.N. |
| November 2017 | National Association of Gifted Children, Charlotte N.C. |
| February 2017 | National Association of School Psychologists, San Antonio, TX |
| November 2016 | National Association of Gifted Children, Orlando, FL |
| February 2016 | National Association of School Psychologists, New Orleans, LA |
| July 2015 | Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Denver, CO |
| February 2015 | National Association of School Psychologists, Orlando FL |
| November 2014 | National Association of Gifted Children, Baltimore, MD |
| July 2014 | Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, San Jose, CA |

February 2014	National Association of School Psychologists, Washington, DC
November 2013	National Association of Gifted Children, Indianapolis, IN
July 2013	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Orlando FL
April 2013	Florida Association for the Gifted, Tampa FL
February 2013	National Association of School Psychologists, Seattle WA
November 2012	National Association of Gifted Children, Denver CO
July 2012	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Milwaukee, WI
February 2012	National Association of School Psychologists, Philadelphia, PA
November 2011	National Association of Gifted Children, New Orleans LA
July 2011	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) Seattle WA
February 2011	Niagara in Miami Conference (Conference on Evidence Based Interventions for Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health Problems), Miami FL
February 2011	National Association of School Psychologists, San Francisco CA
November 2010	National Association of Gifted Children, Atlanta GA
October 2010	New England Conference on the Gifted & Talented, Hartford CT
March 2010	National Association of School Psychologists, Chicago IL
November 2009	National Association of Gifted Children, St. Louis MO
July 2009	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Orlando FL
February 2009	National Association of School Psychologists, Boston MA
October 2008	National Association for Gifted Children, Tampa FL
August 2008	Association of Black Psychologists, Oakland CA
July 2008	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Salt Lake City UT
November 2007	National Association for Gifted Children, Minneapolis MN
August 2007	Association of Black Psychologists, Houston TX
July 2007	Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Overland, KS
March 2007	National Association of School Psychologists, New York NY
November 2006	National Association for Gifted Children, Charlotte NC
July 2006	Association of Black Psychologists, Cleveland OH
May 2006	Association for Psychological Science, New York City NY
November 2004	Florida Association of School Psychologists, Sarasota FL
May 2003	Twelfth Annual Linking Forces Conference, Miami FL
August 2002	Head Start/ Early Head Start Annual Conference, Miami FL
August 2001	Head Start/ Early Head Start Annual Conference, Miami FL
May 1999	Eighth Annual Linking Forces Conference, Miami FL
May 1998	Seventh Annual Linking Forces Conference, Miami FL

Presentations:

February 2014	Gifted Students: Perspectives for School Psychologists: <i>National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)</i>
November 2010	<u>The Frasier Scholars Program: Lessons Applied to Culturally & Linguistically Gifted Students</u> : <i>National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC)</i>

- October 2010 Culturally Diverse Gifted Students: Perspectives Student Support Personnel: *New England Conference on the Gifted & Talented*
- March 2010 Gifted students: Perspectives for School Psychologists: *National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention*
- November 2009 The Creation of a Gifted Resource Center for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students: *National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention*
- July 2009 Emotional Connectedness and the Gifted African American Child: *Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted Annual Convention*
- October 2008 Increasing Protective Factors: A Way to Build Resiliency Among Gifted African American Students: *National Association for Gifted Children*
- August 2008 Increasing Protective Factors for Gifted African American Students Think Tank: *Association for Black Psychologists Annual Convention*
- July 2008 The Creation of a School Based Gifted Resource Center for Culturally Diverse Students: *Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted Annual Convention*
- November 2007 Addressing the Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Students From Minority Backgrounds: *National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention*
- August 2007 The Role of the Psychologist in Identifying, Servicing, & Retaining Students of African Descent in Gifted Programs: *Association for Black Psychologists Annual Convention*
- July 2007 The Role of the School Psychologist in Addressing the Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Students from African Descent: *Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted Annual Convention*
- July 2006 Academic Support Services Among African American Male Male High School Student Athletes: *Association for Black Psychologists Annual Convention* (Paper Presentation)
- May 2006 Academic Support Services Among African American Male Male High School Student Athletes: *Association for Psychological Science Convention* (Poster Presentation)

- April 2006 Academic Support Services Among African American Male High School Student Athletes: *Annual Barry University Research Forum*
- November 2004 Academic Support Services Among African American Male High School Student Athletes: *Florida Association of School Psychologists*
- June 2004 Administration of the Leiter International Scale: *Broward County Public Schools Psychological Services*
- April 2003 Childhood Mental Illnesses: *The Village South Inc.*
- May 2003 An Overview of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: *The Village South Inc.*

Awards and Honors:

- November 2006 Mary Frasier Scholarship
(National Association of Gifted Children)

Grant Awards:

- October 2007 Parent & Student Resource Center for Gifted Students
Funded by National Association of School Psychologists Children's Fund Inc.

Publications:

Kendrick, T., B. (2008). *Children's fund grant helps create a Resource center for gifted students*. NASP Communiqué, 37 (1), 38-39.



Superintendent of Schools
Alberto Carvalho

Miami-Dade County School Board

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December 6, 2021

Office of Miami-Dade County BCC Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz:

This cover letter and attached resume will serve to signify my interest in being appointed to one of the two vacancies on the Children's Trust Board of Directors.

I have worked with young people in our community for 46 years and as a result I am thoroughly familiar with the needs of children and families in our community. Furthermore, I have held executive leadership positions in various programs which were dedicated to the mission of improving the lives of children and families.

One example would be the 15 years that I served as the Director of a court mandated program at Miami Dade College that served the children of divorcing parents. I was in charge of the children's division of this program called "KIDS" (Kids in Divorce Succeeding)

I have served as a volunteer on a number of public boards which impact the lives of children and have worked as a counselor for Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 20 years.

For the past 10 years, I have served as the Silver Knight Coordinator for the five campuses of School for Advanced Studies (SAS). During that time, I have worked with the young people at SAS as their mentor for community service projects in our community to build a culture of "Service Before Self." I am proud to say that over the last six years, our students have excelled in carrying out extraordinary service projects that positively affect Miami-Dade County. The Silver Knight judges have recognized more SAS students over the last six years than any other public or private high school in Miami. I am extremely proud of this tremendous success.

I hope you will agree that I can bring a wealth of experience to the Children's Trust Board.

Sincerely
Dennis P. Lindsay,
SAS Silver Knight Coordinator

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

Dr. Omar Monteagudo, Principal

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SAS Kendall

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SAS North

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Fax: 305-237-1610

SAS Wolfson

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Miami, Florida 33132
Tel.: 305-237-7270
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SAS WEST

3800 NW 115th Ave RM 1245
Doral, Florida 33178
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OBJECTIVE To attain a challenging and responsible counseling position with an organization that will recognize and reward proven abilities with an opportunity for advancement

STRENGTHS

- * 46 years experience in education
- * Sincere, caring attitude that is communicated to others
- * Conscientious, motivated and resourceful
- * Excellent leadership qualities and communication skills
- * Skilled in personal relations at all levels
- * Conversationally bilingual in English and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Miami, Florida**
August, 1990 – January, 2022
Silver Knight Coordinator, School for Advanced Studies 2011 – Present
(Over the last six years, SAS has had more Silver Knight Award winners than any other public or private high school in Miami-Dade County)
Guidance Counselor, School for Advanced Studies, 2004 – 2010.
Guidance Counselor, Miami Killian Senior High, 1993 – 2004.
Guidance Counselor, Amelia Earhart Elementary School, 1992-1993.
Trust Counselor, Kinloch Park Elementary School, 1991-1992.
Trust Counselor, Richmond Heights Middle School, 1990-1991.

Counselor responsibilities are to assist students, parents, teachers, and administration with the academic, career, personal and social development of the children in the school setting.

State of Florida Certification, Guidance and Counseling PK-12.
Student Services Dept. Chair, School for Advanced Studies, 2004-2009.
Test Chairperson, School for Advanced Studies, 2005-2008
Student Services Dept. Chair, Miami Killian Senior High, 2002-2004.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, Kendall Campus, Miami, Florida
August, 1994 – September, 2009

Coordinator, Department of Community Education.

Developed and administered a court mandated program to serve the needs of children in Miami-Dade County, Florida whose parents were divorcing. This program was the first of its kind in the United States and responsibilities included the development of curriculum, as well as the training and supervision of a staff consisting of 40 Psychologist/Instructors.

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**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**
(Continued)

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, Kendall Campus, Miami, Fl.
September, 2003 – July, 2008

Coordinator, Department of Community Education.

Served as the administrator for the Miami Dade College Outreach Center at Miami Killian Senior High where college classes were offered to an adult population on both a credit and non-credit basis.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, Kendall Campus, Miami, Fl.
July, 1991 – September, 1991.

Advisor, Career Planning and Advisement

Advisor responsibilities included course selection advisement and career guidance as well as personal counseling related to issues affecting academic progress.

GLENBEIGH HOSPITAL OF MIAMI, Hialeah, Florida
May, 1989 – November, 1989.

Counselor II, Adolescent Unit

Responsible for individual and group therapy with adolescents in residential treatment for emotional and chemical dependency problems.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, Kendall Campus, Miami, Fl.
September, 1975 – August, 1990

Manager, Book Department, Bookstore

Responsibilities included the personnel management of the bookstore staff as well as the establishment and maintenance of effective relations with students, faculty, suppliers and administration of the college.

Two time winner of Excellence Award for Meritorious Service, 1985, 1988.

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

Cooper City, Florida

August, 1974 – August, 1975

Classroom Teacher, Baseball Coach, Cooper City High
Social Studies and American History

Dennis Patrick Lindsay

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**VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

Switchboard of Miami, Inc., Crisis Phone Counselor, 1987 – 88.
St. Agatha Young Adult Group, Volunteer Worker in service projects for the homeless, orphans and missions in Haiti, 1988 - 90.

Catholic Hospice, Inc., Companion and Counselor for the terminally ill, 1989-93.

Miami-Dade Criminal Justice Council's Self-Esteem Task Force, Member, 1990-1991.

Miami Dade County Public Schools Task Force on Self Esteem, Member, 1991-92.

EDUCATION

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida
Master of Science, Counselor Education, 1989.

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Graduate, Summa Cum Laude

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida
Bachelor of Science, Social Studies Education, 1974.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE, Kendall Campus, Miami, Fl.
Associate in Arts, 1970.

REFERENCES

Available on request

Steven Los
900 Tendilla Avenue
Coral Gables
FL 33134

Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Miami-Dade County
Board of Commissioners
Via email

25 February 2021

Dear Chairman Diaz

I am writing to you in support of my application as a Board member for the Children's Trust.

I have two young children and we are very active in the support of our children's growth and development. What never ceases to amaze me is how extensively the Children's Trust touches the lives of our kids. I see the influence everywhere: when I signed up for the Book Club; when we are choosing a summer camp; and when we have been looking for after school activities. All of these wonderful Initiatives are supported by the Children's Trust.

I am delighted that my tax dollars are going to an organization that supports so many worthwhile goals. I very much want to take the opportunity to give back some of what we have received and would love to serve on the Board of the Children's Trust.

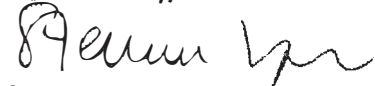
I am an accomplished senior finance executive, and a licensed CPA, with extensive fiscal, investment, budgeting and audit experience. I can therefore play a key role in the oversight over the organization's annual financial statement audit and annual budget and strategic planning processes.

I also have extensive experience as a Board member for a number of regulated commercial companies over the last several years.

I therefore respectfully submit my application as a member of the Board of the Children's Trust and look forward to you speaking with you.

My current resume is attached for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Enhancing Profits, Processes, and Team Performance

Board level senior finance executive with track record of rapid progression through recognized multinational corporations in the US, Europe and Latin America. Expertise in financial services, insurance, health care, and Big 4 public accounting with full P&L responsibility. Proven success leading organizations to increased profitability. Visionary leader who has designed and managed projects that significantly improved business operations processes. Persuasive communicator, excellent negotiation skills and leader of global teams with hands on approach to driving improvements. Core competencies:

- Board member
- Financial controls
- Cross-functional leadership
- Regulatory change
- Strategic planning
- Corporate governance
- Operational risk
- Business turnaround
- Budgeting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VIP MEDICAL INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

2020 – Present

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Miami FL

Appointed as CFO for portfolio of family-owned businesses related to health care processing, health insurance and provider management. Responsible for driving significant profits during high growth phase; managing \$60m+ investment portfolio; identifying appropriate acquisition opportunities; maintaining control/reporting standards across operating companies; and building out appropriate financial infrastructure in support of growth.

BUPA HEALTH INSURANCE

2009 – 2019

Chief Financial Officer, Bupa Latin America, Miami FL (2014 – 2019)

Directed Latin American business and finance function during period of significant change in strategy and new growth trajectory for 650-employee company. Transformative leader spearheaded turnaround of \$700M business unit operating model. Led teams of 100 across 8 countries. Board member of 5 regulated entities and member of risk and investment committees.

- Led all financial activities for \$140M acquisition of health insurer in Brazil; company has outperformed business case by 60% since acquisition.
- Increased portfolio yield by 30% by upgrading treasury function, investment strategy and risk appetite.
- Delivered 16% reduction in staffing costs via redesign of core finance processes and elimination of operational inefficiencies.
- Developed strategic financial plan for business growth to 2025 including revenue projections, feasibility and overall financial model.
- Implemented Solvency 2 in regulated Mexican insurer with all new regulatory reporting delivered on time.

Chief Financial Officer, Bupa Global Market Unit, London, England (2016-2018)

Appointed as CFO for sister company, to drive turnaround of business which had suffered from reduced profitability, control weaknesses and significant write offs. Championed revival of business performance and improvement of financial controls for business with \$1.9B revenue, 1,800 employees and 150 finance professionals in 14 countries.

- Reduced operating expenses \$18M by re-aligning cost base to lower customer levels.
- Revamped finance team and related business processes to significantly improve financial controls, reducing write-offs from \$25M to zero.
- Implemented new business planning model, which improved accuracy of financial forecasts by 35pc.

Group Financial Controller (Chief Accounting Officer), London, England (2009 – 2014)

Drove strategic improvements across group-wide internal and external reporting, including annual report and strategic business plan for \$19B international health care and insurance group. Mentored and led 37 finance professionals and reported directly to Group CFO. Board member of Bupa Finance plc (issuer of publicly traded debt). Framed and delivered strategic recommendations to board and C-suite for decision-making. Primary point of contact for external auditors.

- Achieved 5% profitability improvement and 20% reduction in corporate overheads by designing and executing new budget review process.
- Enhanced financial control environment, reduced risk and increased standardization across business units through creation, development and deployment of financial control framework.
- Advanced employee engagement score by restructuring team to better align functional responsibilities and provided opportunities for key talent.

AMERICAN EXPRESS**2004 – 2009****Vice President Finance**, London, England

Directed strategy development and execution for regional projects and defined regional financial controls, leading multinational team of 13 across UK, India and Spain. Managed \$26M financial control cost base, including annual budgeting and forecasting. Led program to centralize activities and offshore back office functions.

- Initiated EMEA strategy development and oversight for adopting IFRS region-wide, handling creation of project plans, methodologies and evaluation criteria, ensuring uniformity.
- Streamlined and improved performance tracking via development and implementation of new scorecard processes, focused on control and data quality improvements.

Financial Controller, American Express Bank, London, England

Principal financial officer for legal entity comprised of 200 staff and \$80M annual revenue. Led finance operations and maintained US GAAP accounts, for reporting to regulator and head office. Member of UK ALCO Committee and Executive Management Team.

- Delivered reporting and corporate governance changes in insurance line of business in response to European (Union) Payment Services Directive.
- Instrumental in redevelopment of Risk Assessment Committee; executed analysis of business, identifying and reviewing financial and operational risks.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**OLD MUTUAL INSURANCE**

IFRS Implementation Manager, London, England | Johannesburg, South Africa

ENRON EUROPE LIMITED

Finance Co-Coordinator, UK Power & Gas, London, England

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (London & Chicago)

Manager, Global Capital Markets Group, London, England

Advised clients on raising capital in US debt and equity markets via IPO / private placement.

Manager, Assurance & Business Advisory Services, London, England

Audited clients in technology and real estate industries.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Bachelor of Science, Accountancy, High Honors, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Illinois, license # 065.053293

Member, Institute of Directors (UK), Active

ROSE MARTIN

RELATIONSHIPS | FAMILY | COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY



Rose Martin attended The University of Miami where she earned degrees in Education and Developmental Psychology. She has an M.S.Ed. in Community Psychology. Rose has worked with community organizations and families over 9 years through both in home consulting and the facilitation of Psycho-educational groups. She is passionate about seeing relationships thrive, hearts healed, and families restored. Her personal motto is that all relationships develop from the inside out, therefore the greatest work we must do in our lives stems from our own personal awareness and growth. Rose is a firm believer that YOU are your highest calling.

Her community work involves addressing systemic issues of oppression as it relates to fear and restorative justice. Rose's research focuses on how control and power create conflict in both familial relationships and community processes. Rose uses an ecological framework to address complex family and societal structures.

Rose's strengths in addressing multi-level systems include an *Ecological Perspective, Prevention and Health Promotion, Community Leadership and Mentoring*. The *Ecological Perspective* is evident in her current work tying systemic fear to family oppression. The psycho-educational groups she facilitates work on preventing familial conflict and promoting emotional health. *Community Leadership and Mentoring* is done in group settings through the process of helping community members identify personal strengths and collaborate with others.

Rose's most recent endeavor includes the establishment of Courage Culture. Courage Culture is an educational collective that facilitates positive growth in families and individuals through the use of education, empowerment, and support. Through Courage Culture she has been able to create curriculum and workshops based on three areas of relational health.

Rose's extensive experience and academic background allows her to work with individuals, families, couples, children, and the elderly. She also has experience working with parents of children with autism, developmental delays, cognitive disorders, and ADHD. Rose has conducted various workshops at Libraries, College campuses, Religious Institutions, and numerous public schools. Rose has appeared as a "Guest Expert" on parenting blogs. Her most recent appearance was on The Millenials Podcast. Rose is an ordained minister who operates a Marriage Ministry with her husband, which provides Pre-marital counseling, Post marital counseling, and Officiate services.

Rose Martin is a multicultural native of Miami, Florida and currently resides with her husband and three children. In her spare time, she enjoys existential discussions, cozy cuddles with her children, cheese, books on philosophy and spirituality, and documentaries on Netflix. She is also a self-proclaimed "research addict".

Courage Culture: Parenting

Families can learn the necessary skills and tools needed to parent consciously, intuitively, and intentionally with an open heart.

Courage Culture: Relationships

Individual or Group sessions are offered to promote Peace, Communication, Intimacy, Integrated Parenting.

Courage Culture: Education

Fun, innovative, and interactive workshops are designed specifically to address SE health.



ROSE MARTIN

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Family. Relationships. Community.

OBJECTIVES

Community Psychology Practioner, Psycho-Ed Facilitator, Researcher, and Program Director who is devoted to changing lives through research, advocacy, and the promotion of Social-Emotional health and Community

EDUCATION

University of Miami

December 15, 2016 Master of Science in Community and Social Change

University of Miami

July 2007 Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor Secondary Education Social Sciences

♦ Magna Cum Laude

♦ Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society/ Presidents Honor Roll/Provost Honor Roll/Dean Honor Roll

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CENTER, CORP.

♦ Miami, Fl.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR and CLINICAL MANAGER 2020 – Present

I created the Program Delivery Guidelines for Evidence Based Psychosocial Rehabilitation Groups, Individual and Group Therapies. I created all of the Clinical documentation, Outcomes, Data, and Assessment tools. I also implement the HR and Agency Protocols needed for Accreditation, Medicaid, and other Insurance Panels. These program elements include the Standard Operating Procedures, Strategic Planning Reports, Employee and Client Handbooks, HR Documents, Emergency Management Plans, Environment of Care Plans, Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, and Quality Evaluation Data.

COMPSYCH CORPORATION

♦ Miami, Fl.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH PROVIDER 2018 – 2020

Provides direct emotional support and well-being health services to employees of a Fortune 500 Company . Consults on a variety of economic inequities affecting the quality of life of employees. Advocates and empowers employees to take advantage of both community and corporate resources. Provides therapeutic counsel in private and group settings.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

◆ Miami, Fl.

CONSULTANT/RESEARCHER 2016 – Present

Conducts Program Evaluations and collects qualitative data through the facilitation of focus groups and interviews. Contributes to Logic Models and Needs Assessments. Consults on Primary and Secondary data analysis and research in order to inform mental health programming and analytics. Advises on the efficacy of Program models and implementation.

Courage Culture Inc

◆ Miami, Fl.

Founder/CEO 2014 – 2016

Educational collective that provides services to both the family and the community through workshops and training focusing on Social-emotional health. Created the Program Outline and Objectives, assessments, and curriculum.

Family Central, Inc

◆ Miami, Fl.

Consultant and Group Facilitator 2008 – Present

Facilitate Psycho-Ed Classes in both home and community settings. I link clients with resources as needed in the community. Document all client contact and maintain accurate records for contract compliance and outcome measures. Prepare court reports, status letters, or other reports to referring agencies as requested. Administer pre- and post- inventories, questionnaires, and surveys to assess client progress and satisfaction, maintaining contract compliance, as required.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ◆ Miami Dade County Commission for Women Board Member 2018-Present
 - ◆ The Women's History Coalition Vice President 2020-Present
 - ◆ Miami Mental Founder
 - ◆ We Prosper Group Inc. Board Member- 2017-Present
- ◆ LEAP (Ladies Empowerment and Action Program) Mentor



December 15, 2021

Attention:

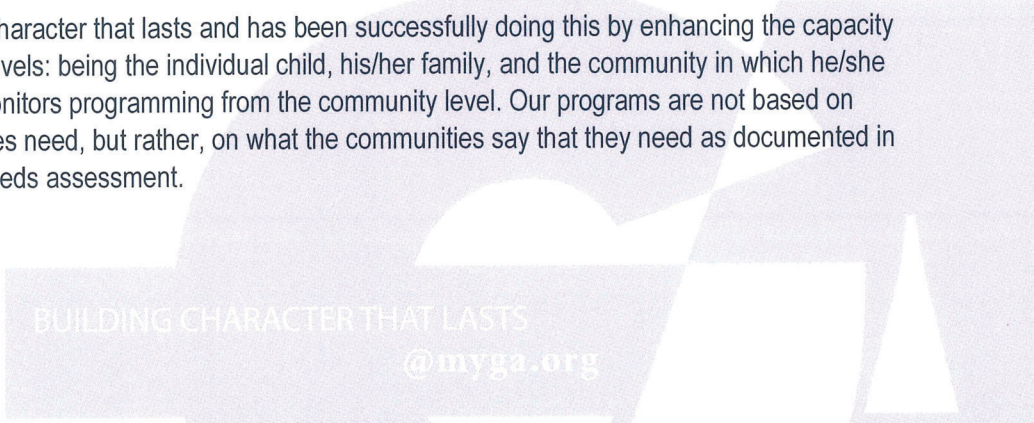
Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I immigrated to Miami-Dade County from Haiti in 1983, so at the age of 12, I was introduced to a new way of life that included a culture of tenacity and resilience in what is known as the Melting Pot of the United States- Miami-Dade. As a teenager, I experienced first-hand the reality that unfortunately, many residents of Dade continue to wake up to on a daily basis. Having attended Miami Edison Senior High Schooling, living in high poverty, high crime areas helped me to garner a better understanding of the complex barriers faced by families. The epiphany that I had at an early age was that if parents and families, on a whole, are plagued with emotional, mental, social, and economic hardships, then children were certainly at the highest point of vulnerability and sufferings.

Having lived experiences like those in my community strengthened my resolve and fueled my mission to exemplify servant leadership. Consequently, in 2005, I incorporated Gang Alternative, Inc. (GA) as 501(c) (3) faith and community-based organization. What started out with unpaid volunteer staff and a budget of zero dollars, has now evolved to a learning organization with over 100 staff with an annual revenue of over \$12Mil. With over 30 programs, GA has led the way for other minority-led non-profit organizations in Dade to not only strive for, but to advocate for equality in opportunities for the county's most underserved communities. Since 2008, GA has consistently secured funding from The Children's Trust (TCT) or various positive youth development and strengthening programs including the UPLIFT Service Partnership, a network of over two dozen direct service providers in Miami-Dade County that GA convenes monthly to facilitate the provision of quality continuum of care for children and families. Currently, GA manages over \$3Mil in funding from TCT for the effective and efficient operation of five programs with a focus on Little Haiti, Little West River, El Portal, Miami Shores, North Miami, Florida City, and Homestead.

GA's mission is to build character that lasts and has been successfully doing this by enhancing the capacity at the micro and macro levels: being the individual child, his/her family, and the community in which he/she lives. GA designs and monitors programming from the community level. Our programs are not based on what we think communities need, but rather, on what the communities say that they need as documented in our annual community needs assessment.



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As the founder and lead agency of an 11-year standing youth community drug-free coalition (with 12-sector representation) as well as a collaborative of five other drug-free community coalition, GA has been playing a pivotal part in advocating for the reduction and ultimate elimination of youth substance use. GA subscribes to the notion that its coalition and collaborative of coalitions, must be youth-led and adult-guided, demonstrating an intentional focus on development, upliftment, upliftment, and support of young people in Dade.

Through GA's various workforce development programs, we have provided work readiness, credentials training and job placement for an array of residents including youth who have justice-involvement. GA is blessed to have seven full-time therapists, including a Substance Abuse Counsellor, on staff to provide trauma-focused intervention for children in schools and in their homes. Additionally, we provide in-home parenting support and education as well as wrap-around care coordination to children and families including support with transportation, rental assistance, and access to public benefits.

Our menu of offerings for after schools spans all levels of the school system, and we are pleased to enjoy an affiliation agreement with the Miami Dade County Public Schools for access to provide prevention and intervention programming in over 40 public schools.

I have volunteered on numerous public boards including Miami-Dade County School Board's Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee and the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force, both of which I am currently serving on.

As the President and CEO of Gang Alternative, Inc. I am humbled and grateful for the work that God has led me to do to serve His people. With no reservations, I offer myself to serve on the Board of Directors of The Children's Trust. As has been demonstrated, I have satisfied the requisite knowledge, abilities, and skills for appointment to this Board.

I pray that you will allow me to continue my vocation of serving the underserved, in particular children and youth by being a collaborate and resourceful addition to the TCT Board.

Sincerely,

Michael Nozile

President and CEO, Gang Alternative, Inc.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GANG ALTERNATIVE, INC ▪ Miami, Florida ▪ 2005 - Present

President and Chief Executive Officer

- Lead a community-based organization implementing over 30 programs in 3 counties in South Florida (Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach) with a \$11.5 Mil budget from federal, state, and local sources.
- Provide strategic direction under 5 Pillars of Service: Positive Youth Development; Family Strengthening; Health & Wellness; Workforce Development; and Community Upliftment & Partnerships.
- Oversee implementation of a holistic offering of services and programs impacting over 14,000 persons annually including programs and services focused on: substance abuse prevention, behavioral health, minority violence prevention, gang suppression, HIV/AIDS testing and education, positive youth development, life skills development, family strengthening, workforce development, faith-based youth development and trauma-focused intervention programming.
- Lead coordination of urban partnership for drug-free community coalition and strategic collaborative partnership with over 100+ members.
- Plan, direct, and ensure implementation of comprehensive workforce development programming, including management of a Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Maintain responsibility for a staff of over 140 employees including therapists, youth prevention specialists, case managers, employment specialists, and more.
- Manage fiscal accountability as well as resource development.
- Provide overall leadership for all aspects of organization.

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH WEED & SEED ▪ North Miami Beach, Florida ▪ 2006 - 2008

Executive Director

- Coordinated Weed and Seed Program strategies in the Washington Park, Allen Park, and Victory Park areas.
- Collaborated directly with key stakeholders such as City of North Miami Beach, PanZou Project, Nova Southeastern University, North Miami Beach Police Department, and the US Attorney's Office to implement law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention, and neighborhood restoration programs.
- Oversaw daily management of program operations including recruiting, training, and supervision of staff/volunteers and contractual providers
- Promoted, enhanced, and sustained program strategies with community-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, area churches and schools.

- Increased volunteerism for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) resulting in serving over 50 % more low-income community members in 2007.
- Oversaw community assessments including conducting surveys, gathering, and analyzing data, preparing reports and documentation for Executive Office of Weed and Seed.
- Administered budget and provided financial reports to Steering Committee; managed sustainability efforts by overseeing grant writing and procuring alternative funding sources.
- Built rapport and trust among committee members; doubled member attendance during a 12-month period. Administered \$300,000 program grant; successfully re-applied two consecutive years.

CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY ▪ Miami, Florida ▪ 2005 – 2006

Counselor III

- Provided case management and family counseling services, collaborated with Broward County Juvenile Courts to identify, refer, and serve clients; conducted needs assessments, developed treatment plans to address histories of abuse, neglect, economic hardship, and unstable home environments; also documented treatment according to established policy and procedure.
- Supervised six family counselors; provided training and coaching on performance of daily duties and responsibilities, monitored case progress, reviewed treatment plans and made recommendations as needed, reviewed case notes for clarity and completeness, and ensured that organizational and state policies and procedures were followed.
- Developed and implemented a community feeding program called, “The Food Pantry.” Acted as liaison and enlisted participation of area businesses, grocery stores and churches; collaborated with the Department of Children and Family Services to identify families in need.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE ▪ Deerfield, Florida ▪ 1997 - 2004

Juvenile Probation Officer

- Supervised, monitored and documented services provided to adjudicated youth in the probation and commitment process; conducted in-take and on-going assessment, regularly testified in court proceedings, and made recommendations for the final disposition of cases.
- Maintained 85 to 105 active cases (more than 100% above the industry standard) ensured compliance with state statutes, departmental policies and procedures, and quality assurance standards.

MEDI-NURSE BEHAVIORAL SOLUTIONS, INC. ▪ Fort Lauderdale, Florida ▪ 1996 - 2005

Mental Health Therapist – Part-time

- Provided intensive therapeutic services to clients from five to 19 years of age; participated in staffing meetings as part of a multidisciplinary team; collaborated to recommend and implement treatment plans.
- Conducted needs assessment in cooperation with home, school, and community organizations.

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN OF BROWARD COUNTY ▪ Lauderdale, Florida ▪ 1996 - 1997

Youth and Family Counselor

- Provided case management services in a residential setting, served up to 25 adolescents with histories of substance abuse, and mental illness, used individual and group counseling techniques.
- Served as program and activity therapist; conducted needs assessments, developed treatment plans, and advocated for youth in judicial proceedings; developed curriculum and activities to promote development of social skills, life skills, increased self-esteem and refusal skills.

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

- *M.S. Public Administration* • Florida International University • Miami, Florida
- *B.S. Criminal Justice* • Florida International University • Miami, Florida
- *Certified Career Service Provider* • 2019 • National Career Development Association
- *Certified Global Career Facilitator* • 2018 • National Career Development Association
- *Certificate in Public Management* • Florida International University • 2002
- Certified Juvenile Probation Officer • 2002
- *Certificate Human Resource Policy & Management* • 2001

HONORS and ACTIVITIES

- Honorary Director, Thriving Mind Board of Directors
- Member, Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) Advisory Committee
- Chair, South Florida Coalition Alliance, a quad-county drug and alcohol prevention association (Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties)
- Chair, Hope for Miami (a youth prevention and family strengthening agency)
- Member, Miami-Dade County School Board's Diversity, Equity and Excellence Advisory Committee.
- Member, Miami Dade Youth Crime Task Force
- Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Graduate of the Nonprofit Executive Program at Florida State University's Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship (2021)
- Outstanding Community Leader Award, Shalom (2018)
- National Association of Social Workers Outstanding Community Service Award (2017)
- Certified John Maxwell Leadership, Coach, Trainer and Speaker (2014)

- Graduate of the National Coalition Academy (NCA); Certification (2013)
- Outstanding Community Service Award (2002)

December 8, 2021

Esteemed Board of County Commissioners and Commission Chairman,

My name is Dr. Clara Lora Ospina and I am a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 15 years of combined clinical and management experience in the field of Mental Health. I am writing to express my interest in joining the Children's Trust Board of Directors.

I have been a resident of Miami for decades and I take great pleasure in serving the community of Miami-Dade County and its surrounding areas through my work at Jackson Hospital and as a member of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables. At this time I am looking to make an even greater impact in the community and there is no better place that I can think of than the Children's Trust, where my passion and skills could converge for the greater good. I completed my high-school, undergraduate, Master's and Doctorate degrees in South Florida and moved to Massachusetts in 2003 to complete my Pre-doctoral APA Accredited Internship. I am a licensed clinical psychologist and health service provider with clinical experience working with children, families and adults in hospitals, community mental health centers, student counseling, partial hospitalization programs and private practice. I am a consummate professional and a compassionate therapist who believes that anyone can benefit from services that promote positive change, improved communication, higher self-esteem, and greater productivity in daily life. I wholeheartedly support the ideal of "a community that works together to provide the essential foundations to enable every child to achieve their full potential", as every day I practice psychology I encounter the devastating results of what happens when children's basic needs of safety and security are un-met.

I am currently the Director of Internship Training and the Clinical Director of the Adult Outpatient Center for Behavioral Medicine at Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital where I am the primary supervisor for one Post-doctoral Resident, four Pre-doctoral Interns, and three LCSWs. I also have a virtual private practice in where I provided individual, family and group therapy services aimed at helping people cope with difficult issues and improve their lives. From 2008 until 2014 I worked in Boston at the largest private practice in the New England area, Commonwealth Psychology Associates, LLC., where I was the Clinical director of our Financial District office. Through my work, I am greatly aware of the toll that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the well-being of our community, especially our children; and, this is why I feel compelled to increase my level of involvement.

As a result of my clinical and management experiences I have the skills required to plan, organize, direct and implement all administrative and program operations while fostering a positive and productive culture. I understand what it takes to meet the needs of the community especially at a time when mental health is at the forefront of issues concerning our children. I pride myself on providing the highest level of attention and effort in all my commitments. I am a mother, a compassionate therapist and a thorough professional; I am fully bilingual (English/Spanish), proficient in successful leadership and management styles, organized, driven, and very detail oriented. I lead by example and I am a collaborator that challenges individuals to rise to the highest expectations as I challenge them to be the best they can be. I believe that my personal attributes and professional qualifications make me an ideal candidate to become a productive member of Children's Trust Board of Directors.

I am easily accessible by telephone at 617-530-0622, so please do not hesitate to call me if I can provide any further information to aid in your decision-making process. I look forward to being extended an invitation to join this prestigious organization.

Sincerely,



Dr. Clara Lora Ospina

Curriculum Vita 2021

Dr. CLARA LORA OSPINA, Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist

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dr.claralora@gmail.com

Education:

- 05/21 University of South Florida, Muma College of Business
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate
- 01/21 Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP)
- 08/99 – 06/04 Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Psy.D. - Clinical Psychology; APA Accredited; Magna Cum Laude
- 08/97 – 12/99 Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
M.S. - Mental Health Counseling; Magna Cum Laude
- 01/93 – 06/96 Florida International University, Miami, FL
B.A. - Psychology

Professional Work Experience:

- 01/19– present **University of Miami Miller School of Medicine**
Voluntary Assistant Professor of Medicine
- 05/17 – present **Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital; Miami, FL**
Director of Internship Training
Provide general oversight of the day-to-day operations and long-term development of the American Psychological Association-accredited Pre-Doctoral Internship Program, including clinical and administrative supervision and training to nine psychology interns. Lead the development, organization, production and evaluation of the program in order to achieve the program's mission, goals and objectives.
Foster a culture of belonging, where everyone feels valued and has the opportunity to add value.

Clinical Director of Adult Outpatient Center for Behavioral Medicine (AOCBM)
Primary supervisor for nine clinical staff that comprise the team at AOCBM. The multidisciplinary team provides evidence-based

interventions to address the multifactorial aspects of mental disorders secondary to HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Traumatic Injury, Diabetes, and other Chronic Illness, as well as providing Pre-Transplant support and Pre-Bariatric Surgery assessment.

- 06/14 – present **Concierge Clinical and Coaching; Coral Gables, FL**
Owner/Private Practice
 Therapeutic treatment of individuals, couples and families. Focus on PTSD, grief, conflict resolution, anxiety, and affective disorders. Business/Corporate/Personal coaching. Telehealth or in-home.
- 06/08 – 06/14 **Commonwealth Psychology Associates, LLC**
Clinical Manager, Psychotherapist, Certified Mediator, Collaborative Coach
 Therapeutic assessment and treatment of individuals, couples and families. Focus on PTSD, grief, conflict resolution, infertility, and affective disorders. Clinical supervisor for multidisciplinary staff.
- 08/08 – 08/09 **Psychological Services Center (PSC) at Boston University**
Clinical Supervisor
 Clinical Supervisor for doctoral students.
- 08/05 – 12/06 **Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System**
Post-doctoral Fellow Pain Management Clinic, PTSD, and Medical Psychology
 Psychotherapist for Pain Management Clinic and Medical Psychology
 Co-editor of research Treatment Manual
 Postdoctoral Supervisor
- 08/06 – 12/06 **Psychological Services Center (PSC) at Boston University**
Clinical Supervisor
 Clinical Supervisor for doctoral students.
- 08/04 – 08/05 **Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center**
Research Health Science Specialist/ Post-doctoral Clinician
 Site Study Coordinator: VA Cooperative Studies Program #519
 Psychotherapist for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinic
- 07/03 – 07/04 **Harvard Medical School/ Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System**
Psychology Intern/Harvard Fellow
 Full-time Psychotherapist: Worcester Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic; Neuropsychology Assessment Clinic.
- 12/01 – 12/02 **Citrus Health Network, INC., JCAHO Accredited**
Senior Bilingual Clinical Mental Health Provider
 Intensive on-site individual and family therapy with children and adolescents.

- 11/00 – 06/04 **Carolyn Robbins Jury Simulations, INC.**
Jury Consultant
 Jury research and jury simulations for pending legal cases.
- 03/01 – 12/01 **Family Resource Center – Hurwit Crisis Shelter**
Case Manager
 Case management services to children placed in shelter care and certified under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) guidelines.
 Liaison to Family Enhancement Project, Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- 12/99 – 12/00 **Dade County Office of Youth and Family Development**
Bilingual Psychometrist
 Testing/evaluation and referral of preschool aged children for developmental delays and difficulties.
- 03/98 – 01/99 **Nova Youth Counseling Center**
Assessor/Therapist
 Assessment of ‘at risk’ youth for alcohol and drug abuse/dependence, delinquent behavior, and psychological disorders.
- Summer 1998 **University of Miami Behavioral Health Department – Teen Life-saver Program**
Evaluator/Case Manager
 Suicide assessment interviews and DSM-IV screenings with ‘at risk’ youth in various Dade County high schools.
 Follow-up referrals and case management for adolescents diagnosed with a DSM-IV disorder.
- Summer 1997 **Miami-Dade County Suicide Hotline**
Volunteer Telephone Counselor

Post-Doctoral Training Experience:

- 08/05 – 12/06 **Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System**
Post-doctoral Fellow Pain Management Clinic, PTSD, and Medical Psychology Research Health Science Specialist
 Planning and delivery of psychological services for adult patients.
 Coordination of interdisciplinary treatment and behavior-management planning.
 Individual and group therapy.
 Psychological assessment and testing.
 Participate in multidisciplinary conferences and meetings regarding referral status, treatment and discharge.
 Assist with designing and implementing unit management procedures and unit milieu.

Development and implementation of behavior management plans (CBT, CPT).
 Development and implementation of manualized treatment for research protocol on Chronic Pain and PTSD.
 On-call Mental Health triage and crisis management for Interim Care patients.
 Supervision of Pre-doctoral Interns and Psychiatry Residents.
 Identify timely solutions to operational problems.
 Ensure integrity of data and patient confidentiality.
 Foster and maintain excellent working partnership with institution IRB to ensure complete compliance of professional/ethical standards.
 Perform other duties as required in order to contribute positively to a productive clinic environment.

08/04 – 08/05

Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center

*Research Health Science Specialist/ Post-doctoral Clinician PTSD Clinic
 Study Coordinator: VA Cooperative Studies Program #519*

Report to the Principal Investigator and manage the timely implementation of study design and daily operations.
 Consult and coordinate with Study Clinicians, Study Prescribing MD and Assessment Technician to ensure high quality deliverables.
 Execute participant recruitment and screening, initial assessment, follow-up assessment and tracking.
 Lead multidisciplinary research team in coordination of accurate and timely data collection/submission.
 Identify timely solutions to operational problems.
 Ensure integrity of data and patient confidentiality.
 Foster and maintain excellent working partnership with institution IRB to ensure complete compliance of professional/ethical standards.

Clinical Responsibilities:

Planning and delivery of psychological services for adult patients suffering from acute and chronic Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.
 Development, implementation and coordination of interdisciplinary treatment and behavior management planning; and individual, group, and family therapy (including psychological testing when appropriate).
 Coordination and leadership for interdisciplinary treatment team.
 Assist with designing and implementing unit management procedures and unit milieu.
 Perform other duties as required in order to contribute positively to a productive clinic environment.

Internship Training:

07/03 – 07/04 **Harvard Medical School/ Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System (APA Accredited)**
Psychology Intern/Harvard Fellow
 Full-time Psychotherapist: Worcester Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic; Neuropsychology Assessment Clinic.
 Individual and group psychotherapy specializing in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Smoking Cessation, Managing Anger Program, Substance Abuse, and Neuropsychology.

Clinical Training Experience:

08/01 – 08/02 **Miami Veterans Administration Hospital**
Doctoral Trainee
 Neuropsychological batteries consisting of MMPI-2, Trail Making Test, WAIS-III, WMS (LM and VR), Lateral Dominance Examination, WRAT-III, Rey Complex Figure, Aphasia Screening, Category Test, Tactual Performance Test, Sensory Perceptual Examination, Boston Naming Test, Corsi Block Tapping, FAS, WISC-R Mazes, Design Fluency, and more.
 Individual psychotherapy.
 Group therapy for patients with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.
 Process groups for patients in a 90 day inpatient program.
 Computer therapy sessions for inpatients in 90 day program.
 Psychoeducation sessions for inpatients in 90 day program.
 Multidisciplinary treatment plan reviews for inpatients in 90 day program.

05/00 – 05/01 **Nova Southeastern University Community Mental Health Center – Program for Adult Services (PAS)**
Doctoral Trainee
 Bilingual (English/Spanish) individual psychotherapy and psychological testing with adult clients with severe and persistent mental illnesses.
 Thorough and timely Intakes and Biopsychosocial evaluations and reports.
 Treatment plans, treatment reviews, and weekly progress notes for each individual client.

12/98 – 12/99 **Parkway Regional Hospital – Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)**
Masters Trainee
 Individual and group therapy with adult clients with persistent mental illness.

Daily progress notes for each client, for each group and individual session attended.

Thorough and timely Intakes and Biopsychosocial evaluations and reports.

Teaching Experience:

- 01/19– present **University of Miami Miller School of Medicine**
Voluntary Assistant Professor of Medicine
- 04/06 – 04/07 **Emmanuel College**
Adjunct Faculty
- 06/04 – 12/06 **Harvard Medical School/ Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System**
Instructor - CBT Seminar Series.
- 01/02 – 05/02 **Nova Southeastern University – Center for Psychological Studies**
Graduate Teaching Assistant – “Assessment: Interview” Course
- 08/02 – 12/02 **Nova Southeastern University – Center for Psychological Studies**
Graduate Teaching Assistant – “Integrative Report Writing” Course

Academic Research:

- 05/08 – 05/09 **Boston University**
Research Fellow
Vietnam Era Twin Study of Aging (VETSA)
- 08/05 – 12/06 **Veterans Administration Boston Healthcare System**
Research Health Science Specialist
Study Clinician: “Efficacy of an Integrated CBT Approach for treating Chronic Pain and PTSD”, A Rehabilitation, Research, and Development Merit Review Grant submitted to the VA Healthcare System. Co-editor of research Treatment Manual.
- 08/04 – 08/05 **Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center**
Research Health Science Specialist
Study Coordinator: VA Cooperative Studies Program #519
“Integrating Smoking Cessation Intervention for Veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder”
- 01 - 06/ 2002 **Dissertation Equivalent**
Nova Southeastern University

“Psychological Impact of Infertility and Options for Therapeutic Intervention.”

Research regarding the unique medical, psychological, social, interpersonal, and individual issues and concerns experienced by people facing unwanted childlessness. Comprehensive and exhaustive literature review regarding the most widely used counseling techniques in the treatment of couples with infertility, and presented an original rationale and proposal for the application of an Existential treatment approach with this population.

Clinical Presentations/Media Appearances:

- 03/11 *Mediation and Conflict Resolution: Mediation Strategies as Tools for Psychologists.* CE conference conducted for **Commonwealth Psychology Associates**, Boston, MA.
- 06/06 *Pain Management: CBT and Beyond.* Colloquium conducted for **Harvard Medical School**, CBT Lecture Series, at the Brockton VAMC.
- 12/05 *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): CBT Treatment Approaches and Considerations.* Colloquium conducted in the Department of Psychology, Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders (CARD), **Boston University**, Boston, MA.
- 02/05 *Jury Selection Strategies Pertaining to Cases Involving High-profile Defendants.* Prime-time television appearance on **Univision** program “Aqui y Ahora.”
- 06/04 *Motivational Interviewing for Treatment of Substance Abuse.* Colloquium conducted for **Harvard Medical School**, CBT Lecture Series, at the Brockton VAMC.
- 07/02 *Posttraumatic Stress Disorder as it May Apply to Victims of Kidnapping.* Colloquium conducted at the **Colombian Consulate**, Miami, FL.
- 07/99 *Posttraumatic Stress Disorder as it May Apply to Victims of Kidnapping.* Colloquium conducted at the **Colombian Consulate**, Miami, FL.

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

- 2006 Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development
2005 Journal of Traumatic Stress

Professional Affiliations:

American Psychological Association (APA)
Florida Psychological Association (FPA)
Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA)

Awards and Honors:

2000-2002	Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. scholarship recipient.
1995-1996	Membership in Psi Chi Honor Society

Languages:

Fluency in English, Spanish, and conversational French.

December 16, 2021

Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of the Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Via email to: Officeofthechair@miamidade.gov

Re: The Children's Trust – Application for Board Membership

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this Cover Letter as my request to be considered for service on the Board of The Children's Trust, in conjunction with the attached resume listing my work and professional experience, as well as service in community activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Prado', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

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ANTONIO PRADO

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Professional Experience.

Hamilton Planning Consultants, Inc.

Financial and real estate development consulting services to private-sector businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Principal, January 2012 – present date.

- Real estate development: project feasibility proformas and financial architecture; structuring of project financing; supervision of development operations and coordination with in-house management and the outside professional team.
- Outsourced CFO functions: financial control and reporting. Enterprise-wide risk assessment and review of operational and reporting functions.
- Coordination and management of corporate and real estate bank financing needs.
- Strategic planning and training for nonprofit staff and Board members.
- Improving financial and managerial efficiency of nonprofit firms through *SupportWell*, an online proprietary self-assessment and training system (www.supportwell.org)

Collective Empowerment Group of South Florida Inc. (CEG)

A consortium of over forty predominantly African American churches (www.cegsoflo.org).

Executive Director (*pro bono*), July 2013 – present date.

- Supervision of programmatic development and administration of a wide range of economic, human, and community development initiatives.
- Management of affordable-housing subsidiary focused on building traditional homeownership units and innovative Micro-Home concepts.
- Coordination of project management functions as co-developer of vacant sites owned by member churches, under a joint venture collaboration with *Enterprise Community Partners*, one of the nation's leading nonprofit housing advocates and providers.
- Strategic planning of new initiatives to enhance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The Hamilton Group Inc.

Real Estate Developers (*see attached Hamilton Group Projects Portfolio*)

Principal, 1976 – 2012.

- Planned and directed raising equity capital from local and overseas investors.
- Coordinated banking, legal and professional functions.
- Financed, developed, and built over 600 residential units and numerous commercial projects.
- Supervised in-house staff of 60.

Pacific National Bank, Miami, FL.

Member, Board of Directors: 1985 – 2009.

Chairman, Board of Directors: 2004 – 2009.

- Directed overall strategic planning, budgeting, and marketing of financial products.
- Supervised all real estate lending operations (Loan Committee Chairman, 2001-2009).
- Coordinated relations with federal banking regulatory authorities.

Biosante Chemical, Inc.

Pharmaceutical manufacturer and exporter: responsibilities included research and development of new products, marketing and sales, budgeting and financial control, and extensive travel.
Vice President, 1968 – 1976.

Education.

- B.A., Business Administration. Boston University, Boston, MA, *magna cum laude*.

Professional Licenses.

- Bayside International Realty, Inc. Licensed Real Estate Broker: 1980 – present date.

Community Involvement.

- Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida. A community non-profit agency, providing comprehensive affordable housing services. Member, Board of Directors: 2011 through 2016.
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. An ecumenical Christian ministry, building affordable housing. Member, Board of Directors: 1989 through 1995; 1997 through 2002; and 2008 through 2010. Board Treasurer: 2008 through 2010. Volunteer, Family Selection Committee: 1989 through 2017.
- East Little Havana Community Development Corporation. A community non-profit agency, building affordable housing. Member, Board of Directors, and Chairman, Finance and Budget Committee: 1993 through 2007.
- AIJ/Americans for Immigrant Justice (formerly FIAC). A community non-profit agency with national impact, providing free legal aid to poor immigrants. Board President: 2005 through 2008. Member, Board of Directors: 1999 through May 2015.
- Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. An ecumenical Christian ministry, promoting inmates' rehabilitation and reducing prison recidivism. Member, National Board of Directors: 1994 through 1999, and 2002 through 2004. Member, Board of Directors, South Florida District: 1996 through 1998. Volunteer visitor: 1988 through present date.
- St. Augustine Church AIDS Support Group @ Mercy Hospital, Miami. Caregivers to patients living with AIDS and their families. Volunteer: 1997-1998.
- Book Discussion Group @ Downtown Miami Shelter of the Community Partnership for the Homeless. Moderator: 2005.
- Dade Community Foundation/Operation Rebuild Initiative. Providing post-Hurricane Andrew rehabilitation of South Dade scattered homes. Member, Advisory Committee: 1997 through 2003.
- YES Institute. Preventing discrimination, harassment, and suicide of gay and lesbian youth. Member, Board of Directors: 1998 through 2001. Community Volunteer Spokesperson: 1998 through 2014.
- Spanish Literature Book Discussion Group @ BOOKS & BOOKS, Coral Gables. Coordinator and Moderator: 1997 through 2007.
- Haitian Women of Miami, Inc. A community non-profit agency providing grass-roots advocacy on behalf of Haitian immigrants. Member, Board of Directors: 2002 through 2003.
- Foster Care Review Volunteer Panel, Juvenile Court, 11th Judicial Circuit. A citizen review board providing oversight and supervision of services provided by the Florida Department of Children and Families to children in foster care. Member: 2009.
- ReadingPals, a program sponsored by The Children's Movement. Adult reading mentors to at-risk pre-K school children. Volunteer: 2012 through 2013.
- Adjunct Faculty Member, University of Miami School of Law, as Lecturer and *Developer in Residence*, in the Master's Degree Program in Real Property Development.

MARIA ELENA RAMON-COTON, M.D., F.A.A.P., P.A.
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

1981-1985 Universidad Central del Este
 San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic
 Doctor in Medicine Degree

1977-1981 Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL
 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
 Associate in Arts Degree

1972-1975 Miami Senior High School
 Miami, FL
 High School Diploma

SPECIALTY TRAINING:

1987-1989 Pediatrics
 Residency: New York Medical College
 Metropolitan Hospital Center
 New York, N.Y.

1986-1987 Internship: New York Medical College
 Metropolitan Hospital Center
 New York, N.Y.

PUBLICATIONS:

Norwegian Scabies in an Infant with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome. Arch Dermatol. 1989; 125:1670/1671.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:

1992 - Present Miami Children's Hospital (Active)

MARIA ELENA RAMON-COTON M.D., F.A.A.P., P.A.
CURRICULUM VITAE
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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

March 2019-Present	Section Chief Urgent Care Centers Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists Nicklaus Children's Health System 3100 SW 62 nd Ave Miami, FL 33155
January 2011-March 2019	Lead Physician –Nicklaus Children's Hospital Urgent Care Centers 17615 S.W. 97 th Avenue Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
May 2015-Jan 2016	Interim Director -Miami Children's Hospital Urgent Care Centers 3601 NW 107 Ave Doral, FL 33178
Feb. 2002 – April 2016	Maria E. Ramon-Coton, M.D., F.A.A.P., P.A. 7000 W. 12 th Avenue, Suite 10-11 Hialeah, FL 33014 Pediatric Primary Care Private office
Jan. 2002 – Present	Nicklaus Children's Hospital Urgent Care Centers 3200 S.W. 60 th Court Miami, FL 33155
Jun. 1999 – Nov. 2001	Pan American-CAC Medical Centers 1701 N.E. 164 th Street North Miami Beach, FL 33164
Dec. 1995 – May 1999	CAC-United Health Care of Florida 1701 N.E. 164 th Street North Miami Beach, FL 33164
Oct. 1989 – Dec.1995	Supervisor-Department of Pediatrics Borinquen Health Care Center, Inc 3601 Federal Highway, Miami, FL 33137 Outpatient Clinic affiliated to Jackson Memorial Hospital Ambulatory Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Jan. 1992 – Jan. 1994	Clinical Instructor University of Miami School of Medicine

COMMITTEES:

Feb 2017-Present	Professional Advancement Committee Nicklaus Children's Hospital Urgent Care Centers
Dec 2016-Present	Recruitment and Interviewing Committee Nicklaus Children's Hospital Urgent Care Centers
2020	NCPS Board Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists Nicklaus Children's Health System
2020	NCPS Compensation Committee Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists Nicklaus Children's Health System

CERTIFICATIONS:

November 14, 1990	Diplomat of "The American Board of Pediatrics"
December 19, 1997	Recertified as a Diplomat of "The American Board of Pediatrics"
December 09, 2004	Recertified as a Diplomat of "The American Board of Pediatrics"
October 08, 2014	Recertified as a Diplomat of "The American Board of Pediatrics"
January 2018	PALS Recertification

MEMBERSHIPS: Fellow of "The American Academy of Pediatrics"

LANGUAGES: English and Spanish

REFERENCES: Available upon request

Contact

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www.linkedin.com/in/

lilianmoreirasantini (LinkedIn)

thecopperportico.com (Company)

Top Skills

Strategic Communications

Marketing Strategy

Management

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Portuguese (Native or Bilingual)

Spanish (Limited Working)

Certifications

HubSpot Inbound Certification

Honors-Awards

Best Print Design by DesignRush

Lilian Moreira Santini

I grow mission driven brands

Miami-Fort Lauderdale Area

Summary

I'm the founder and CEO of The Copper Portico, a digital branding boutique based in Coral Gables, FL. Our intentional branding and design process is for purpose-driven brands with a focus on making a difference in communities throughout the world.

Experience

The Copper Portico

Creative Director and CEO

January 2017 - Present (5 years)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

The Copper Portico is an award-winning digital branding boutique focused on branding and web design.

Our team has experience working with changemakers and organizations making an impact in the world. As a female-led company, we also have a passion for projects that elevate the status of women.

We offer branding identity design, brand strategy and web development, packaging, signage and several other services.

ProTranslating

QA Project Manager

December 2015 - January 2018 (2 years 2 months)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

Shutterstock

Account Executive | US and Brazilian Markets

October 2014 - October 2015 (1 year 1 month)

New York, NY

Eriksen Translations Inc.

Account Manager | Museums and Creative Services

April 2013 - September 2014 (1 year 6 months)

New York, NY

Cardiovascular Research Foundation
Project Manager I Center for Education
February 2012 - April 2013 (1 year 3 months)
New York, NY

LanguageMate
Project Manager I Content Department
July 2010 - February 2012 (1 year 8 months)
New York, NY

Urban American Management, LLC
Community Relations Specialist
August 2006 - July 2010 (4 years)
New York, New York

Education

Universidade Federal de São João del-Rei - UFSJ
Bachelors of Arts (B.A.), Portuguese and Literatures



SHANE ANTHONY SASSO

CPA

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Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
The Children's Trust Board of Directors Gubernatorial
Application

Officeofthechair@miamidade.gov

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally express my desire to become a member of The Children's Trust ("TCT") Board of Directors. As a native Floridian, I am extremely aware of the need for an Organization such as TCT within the community. Prior to beginning my public accounting career, I worked as a Recreational Aide, Youth Coach and Lifeguard for over three years for The City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department. During my time there, I acted as a sports coach and mentor for children ranging from the ages of 7 to 15. I have also worked directly with not-for-profit organizations that are recipients of TCT grants and participated in TCT grant training.

You will find my resume attached to this cover letter and I am certain that I meet all of your qualifications.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application and I look forward to potentially working with the Organization in the future.

Sincerely,

Shane Sasso

Shane Anthony Sasso, CPA

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Miami, FL 33183
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SUMMARY

CPA with over fifteen years of public accounting experience, specializing in assurance and attestation services (both internal and external).

Excellent understanding of US GAAP, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement ACT (FDICIA), and financial statement and regulatory reporting requirements. Strong applied financial analytical capabilities, as well as, verbal and written communication skills. Results oriented with proven track record of consistently meeting objectives and deadlines. Effective team manager and multi-tasker.

EDUCATION & LICENCES

Certified Public Accountant , State of Florida	July 2010
Certified Public Accountant , State of New York	July 2009
Masters of Accounting Florida International University, Miami, FL	April 2008
Bachelor of Accounting Florida International University, Miami, FL	Dec 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PAAST, P.L **December 2009 – Present**

Audit Senior Manager – Miami, FL (January 2016 – Present)

Audit Manager – Miami, FL (January 2012 – December 2015)

Audit Senior – Miami, FL (December 2009 – December 2011)

- Responsible for planning, executing, and supervision of various external audits, reviews, compilations, agreed-upon procedures and litigation support engagements for various industries including: Not-for-profit, Charter Schools, Manufacturing, Real Estate, Employee Benefit Plans, Healthcare and Automotive
- Responsible for planning, executing, and supervision of internal audits for financial institutions to ensure compliance with regulatory and organizational standards including: FDICIA Internal Controls, BSA/AML Compliance, Call Report, Capital Adequacy, ALCO/Interest Rate Risk Model Validations, Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL) Validations, Credit Quality Reviews, and various operational audits
- Substitute as interim CFO during client transition phase
- Responsible for the management of the firm's employee benefit plan audit practice
- Participate in financial and strategic planning with partners
- Responsible for performing annual internal inspection in accordance with AICPA requirements as part of firm's monitoring procedures
- Responsible for leading management and audit committee meetings
- Responsible for spearheading recruiting efforts and firm growth
- Develop and present on various accounting updates and internal policies and procedures to firm staff

ERNST & YOUNG, LLP - Financial Services Division **December 2007 – December 2009**

Assurance Senior – Asset Management – New York, NY

- Responsible for planning, executing, and supervision of financial statement audit engagements, including budgets, risk assessment, and audit scope
- Financial product exposure: Cash Equities, Swaps, Exchange Traded Funds, CDOs, Bonds, Repo and Reverse Repo Agreements, Forwards, Futures, Asset-backed Securities, and Options
- Prepare and review financial statements in accordance with US GAAP; including recent financial pronouncements
- Develop and mentor staff members

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PAAST, P.L

September 2006 – December 2007

Staff Auditor – Miami, FL

- Responsible for executing internal audits for financial institutions to ensure compliance with regulatory and organizational standards which included processes such as loan approval, teller functions, Bank Secrecy Act, and anti-money laundering and various other operational audits
- Responsible for executing financial statement audits and agreed upon procedures for manufacturing clients, accounts receivable factoring firm, and pharmaceutical retailers

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, LLC

June 2006 – August 2006

Assurance Intern – Miami, FL

- Assisted with quarterly financial reviews for cruise-line and cosmetic industries

ERNST & YOUNG, LLP

January 2006 – April 2006

Assurance Intern – Miami, FL

- Assisted with financial statement year end audits for not-for-profit and wholesale industries

PRE-GRADUATION EXPERIENCE

TRANSATLANTIC BANK

January 2004 – December 2005

Accounting Clerk – Miami, FL

- Responsible for Accounts Payable and Fixed Asset Identification Process
- Assisted controller during month-end close process and financial analytics

SKILLS/MEMBERSHIPS

- High computer literacy in Microsoft Office applications
- AICPA and FICPA member
- Former member of Chapman Partnership NextGen
- Former member of National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (“NASBA”)

Justin Trieger

EDUCATOR AND TECHNOLOGIST
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December 15, 2021

Office of Commission Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz

To Whom It May Concern:

I have attached my resume in consideration for a position on the Children's Trust Board of Directors. It has been my privilege for the past 14 years to play a central role in the Miami educational ecosystem as Director of New Media and Distance Learning at the New World Symphony and as Co-Founder of Buskerfest Miami. These roles have involved leading a diverse group of collaborators to create engaging and immersive engagement programs for students and patrons across Miami-Dade County. Those programs, conducted both in-person and through innovative uses of technology, have received international recognition for their scope and impact. I have immense respect and admiration for the work of the Children's Trust and would be honored to support the organization in this manner.

Since 2007, I have steered the New World Symphony's use of technology in its educational and performance programs. That work has focused on expanding access through the creation and use of pioneering tools and platforms. I am a senior leader in the development of both our Community Engagement programs and curriculum development for the New World Symphony Fellows. These functions require regular production and evaluation of programmatic offerings for young students. This understanding provides insight into the real-world challenges of programming for youth, coupled with extensive work in the formation of external partnerships and collaborations.

In 2013, I Co-Founded Buskerfest Miami, an organization dedicated to providing accessible arts programming that utilizes and promotes public space. I have been fortunate to lead the organization from its early days as a grassroots social movement to being hailed as a cultural institution by the Miami New Times. The organization's success is the result of extremely creative programming, a serious dedication to collaboration with numerous stakeholders in the community and financial support from individuals to private foundations and government agencies. In 2019, the organization hosted the first Youth Music Summit, a convening of young musicians aged 12-18 from throughout Miami-Dade County that offered sessions led by some of the nation's leading musical educators.

These varied experiences offer a unique understanding of the educational landscape, from early education to postgraduate studies. I am intimately familiar with the demands of operating both large educational institutions, as well as community-led projects and small nonprofits. I hope to bring my skills to bear in elevating the good work of the Children's Trust.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions that arise.

Sincerely,

Justin Trieger

Justin Trieger

EDUCATOR AND TECHNOLOGIST



Executive Profile

Skilled in the realms of strategic planning, community development and media production. Adept at both short and long-term project management with a proven ability to manage a multitude of resources, both human and technology-based. A leader in building initiatives to connect individuals, organizations and communities.

Skills and Expertise

- Human Network Development
- Community Organizing
- Curriculum Development
- Interactive Web Development
- Video and Audio Production
- Systems Design and Best Practices
- Project Management
- Organic Marketing and Communications
- Organizational and Budgetary Planning

Contact Details

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Portfolio:
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Work Experience

Director of New Media and Distance Learning New World Symphony | 2011 - present

- Build an international network of music students, educators and institutions
- Develop innovative performance and educational programs with Artistic Director Michael Tilson Thomas
- Oversee all aspects of live streaming including production workflows, execution and distribution
- Project Lead for MUSAIC, an online video library and social media platform of high-quality music instruction
- Develop projects in partnership with outside organizations including MIT Media Lab, Parsons School of Design, Iovine and Young Academy (USC) and CCRMA (Stanford)
- Research and create innovative engagement programs for patrons, donors, local school districts and the general public

Co-Founder

Buskerfest Miami | 2013 - present

- Organize and produce accessible performing arts events throughout Miami-Dade County
- Collaborate with hundreds of local artists in addition to governmental, community and cultural organizations including Miami-Dade Transportation and Public Works, City of Miami and Miami-Dade County Parks Departments, The Underline, O, Miami Poetry Festival, the Rhythm Foundation, the Olympia Theater and MDPLS
- Design and lead Miami-Dade County's first Youth Music Summit

Education & Leadership

New York University

Bachelor of Music, Steinhardt School of Education,
Music Technology Department (2006)

The Miami Foundation

Miami Fellows Class IX

Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council

Appointed by Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson (2018-Present)

Miami Forever Bond Oversight Committee

Appointed by Commissioner Wifredo Gort (2018-Present)

Music Access Fellowship

Leadership group devoted to making music education possible for all Miami-Dade County youth

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Commissioner Jose Diaz
Miami-Dade County
Board of County Commissioners
111 Northwest 1st Street Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Diaz,

Please accept this letter and attached resume as an indication of my sincere interest in serving on The Children's Trust Board of Directors. As a resident of North Miami for seven, teacher of 20 years, wife of a teacher, mother of three sons, and safety advocate, I possess skills and the mindset to improve the lives of children and families within Miami-Dade County. In my teaching career, I partnered with Florida International University to implement Latin American and the Caribbean's U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant focusing on environmental education with high school students. I serve on the Sandy Hook Promise National School Advisory Council (2018-current). In this capacity, I co-wrote a Sandy Hook Promise blog 5 Social-Emotional Learning Strategies for Returning to School during a global pandemic and participated in the National Center for School Safety (NCSS) Student Mental Health in a Distance Learning Environment Webinar. After earning my master's degree in Reading K-12 from Florida Memorial University, I joined the First Book Focus Group at AFT TEACH 2013 to address literacy in underserved communities. In addition, I am currently the education chair for Leadership Florida Southeast Council and a member of the United Way Superintendent Leadership Circle which afford me to utilize my educational specialist degree from Grand Canyon University. I firmly believe that I would be an asset to the Board of Directors based on my service, education, and leadership experiences.

I am excited about the possibility to serve The Children's Trust, one of the leading community organizations in Miami-Dade County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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RESEARCH AND AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Interest: Educational Leadership, Mental Health, and School Safety

CERTIFICATION

2018-2019 Leadership Florida Education Class IV
 2001-2020 State of Florida Teaching Certification in Social Sciences/Social Studies 5-9 and 6-12, and Reading K-12; Coursework in ESOL (META), GIFTED, Economics, Financial Literacy, Law, and Technology
 2016 Apple Certified Teacher

EDUCATION

2018-2019 Ed.D. in Education Leadership, School of Education, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ.
 2016-2017 M.S. in Education Leadership, School of Education, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ.
 2005-2006 M.S. in *Reading Grades K-12*. School of Education, Florida Memorial University, Miami, FL.
 1998-2000 Certificate in *Environmental Studies*. School of Science, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 1998-2001 Certificate in African New World Studies. School of History, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 1997-1998 Certificate in *African New World Studies*. School of History, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 1994-1998 B.A. in *Political Science*. School of Arts & Sciences, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 1990-1993 A.A. in Pre Law. Miami-Dade College, Homestead, FL.

K-12 EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2021 Cutler Bay Senior High. iPrep Academy Leader. Incorporating STEAM related programs in iPrep classes. Conduct real-life experiences through creating an app prototype tackling climate change to investing in the stock market (simulation)
- 2014-2020 Cutler Bay Senior High. Social Studies Teacher. Teaching subjects such as Advanced Placement Human Geography, Comprehensive Law, Global Studies Honors, iPrep Career Decision and STEAM, Speech & Debate, and World Cultural Geography Honors while integrating topics relating to the military
- 2014-2016 Cutler Bay Senior High. Social Studies Department Chair. Integrate State of Florida mandates of teaching African American History, Character Education, Hispanic Contributions to Human History, Holocaust Awareness, and Women's Contributions to Human History
- 2010-2014 Centennial Middle School. United Teachers of Dade, Miami, FL. Teachers Union Alternate Steward primary responsibilities included supporting the school designated Steward; attending annual Steward's training; Steward's monthly meetings; be a school site liaison for the union organizations
- 2005-2008 Centennial Middle School. United Teachers of Dade, Miami, FL. Teachers Union Steward primary responsibilities included attending annual Steward's training; Steward's monthly meetings; be a school site liaison for the union organizations.
- 2004-2014 Centennial Middle School. Miami Dade County Schools, Miami, FL. Social Studies Department Chair. Primary responsibilities included supervising social studies teachers, conducting monthly meetings, mentoring new social studies teachers, and be a liaison for the Division of Social Science at the school site.
- 2001-2008 Centennial Middle School. Miami Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL. Reading, Social Studies, and Law Elective Teacher. Primary responsibility included developing lesson plans, utilize district scope & sequence, participate in professional development opportunities, and cooperate with colleagues and administrators.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority
- American Federation of Teachers: Teacher Leader Program Participant
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Member
- Florida Education Association
- Florida International University Alumni Lifetime Member
- Florida Memorial University Alumni Relations Contributor
- Florida Parent Teachers Association
- Honor Flight South Florida
- Leadership Florida
- Parent Teachers Association
- National Celebrity Educators
- National Education Association
- The National Scholars Honor Society Lifetime Member
- United Teachers of Dade

COURSES TAUGHT

- Advanced Placement Human Geography
- Cambridge International (AICE) Business
- Civics (Regulars, Inclusion, Gifted and Advanced)
- Comprehensive Law (9th-12th Grades)
- Constitutional Law (8th Grade Elective)
- *GREAT* [Gang Resistance Education and Training 6th Grade Curriculum Co-Taught with Officer Antonio Prado]
- iPrep Career Decisions
- Leadership Studies
- *Project Citizen* (Service Learning and Community Problem-Solving Curriculum)
- Reading (Intensive/Remedial)
- *School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program* (Four Core Curricular Concepts: Authority, Justice, Privacy, and Responsibility)
- United States History (Regular and Inclusion)
- World Geography (Regular)
- World History (Honors)

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Alpha Delta Kappa Educational Sorority (International)
- ❖ American Federation of Teachers (National Delegate representing the State of Florida)
- ❖ The Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (Secretary)
- ❖ The Education Fund (Disseminator and Conference Presenter)
- ❖ Florida Educators Association (State Delegate)
- ❖ Honor Flight South Florida (Volunteer)
- ❖ Leadership Florida Southeast Council (Education Chair)
- ❖ Miami-Dade County Public School – School Safety Committee Liaison (UTD)
- ❖ Parent, Teacher, and Student Association (Member)
- ❖ Shervin Jones, Florida Senate Apple Agenda
- ❖ United Way of Miami-Dade

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Alpha Delta Kappa Diversity and Inclusion Committee 2020-current
- Alpha Delta Kappa Xi Chapter Treasurer 2020-current
- Florida Panthers Stache 5K Race for the Cure 2020
- Honor Flight South Florida Volunteer: 2019-current
- MADD Walk Miami Dade 2018-current
- Sandy Hook National School Advisory Council 2018-current
- Town of Cutler Bay Youth Council District Liaison: 2016-current
- Best Practices & Pacing Guide Curriculum Planning – Social Studies Team Leader: July 7, 2010 at Miami-Dade County Public Schools District Office
- Sponsor of the Washington Heights Masonic Youth Court FL #193 (Founded 2002)

REFERENCES

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