

Panelists

SEDNET Regional Project Manager for Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns School Districts

Carl Coalson



Carl Coalson attended the University of the Cumberland, and Nova Southeastern University. He is currently the SEDNET Regional Project Manager serving Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns School Districts. SEDNET is a discretionary project of the Florida Department of Education with a primary focus of providing technical support and assistance to school districts for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities or those deemed to be at-risk.

Obstetrician/Gynecologist Halifax OB/GYN Associates

Pamela Carbiener, MD



Dr. Pamela Carbiener earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University, and later graduated from medical school at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. She completed both her internship and residency programs at Georgetown University Hospital, in Washington, D.C. She is board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is currently practicing with Halifax OB/GYN Associates in Daytona Beach

President/CEO Mental Health Association of East Central Florida

Bob Decker, MA, NCC, LMHC



Bob Decker is a graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and holds a Master of Arts Degree in both School and Mental Health Counseling. He is in the dissertation phase of a Doctorate Degree at Barry University/Orlando in Counseling Education. Mr. Decker is currently the President/CEO of the Mental Health Association of East Central Florida.

**Vice President for Residential Services
Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare**

Rhonda Harvey, JD

Rhonda Harvey is the Vice President for Residential Services at Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare, where she has served in a management capacity since 1994. She is responsible for the operation and management of residential programming for the agency, including Project WARM.

**Senior Human Services Program Specialist
Forensic, Prevention, Re-entry and Soar Co-ordination
Florida Department of Children and Families**

Marilyn H. Heck, M.S., CCE



Marilyn Heck has over 35 years of public service. She currently serves the Department of Children and Families as the Forensic Coordinator, Prevention specialist and SOAR coordinator. Ms. Heck graduated from Florida State University with a BA in Criminology and later returned to school to get her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Chief Executive Officer for Community Partnership for Children, Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties

Mark Jones



Mr. Jones holds a Master's Degree in Human Service Administration, with a specialty in the child and youth care field; along with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice.

Mark Jones serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Community Partnership for Children serving Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties. In his role as CEO, he leads a staff of approximately 187 professionals in achieving permanency and safety for abused and neglected children. In partnership with the Department of Children and Families, Mr. Jones is currently leading the implementation of Foster Care Redesign and the Family Centered Practice Model for child welfare.

**Circuit Senior Attorney
Department of Children and Families**

Justin D. Loach, JD



Justin D. Loach has been serving the community as a Circuit Senior Attorney for the Department of Children and Families for the past five years in the area of child protective services and dependency litigation. Mr. Loach continues to champion the family centered approach to child protection which has become a central guiding principle for the Department of Children and Families Family Safety Division.

Mr. Loach is an alumnus of the University of Florida and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. His legal background includes ten years in criminal and civil practice, both in the State of Florida and the State of California.

**Nurse Manager of the Birthcare Center,
Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center**

Paula Meek, RNC-OB, IBCLC



Paula Meek is a registered nurse, certified in obstetrics. She joined Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in 2005 and became the Nurse Manager of the Birthcare Center in 2006. Previously Paula worked for 20 years at a Level 3 Labor and Delivery Tertiary Care Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Paula became certified in obstetrics by the national Certification Company in 1989, became a certified lactation consultant in 1996 and became a fetal monitor instructor by the Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing in 2006. She is an active member of the Healthy Start Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team. She also

participates as a valued member of the Healthy Star Coalition.

**Director of the Vince Carter Sanctuary/Deputy Medical Director Addiction Services
Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Health Care**

Jeremy Mirabile MD, ABAM, FAAFP



Dr. Jeremy Mirabile attended the University of Florida for his medical education and graduated from their Family Medicine Residency Program in 2005. From 2005 through 2009, Dr. Mirabile worked full-time at the Halifax Dunn Health Center in Daytona Beach serving the low income, underinsured patient population of Volusia County and part-time in the Halifax Health Emergency Department. Dr. Mirabile is currently the Director for the Vince Carter Sanctuary and the Deputy Medical Director of Addiction Services for Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Health Care.

**Executive Director
The Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc.**

Dixie L. Morgese, B.A., CAP, ICADC



Dixie Morgese is the Executive Director of the Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler-Volusia Counties. She has over fifteen years experience developing and implementing systems of care to serve communities in the areas of maternal child health, family risk and resiliency, HIV and addictions. Prior to Healthy Start, Dixie provided technical consulting, quality monitoring, and staff development for Health and Family Service entities throughout the state of Florida. Since 1993, she has participated in Healthy Start service delivery planning and program implementation.



**Director of Nursing, Children's Medical Services
Florida Department of Health**

Judith A. Ryan, MPH, MSN, RN

Judith has 28 years of public health nursing with the Florida Department of Health. She has worked in 22 Florida County programs including: school health, women's health, maternity, primary care, children with special health care needs, immunizations, epidemiology, sexually transmitted disease, occupational health, nursing education, quality improvement, environmental health, HIV/AIDS, pediatrics, family planning, medical home.

**Medical Director of Medical Foster Care/Primary Care
Children's Medical Services of Volusia and Flagler Counties.**

Andrea Thorpe, MD



Dr. Thorpe received her medical degree in 1980 from the University West Indies, Jamaica. From 1982 to 1985 she participated in the Residency Program at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital, New York. From 1985 to 1986 she was Chief Resident of the Bronx Lebanon Hospital, New York. From 1988 to 1990 she served as Medical Director of the Outpatient Pediatric Department, Bronx Lebanon Hospital, New York. From 1990 through 1996, she was the Medical Director of the Volusia County Health Department. Since 1996 she has been the Pediatrician at the Halifax Keech Health Center. Since 2004, she has served as the Medical Director for the Medical Foster Care and Primary Care Programs for Children's Medical Services of Volusia and Flagler Counties.

**Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center
Director of Nursing for BirthCare Services**



Rebecca Vernon, RN. BSN

Rebecca Vernon RNC, BSN is the Director of Nursing for BirthCare Services at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Florida. Rebecca joined Florida Hospital Memorial (previously Florida Hospital Ormond) in April 2007. Rebecca attended Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences where she completed her Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing. Rebecca also achieved National Certification in Inpatient Obstetric Nursing through the National Certification Corporation for Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing.