The Role of Resource Parents in Supporting Family Recovery & Reunification

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Darce' Byrd is the Lafayette Family Preservation Court Coordinator for the 15th Judicial Court, Specialty Court Division. Darce' began her work with the community of Lafayette at Hearts of Hope after graduating from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Darce' worked as the Volunteer Coordinator and was one of the original members of the Sexual Abuse Response Team. In 2008 Darce' help reorganize what is now CASA of SoLA. After working with the child welfare system in Lafayette, Darce' and her husband Chris decided to become certified foster/adoptive parents, in 2011 they adopted their oldest daughter "BB". As an Advocate Supervisor for CASA of SoLA, Darce' was introduced to LFPC, in 2013 Darce' began working as the LFPC Case Manager and in 2014 became the LFPC Coordinator. Since beginning her work with LFPC Darce' has served on many committees throughout Acadia, such as The Knowledge Effect, Early Childhood Mental Health Committee, Young Child Wellness Council Committee, Quality Parenting Initiative (Training Chairperson), Citizen Review Panel and the Substance Use Curriculum Committee. Darce' is committed to improving the lives of the families within the community in which she and her family live in, she is honored to be part of such a large network of colleagues that share her passion for helping others. Darce' lives in Lafayette with her husband Chris, their two daughters BB and Lina and their two crazy dogs, Phyllis and Pogo.

Antoinette Davis is currently the supervisor for the Family Drug Treatment Court (Problem Solving Court) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is part of a team which specializes in working with families whose children have been removed from their care due to substance use disorders. This voluntary program utilizes a collaborative approach to provide support not only for the parents but also for their children. Ms. Davis attended Northeastern Illinois University, where she obtained a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. She has been employed as a family case manager, mental health technician, and co-owner of an adult family home. In 2014, she graduated from Loyola University where she received her Master’s in Social Work. Throughout her employment, Ms. Davis has attended trainings to enhance her practice. One of the most rewarding trainings she has attended is Solution Focused Training, which focuses on allowing parents to realize their strengths in order to shift the focus from problems to solutions. This strength-based approach allows parents to create their own goals to help them support themselves and their families.

Oren Wunderman, Ph.D., is licensed in Florida as a Psychologist, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and as a Mental Health Counselor, who has worked as a mental health professional in South Florida for the past 40 years. He earned his Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral degrees at the University of Miami. For many years, he specialized in Forensic Psychology in his private practice. He worked as the Psychologist for the Child Protection Team of South Miami-Dade for about three years. He began working at the Family Resource Center of South Florida, Inc. (FRC), which is a combined Foster Care Agency and Community Mental Health Center, in March 1995, as the Division Director of a Family Preservation Program. Since late 1999, he has worked as the CEO of FRC. In order to improve his management and leadership skills and knowledge he completed two Certificate-granting Graduate Programs in Non-Profit Management: one Certificate from the School of Business of Florida International University and one from the School of Business of Harvard University. Since the privatization of Child Welfare in South Florida in the summer of 2005, FRC has distinguished itself as one highest functioning Full Case Management Agencies in Miami-Dade, providing high-quality Case Management, Adoption, Parenting Training, Client-Advocacy, Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Services.