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Dr. Christine Cauffield

CEO, LSF Health Systems

Mental Health • Substance Use Disorders • General Psychology • Health Care

Dr. Christine Cauffield is the CEO of LSF Health Systems – a role she's held for the past 12 years. She has a doctorate in clinical psychology and expertise in the fields of trauma recovery, grief and loss issues, integrated health and brain/disease disorders in the elderly. LSF Health Systems is one of seven Managing Entities that work with the Department of Children and Families to ensure all Northeast and Northern Central Florida residents, regardless of insurance, have access to behavioral health care services. The organization works with people at risk of, or diagnosed with, mental health and/or substance use disorders.



Colleen Rodriguez, LCSW

CEO, The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services

**Mental Health • Hunger & Poverty • Child Development
Social Services/Child Welfare • Holocaust Remembrance**

Colleen Rodriguez has held the role of executive director at The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services (JFCS) for more than a decade and has been with the organization a total of 25 years. Rodriguez is also a licensed mental health professional with extensive experience speaking on a wide variety of mental health topics. From adoption and foster care to mental health counseling and emergency financial assistance, her agency's programs help individuals and families of all races, religions and backgrounds. JFCS also provides hands-on support for seniors and Holocaust survivors in our area.



Lesley Wells

CEO, Daniel

**Children's Mental Health • Social Services/Child Welfare • Adoption
Teen/Young Adult Homelessness • Independent Living/Empowerment Programs**

Lesley Wells began serving Daniel in 1987 as a counselor, working directly with children in crisis, then rose through the ranks, holding several leadership positions before she became CEO in 2018. She can speak on a broad range of topics related to youth. Daniel is Florida's oldest child-service agency and serves an average of 5,000 children and families each year. The agency offers counseling and support to abused and neglected children, connects children with caring foster or adoptive families, provides homeless teens with shelter and supports at-risk families.



Dr. Candice Kennedy

Podiatrist, Total Foot Care & Wellness Clinic

Foot/Ankle Injuries • Wound Care • Foot/Ankle Pain • Orthotics • Diabetic Foot Care

Dr. Candice Kennedy co-founded Total Foot Care & Wellness Clinic seven years ago. Her seven locations across Jacksonville serve patients for a variety of conditions from diabetic foot care to bunions to wound care and more. Dr. Kennedy has dual board certifications with the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry Lower Extremity Geriatric Medicine. She also completed a competitive ACFAS approved Fellowship at The SSC Sports Medicine Fellowship where she gained expertise regarding sports injuries below the knee.



Nemiah Rutledge

CEO, Body Paradox

Personal Fitness • Health • Workouts • Personal Training

Nemiah Rutledge is a personal trainer and the founder/owner of Body Paradox, a fitness and personal training business. Since 2015, organizations including Harrell & Harrell, P.A., Baptist Health, Florida Blue and countless others are healthier and happier because of Nemiah and his team of certified fitness trainers that serve all aspects of physical wellness. Nemiah is a graduate of the Leadership Jacksonville class of 2021 and is a member of Leadership Florida. He was also named Small Business Leader of the Year for the JAX Chamber Health Council, 2022 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Daily Record and was a member of the 2023 40 Under 40 Class as named by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

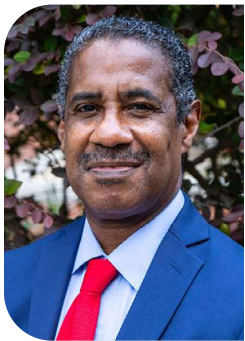


Ashleigh Robinson

First Florida Credit Union

**Personal Finance • Budgeting • Debt Reduction
Finance Tips • Banking • Credit Unions**

Ashleigh Robinson has been with First Florida Credit Union for more than five years, handling community outreach and marketing. She has appeared numerous times on television and is particularly skilled at providing easy-to-understand explanations and advice on various financial topics, including debt reduction, budgeting, homebuying and more. First Florida Credit Union has several other experts available if more variety in appearances is desired.



Leon Baxton

CEO, Communities In Schools of Jacksonville

Education • At-risk Youth • Youth Mental Health

Leon Baxton has worked for Communities In Schools of Jacksonville for 31 years, rising from a case manager to CEO. Once an at-risk teen himself, Baxton was raised in Harlem, NY. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology at the City College of New York years later and made it his mission to help other students like himself. CIS offers several services for students who are at risk of falling behind or dropping out, including case management, literacy tutoring and afterschool programs.



Linda Levin

CEO, ElderSource

**Medicare • Elder Abuse • Caregiving • Senior Health Care
Adults w/Disabilities • Senior Mental Health**

Linda Levin has been CEO of ElderSource for 20 years, overseeing Elder Care Helpline and the ElderSource Institute. She also manages programs that assist seniors, adults with disabilities and veterans in accessing Medicare and various other services. Before that, she worked at the Area Agency on Aging in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, and in Rock Hill, South Carolina, identifying the needs of the elderly and developing plans to meet them. She has served on the Governor's Purple Ribbon Task Force, and is an NBC Network Characters United Award winner as well as a National Diversity Council's LGBTQ Ally Award winner.



John Daigle

President, Daigle Creative and Adjunct Professor at UNF/Flagler College

Politics • Public Relations • Crisis Communications

John Daigle is a partner at Daigle Creative. He has planned and managed more than 50 local political campaigns during the last 30 years – with a win record of nearly 90%. He's also taught political campaigning for Leadership Jacksonville and as an adjunct professor at UNF. As a veteran reporter in the 1990s, he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize award for his investigative political reporting. Additionally, he has served as a political analyst at Northeast Florida television stations since 2015. John is available to discuss political campaigns and strategy regarding local, state or national politics.