

**Eckerd**<sup>SM</sup>  
**Community  
Alternatives**

**Hillsborough**


**Foster Parent  
Mentor Program**




# Purpose

- Eckerd Hillsborough recognizes that newly licensed foster parents can benefit from hands-on training and support
- Foster parents provide informal mentorship and support through shared experiences and resources
- Foster parents are the best recruiters

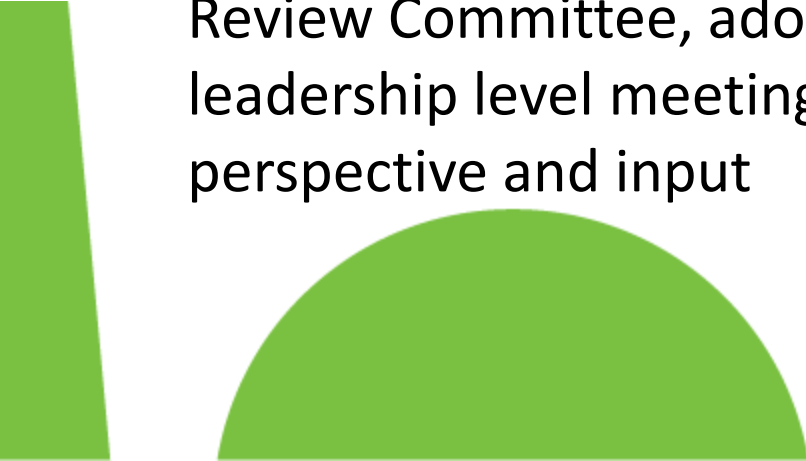
Eckerd Hillsborough has formalized  
foster parent mentoring  
to include  
training and criteria.




# Expected Outcomes

- Improved satisfaction with Eckerd Hillsborough system of care impacting retention
  - Placement Stability for families receiving mentor support
  - Improved relationship and understanding of the system of care, including working with biological families
  - Opportunity for foster parents to partner with Eckerd Hillsborough and impact relationships with Eckerd Hillsborough, the system of care and the community.
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# What mentors do:

- Contact every newly licensed foster parent
  - Contact foster families upon placement in their home
  - Provide support to families struggling with behavioral challenges
  - Provide support to families experiencing investigations
  - Provide assistance with resources and community supports
  - Participate in Eckerd Hillsborough leadership meetings, supervisors meetings, Foster Parent Advisory Board, Licensing Review Committee, adoption match meetings and other leadership level meetings to share the foster parent's perspective and input
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# How are Mentors prepared:

- Mentors attend Care Management Pre-Service Training for 6 weeks and participate in all field activities.
  - Mentors attend leadership meetings and receive reports and details regarding the system of care.
  - Mentors shadow and support each other as needed to expand their knowledge and expertise
  - Mentors participate in Quality Parenting Initiatives programs and committee's.
  - Mentors participate in media and recruitment efforts
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# Foster Parent Mentors

## **Kimberly Hernandez – 813.528.0228 Kimh@hcfpa.org**

Kim is the President of the HCFPA, FSFAPA PR chair, foster, medical foster, adoptive and bio parent. She is also well respected in the system of care, focused on improving this partnership

## **Lisa Pink – 813-394.7124 lisap@hcfpa.org**

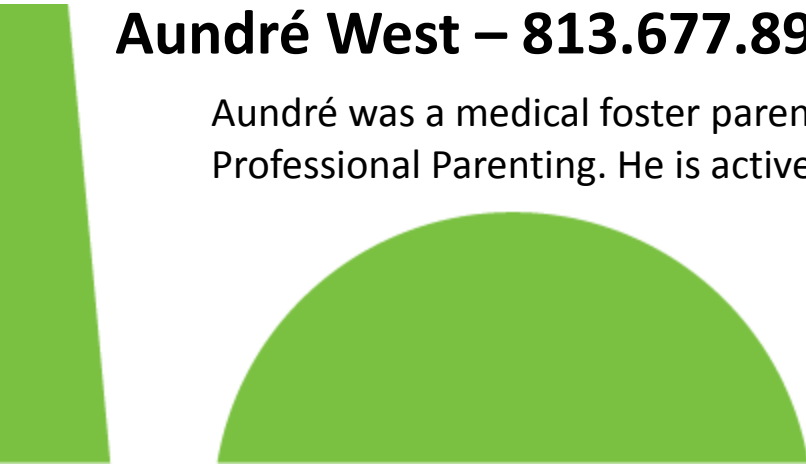
Lisa serves as the HCFPA assistant treasurer and events chair. She is an foster and adoptive parent. Works well with birth families and has a strong knowledge of working with the school system.

## **Janna Lindstrom – 813.333.6861 fourthgenflnative@yahoo.com**

Janna is also a foster and adoptive parent. Excels in helping our new families understand our system of care. She also has a strength with sibling connections.

## **Aundré West – 813.677.8900 fourthgenflnative@yahoo.com**

Aundré was a medical foster parent of two children he adopted. He is a strong co-trainer of Professional Parenting. He is active in the faith based community.



# Foster Parent Mentors

**Terra Bone – 813.949.5398 [year2525@aol.com](mailto:year2525@aol.com)**

Terra is a foster and adoptive parent who is knowledgeable about mental health and medical resources for children. She is a strong advocate for school readiness.

**Claude Etheridge – 813.507.8279 [clauder@hcfpa.org](mailto:clauder@hcfpa.org)**

Claude serves as the communication chair for HCFPA. He's an adoptive and bio parent whose strengths are working with bio fathers.

**Cathy Denton – 813-685-0256 [cdenton669@aol.com](mailto:cdenton669@aol.com)**

Cathy is a foster, adoptive, bio and grandparent. Her strengths are advocating for children and accessing services for children in need.



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