

## 2015-16 President's Message



It is an honor to be serving as your CFAMFT president for 2015 and 2016 and I have been very fortunate to be trained by superb past presidents and board members of CFAMFT. Our mission statement “provide education, training, advocacy, networking, support, and fellowship”. Education and training are provided monthly so we may grow as therapist and increase our knowledge base which translates to better serving our clients. Advocacy really does change laws and add MFT verbiage into important laws and legislation. This leads to more job opportunities and increases the number of insurance panels MFT's are on. Networking, support and fellowship is found in everything from students finding seasoned professionals to mentor them, to seeking out colleague consultation when needed, and making friends with some really wonderful people you can count on

I encourage all of you to get involved by either attending board meetings, volunteering, or by attending our monthly program and make it come alive for you too. I am very excited for the future of our organization and will ensure that CFAMFT continues to be the example and leader for the State of Florida. With this being said, there will be some major changes to come in 2015. At the national level, AAMFT is in the process of determining whether or not they will be separating from the individual State organizations and chapters. We are not sure yet what that would mean or entail for us but as soon as we know, I will of course keep you informed. So stay tuned for that in the upcoming months. There will also be some changes pertaining to our local chapter. As you know, starting with our first meeting in January, we will be meeting at our brand new location at First United Methodist Church in Winter Park .We will also be offering two special evening Dine and Learn events in March and May of 2015. These will provide an opportunity for those in the agency settings to be able to become part of the CFAMFT network community and attend our meetings after work. Plus it gives us the chance to earn 2 extra CE'S for 2015 for our new biennium.

Our theme this year is: Compassionate Healing Across the Lifespan. A very fitting title for the variety of topics that our speakers will be presenting on. Please review our 2015 program at our website [www.cfamft.org](http://www.cfamft.org) and mark your calendars to be “client free” every first Thursday of the month from 9-10:30 AM CFAMFT General Meeting! And if your schedule allows, stay around to network and mingle after the meeting before heading back to work.

Thank you for your time and interest in CFAMFT and looking forward to serving you for the next two years as your President!

Very Truly Yours,

Michelle Savage M.S, LMFT CFAMFT 2015-2016 President