

## **President's Message 2019 Website**

Welcome members, fellow professionals and friends,

I am honored to serve as your 2019-2020 CFAMFT President and consider it a great privilege to lead this venerable organization. From the time I first joined CFAMFT as a graduate student, I sensed that this was a place of genuine community, vibrant ideas, and consummate professionalism. I am committed to perpetuating this legacy so the qualities that make CFAMFT so special will continue to flourish for generations to come.

As president, I strive to continue to bring the high caliber of educational and professional development to which our chapter has grown accustomed. I endeavor to be enthusiastically involved in legislative developments as they pertain to CFAMFT and our profession, and to attend to the membership needs and goals of our community. Furthermore, I am committed to continuing to grow our membership, both in size and diversity, so that CFAMFT truly feels like home to all.

This is an exciting, transitional time for CFAMFT. The Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy has evolved into two new entities of which we are now a part: The Florida Family Therapy Association (FFTA) and the Florida Interest Network (FIN). FFTA continues to follow the model of local chapters but without the AAMFT connection. The Florida Interest Network, which is connected to AAMFT, is a statewide virtual community for mental health practitioners seeking an online presence with a systemic perspective and support for advocacy efforts. Both organizations offer trainings and CEUS and will work in a collaborative spirit with distinctions we hope will better serve our purposes. As always, we remain flexible to the adaptations that serve the needs of our members and the evolution of the association.

The success of this organization has always been a "family affair." We are fortunate to have a talented Board of dedicated individuals who bring our mission and programming to fruition. Equally instrumental are our members who are the life-blood of this organization. We are grateful to all of you for your participation and continued support and value your input greatly. Please bring us your feedback, suggestions and ideas so that we can keep working to make CFAMFT even better. Whether you're a longtime member or new to CFAMFT, I hope you will find this organization to be a place of inclusivity, fellowship, and professionalism and thank you again for your support.

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