

**RONALD HENDERSON**  
Statewide Minority AIDS Coordinator

Mr. Ronald Henderson has served the state of Florida in the public health arena since 1989, beginning his public health career as a Health Services Representative with the Leon County Health Department. In 1999, he was selected to serve as the Statewide Minority AIDS Coordinator with the Bureau of HIV/AIDS in the Florida Department of Health.

As the Statewide Minority AIDS Coordinator, Mr. Henderson coordinates a variety of minority-focused prevention, care and early intervention projects and activities that bring awareness and assistance to minority communities. Along with being a leader in the development of the statewide media campaign utilizing television, radio and print ads to take the prevention message to minorities, he has taken a very active part in the following successful projects: the Black Leaders Consultation, the Latino Leaders Consultation, the Black MSM Consultation, the Black Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS, the Hispanic Summit on HIV/AIDS, the "Church as a Change Agent" seminar, capacity-building trainings, and oversees ten Regional Minority AIDS Coordinators located throughout the state to implement and coordinate HIV/AIDS prevention, early intervention, and treatment programs in Florida minority communities.

Ronald Henderson is the co-author of Silence is Death: The Crisis of HIV/AIDS In Florida's Black Communities. This publication started a mobilization effort among black communities around the state of Florida to organize against HIV/AIDS. Mr. Henderson has been instrumental in Florida's black women's initiative. Ron created the name for what is now known as Florida's HIV mobilization project for black women, Sistas Organizing to Survive (S.O.S).

Mr. Henderson had the pleasure of facilitating and coordinating the activities of the Minority HIV/AIDS Task Force, which had the task of providing recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and the Department of Health regarding strategies to strengthen HIV/AIDS prevention, early intervention and treatment efforts in Florida's Minority communities and a member of the National African American Advisory Committee and the National Latino Advisory Committee. Mr. Henderson has received numerous awards and recognition, including the key to the city of Pensacola, Florida. Since his appointment as the Statewide Minority AIDS Coordinator in 1999, there has been a forty-two percent decline in HIV cases among blacks.

On a more personal note, Mr. Henderson is highly respected among his peers and possesses a great spirit of compassionate involvement in his work with minority-focus HIV/AIDS initiatives.

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**FLORENCE T. GREER, M.P.H., M.P.A.**  
Area 11A: Miami Dade



Ms. Greer is a former health teacher and currently serves as the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator/Area11-A for the Miami-Dade County Health Department. She has previously held positions with the United States Food and Drug Administration, School Health, Healthy Start, and The Children's Trust. Ms. Greer is also an adjunct faculty member with the Robert Stempel School of Public Health at Florida International University.

Ms. Greer received her undergraduate degree in natural science from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She completed her master's in public administration at Eastern Michigan University and her master's in public health at Florida International University.

She is committed to her community, promoting public health issues, and working collaboratively with organizations and individuals in stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS.

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**DEVEDA BELLAMY**

Area 2A & 2B: Holmes Jackson, Washington, Bay, Calhoun, & Gulf/Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Liberty, Taylor, Franklin, Madison, & Jefferson



Deveda joined the HIV/AIDS Prevention Team as an RMAC in 2006. She is very committed to the fight to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, Deveda seeks to talk, test, and educate communities about the disease; and encourage and support those living with and/or affected by the disease.

Deveda is strong, passionate advocate for people and the communities in which they live. Deveda serves in many capacities as a member of Mt. Zion-Madison AME Church, NAACP, HPPI, Jefferson County Whole Child Project, Health Disparities Task Force, McCEDA, and other area and regional groups and organizations.

Deveda received her education from North Florida Junior College and Jacksonville University. She has over 21 years of experience with Children and Family Services, through ARC and as an independent agent, providing services and training to mentally challenged adults. She continues to volunteer her services to several consumers as well as the elderly and indigent populations.

Deveda enjoys music, singing, sports, creating unique floral designs and believes strongly in religion, family and the Power of Love.

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## LORENZO ROBERTSON

Area 9/15: Palm Beach/St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, & Okeechobee



Mr. Robertson is the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator for Area 9 (Palm Beach County) and the Statewide Black MSM Coordinator for the State of Florida; in addition to being a tireless HIV/AIDS and Gay advocate and activist.

Mr. Robertson is an author, poet, and actor. He wrote his first novel, "Detached", which focuses on a man with the knack for helping people with their problems while his own life spirals out of control. Then he published first book of poetry eclectic essence: poetry for the mid, body and spirit will enlighten you. He also has a one-man show, "Me, Myself, and I", which weaves his poetry and monologues into compelling show about sex, drugs, and loving life.

He wrote for the Gazette Magazine in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area, *Clik Magazine* (National Black Gay Magazine) and the local newsletter column, "Is anyone listening" in Positively Palm Beach?

Lorenzo is also the co-founder and facilitator of BrothasSpeak, a discussion group for Black Gay men in West Palm Beach and Tampa, FL. Furthermore, Mr. Robertson is the conference coordinator for the Ujima Men's Collective Conference for Black Gay Men.

Currently, Mr. Roberson is finishing principle filming and editing on a documentary, *Silence is Death: Unheard Voices* and was a producer on the recently released DVD *Finding our Voices*.

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**DONNA MARKLAND**  
Area 10: Broward



Donna Markland is the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator at the Broward County Health Department/ HIV/AIDS Program Office in Broward County Florida. She provides capacity building and technical assistance for minority providers in Broward County.

Ms. Markland has been instrumental in the implementation and supervision of the HIV/AIDS Jail Release Linkage Project in Broward County, Florida. The program provides linkages and coordinates treatment, medical care and social services for HIV/AIDS infected inmates while they are incarcerated, and upon their release in the community.

She coordinated and implemented the Churches United to Stop HIV (CUSH) Project in Broward County. This is a collaborative project between the Broward County Health Department/HIV/AIDS Program Office, churches, and Faith Based Organizations in Broward County. This project provides HIV/AIDS training and capacity building to Pastors, Congregation, and the Faith Community.

Ms. Markland serves as the Broward County Health Department Representative, to the Statewide Florida Community Prevention Planning Group. She also, serves locally on the Broward County Planning Partnership.

Ms. Markland has a bachelors degree in psychology, from Hunter College, New York City.

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**ERICA F. DOUGLAS, MSA, CHES**

Area 1: Okaloosa, Escambia, Santa Rosa, & Walton



Erica Douglas is a resident of Pensacola, Florida where she lives with her husband and two sons. She graduated with honors from Pensacola Junior College with an associates of arts degree in nursing, and studied registered nursing at the University of South Alabama. She went on to receive a bachelors of science degree in community health education and a masters of science degree in healthcare administration from the University of West Florida. In 2005, based on national standards, Erica became certified as a Health Education Specialist, and in that same year, the United States Achievement Academy presented Erica as the National Award Winner of the National Commemorative Certificate Award.

Erica has given service to the State of Florida for over five years. She worked for the Department of Health at the Escambia County Health Department where she helped manage the Mentoring Moms Program, and with the Department of Education where she worked as a middle school health teacher. Erica also worked with the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in Tallahassee, Florida as the Health Educator Consultant for the Obesity Prevention Program, Coordinated School Health Program, and the Arthritis Prevention and Education Program. Erica is currently back working with the Escambia County Health Department as the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator and Early Intervention Consultant in the HIV/AIDS Program Office.

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**ANDREW MALDONADO**

Area 5/6/14: Hillsborough, Polk, Hardee, Highlands, Pasco, Manatee, & Pinellas



Andrew Maldonado, Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator, is a native New Yorker, born in Brooklyn, New York. He became a professional musician working with artists such as, Tito Puente, Patti Labelle, Teddy Pendergrass, among others. He is a graduate of the International Center for Leadership and Training in Puerto Rico as a Drug Addiction Specialist. Mr. Maldonado also attended the University of Puerto Rico majoring in psychology in human behavior.

His professional career in HIV/AIDS began in 1991, when he became Director at the Hogar CREA, Inc. Substance Addiction Treatment in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Hogar CREA, Inc. serves HIV/AIDS patients thru Ryan White funding, by providing individual therapy, group therapies, and other services. In Puerto Rico, he was the HIV Prevention Skills Instructor for the Red Cross (Puerto Rico Chapter) as well. Mr. Maldonado also served as a supervisor for the Minority AIDS Initiative program at the Tampa Bay AIDS Network; which included case management, HIV testing and counseling, training, and prevention.

Currently, Mr. Maldonado serves as a member of the West Central Florida Ryan White Care Council and Co-Chair of the West Central Florida Rural Issues committee.

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**AMALIA AMY ZAMOT**

Area 8: Collier, Henry, Desoto, Lee, Charlotte, Glades, & Sarasota



Amalia Amy Zamot has been an RMAC since June 2001 serving Southwest Florida. She has a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of South Florida. Prior to becoming an RMAC she was a Ryan White Case manager at the Charlotte County Health Department. During her time with DOH, Amy has taught beginner's and intermediate Spanish to employees and has been trained in Medical and Legal Interpreting. Her ultimate goal is to gain sufficient experience and knowledge of Public Health leadership to affect change in the minority communities she serves.

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**TABITHA X. ROBINSON**

Area 4/12: Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Baker, & Nassua/Flagler & Volusia

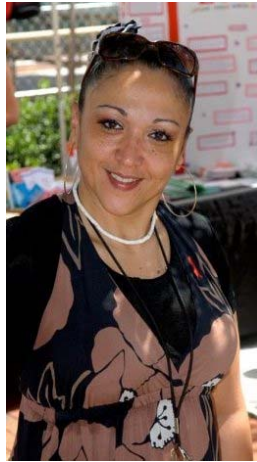


Tabitha Robinson is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. She received her bachelors of arts degree at the University of North Florida. She has been working in the field of HIV for the past 5 years and has found this career path very rewarding. Tabitha enjoys reading and traveling. In 2005 she was able to travel to Korea. Her future endeavors are to complete her masters in public health and to travel to Paris.

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## **TERESA WHITE**

Area: 3/13: Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Citrus, Marion, Sumter, Lake, & Putnam



Teresa White has served as the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator for Area 3/13 since 2005. Mrs. White served in the United States Armed Forces for 6 years and is a Desert Storm War Veteran. As the Area RMAC, Teresa provides capacity building and retention to community based organizations; HIV testing activities and event coordination; availability and access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS; technical assistance; and capacity building and community presentations by request. She started a Minority AIDS Intern and volunteer program in 2006, which supports outreach activities and has enhanced services to the community. Prior to becoming the RMAC, Mrs. White was an HIV counselor for 3 years in the HIV Counseling and Testing Department located at the Alachua County Health Department. Notably, she created a character-based HIV prevention presentation called: "Spicin' up Prevention" with Condom Miranda." Condom Miranda has presented at many venues in Florida and Georgia; she was featured on WCJB-TV20 in 2005; traveled with Black Entertainment Television's "Rap it Up" campaign; and has received many awards from the community. Mrs. White is also a statewide trainer for those interested in becoming a facilitator to provide VOICES (Video Opportunities for Innovative Education and Safer Sex) in the community and offers Pre and Post HIV Test and Counseling-500/501 courses in the community. She is a member of the Florida Department of Education High Risk Task Force group, member of the Florida Latino AIDS Advisory Group, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Outreach Workgroup, and the Statewide MSM Chat Room consultation group.

She is an active volunteer in the community for the Gainesville Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Committee where she serves as the secretary for the committee; a member of the local NAACP branch in Gainesville; chairperson for the Alachua County Health Department Linguistic Access Resource committee; a Sunday school teacher at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Flemington, Florida; and a adjunct Medical Spanish instructor for University of Florida's Medical School. Mrs. White is also the founder and facilitator of "Positives Empowering Positives", HIV/AIDS support groups that meet in Alachua, Putnam, and Marion counties. In 2010, she started the new Teen Support group named "I Speak" in Gainesville, Florida.

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**SANDRA ESTEVEZ, B.A.**  
Statewide Latino AIDS Coordinator



Sandra Estevez currently serves as the Statewide Latino AIDS Coordinator. As the Statewide Latino AIDS Coordinator, Mrs. Estevez is responsible for disseminating HIV/AIDS projects for Latinos in Florida; and implementing and managing the CDC project “*Miami-Business Responds to AIDS*” in Spanish-first time Nationwide.

In addition, she has been a campaign creator/scripiter and producer for: “*25 Mitos/25 Realidades*” (25 Myths/25 Realities), a HIV/AIDS Latino Public Service Awareness Campaign; Daniela Mercury - HIV/AIDS Public Service Announcement in Portuguese featuring Daniela Mercury [Latin Grammy Award](#)-winning [Brazilian axé](#), [samba-reggae](#) and [MPB singer, songwriter](#) and [record producer](#); “*Positivo SOY*,” A Documentary Short Video for HIV positive Latino man; “*PaiSANO*,” a companion video for the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) intervention ‘Voice/Voces’ and it targets the migrant/farm worker community; and LUCES DVD Project based on “*Organizing to Survive: The HIV/AIDS crisis among Florida’ women*” report; to share best practices and offer tools to enable Latina women to educate others confront and overcome their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.

Mrs. Estevez has 4 years of experience in HIV/AIDS, and her prior work experiences were in the private sector as a media assistant. She holds a bachelors of arts in Advertising.

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**TAI JOHNSON**

Area 7: Orange, Osceola, Seminole, & Brevard



Tai Johnson is originally from New York where she worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for 10 years. She moved to Orlando in 2002 and was employed by Orlando Regional Hospital at the HUG-Me program as a Family Health Counselor, covering the Osceola and Lake Counties off-site clinics. She enrolled clients to the Ryan White services and provided information, guidance and comfort to those newly diagnosis. Tai provided pre and post HIV testing and counseling for all walk-in clients in Osceola County.

In 2006, Tai was hired by the Orange County Health Department as the Human Services Counselor II to perform HIV and Hepatitis screening at their newly open facility at the east side of Orlando. In 2007, she was promoted to Disease Intervention Specialist with the STD program office where she would ensure quick and effective notice to those having a reported positive result of a STI. Also, to assist newly HIV infected patients with partner notification.

In 2008, Tai joined the Area 7 HIV/AIDS program office team as the Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator (RMAC). Area 7 serves Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Brevard Counties with prevention and patient care services. Tai is an associated member to the Orlando EMA Ryan White Health Services Planning Council and is assigned to the Planning and PR & Marketing Committees. Tai is also a member of the Central Florida AIDS Planning Consortium; Latinas Unidas Contra El SIDA (L.U.C.E.S) Statewide Advisory Group; the Florida AIDS Latino Advisory Group (FLAAG); and the Café Latino of Central Florida a local Area 7 coalition emphasizing in HIV awareness in the Latino community. Tai assists with ongoing mobilization efforts and implementation of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Minority Initiatives.

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