



2017 National Adoption Conference Workshop Abstract

Presenter(s): Neiko Shea, Toby Pina

Presentation Title: Integration of Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, and Physical Health: An Innovative Model to Support Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Families

Topic Area: Promising practices that adoption exchanges, child welfare agencies, and others in the field are using to develop and support foster, adoptive, and kinship families;

Description:

This workshop will present an innovative Florida Medicaid Specialty Health Plan that provides a trauma-informed model that successfully integrates physical health, behavioral health, and Child Welfare in order to support the unique needs of children in care and those who have been adopted through the foster care system. Outcome data and successes will be presented by Sunshine Health, the lead Health Plan, and its partners, Cenpatico Behavioral Health and Community Based Care Integrated Health.

Format: Lecture

Presenter(s) Biography:

Neiko Shea is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Florida. She has over 20 years of experience working in the Child Welfare system. Ms. Shea has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Florida and obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work from Barry University in Miami, Florida. She started her career in Florida as a case manager working with adolescent girls in a Child Welfare group home who had suffered histories of trauma and abuse. She continued her career as a therapist working with children and families and then went on to serve as a Clinical Director for an agency that provided Therapeutic Foster Care and other foster care and behavioral health services. She went on to serve as the Director of Service Coordination, and was later promoted to the Vice President of Network Development, for a Child Welfare Community Based Care Lead Agency in Florida. After 10 years in that capacity, she pursued a passion in adoptions and accepted an opportunity as Executive Director of a private Adoption Agency. Currently, Ms. Shea is the Vice President of Child Welfare Programs at Sunshine Health in South Florida. Lastly, and most importantly, Ms. Shea is a proud mother of 3 children, Colin, Addison, and Brennan. She and her husband adopted Addison and Brennan in 2007.

Toby Pina is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Florida and Massachusetts. She has been working with children and adolescents in the Child Welfare system since 1993. Ms. Pina started her career in Massachusetts as a therapist working with adolescent males in Residential Treatment with histories of trauma, sexually reactive behaviors, fire setting behaviors and physically aggressive to others. After 9 years, she began working with adolescent girls in residential group homes and locked Department of Juvenile Justice programs. Her treatment focus has been on providing Trauma Focused Treatment and Trauma Informed Care to children and their families. In 2007, Ms. Pina moved to Florida and worked at a Community Based Care Lead Agency as the Director of Clinical Services. Ms. Pina ensured children and families had access to Behavioral Health Services, networked with providers to build a stronger system of care, and brought Trauma Informed Care to the county. In 2014, Ms. Pina was hired by Cenpatico Behavioral Health as the Clinical Director of the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan. In this role, Ms. Pina is responsible to ensure children in the Child Welfare system receive appropriate Behavioral Health services in the least restrictive, most appropriate environment and in a timely manner. She is a proud mother of 2 children, Felicia and Marcus.