

# Radha Selvester

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## **CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.**

### **Community Outreach/Safe Place Specialist nonprofit (2009 – 2018)**

- Outreach – public speaking, media, networking, web site content, etc.
- Writing articles and press releases monthly
- Volunteer recruitment and management including AmeriCorps Program
- Safe Place Coordinator – including presentations to youth and community partners about runaways & human trafficking, annual site visits, & data entry
- Resource Development – fund raising events and grant writing (including federal Basic Center Grant & AmeriCorps, and small foundation grants)
- Supervisor – AmeriCorps Members and interns
- Responsible for updating all print material and web site
- CEO Assistant – cover events on behalf of CEO as needed

## **FloridaWorks Community Outreach Specialist (2006 - 2008)**

- Network and liaison with community based organizations and employers
- Create programs to assist disadvantaged populations with employment and self-sufficiency (including state & federal grant programs like Florida reBuilds and YouthBuild)
- Present information to disadvantaged groups (prisoners, youth, students, etc.)
- Assist grant writer with resource development
- Write and send e-newsletter each week to more than 1000 contacts
- Responsible for web site maintenance including answering inquiries
- Communicate through media (radio, newspaper, and television interviews)
- Attend community and coalition meetings

## **Medical Foster Parent and Developmental Disabilities Home (2000 - 2006)**

- Provided residential care to sick, injured, and/or handicapped children including round the clock care - complex interventions, medications, therapies, nutritional support, age-appropriate nurturing
- Advocated for the children in court and at medical staffings
- Created and maintained all records and reports including medication logs, contact logs, therapy records, SOAP notes, etc.
- Licensed with Medicaid Waiver for residential habilitation and respite care
- Certified as a Medical Foster Parent with Partnership for Strong Families

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## **Employment and Community Volunteer Experience**

- Current memberships: Juvenile Justice Council, School to Prison Pipeline, NAMI, PFLAG, Alachua County Coalition against Human Trafficking, Alachua County Children's Alliance, and North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry. Chair of the Alachua County Chapter of Days for Girls International. Formerly: Board Vice-Chair for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Interagency Council for Social Services (Co-Chair), & Alachua County Poverty Reduction Advisory Board
- Office administrative responsibilities (minutes, filing, data entry, reception, etc.)
- Author (books and articles, fiction and non-fiction)
- Management and leadership responsibilities
- Sales and fundraising (retail, wholesale, catering, event-organizing, etc.)
- Girl Scout leader, program consultant, and camp unit leader
- Foster parent for typically developing as well as special needs children
- Teacher (adults and children)
- Parent-child communications instructor
- Instructor for "NAMI Basics" and "Ending the Silence"

## **Days for Girls International (Volunteer Position)**

- As the Girl Scout Troop leader, facilitated troop Journey project making reusable, washable menstrual supplies beginning in September, 2013
- Became a Days for Girls International "Team" in April, 2015
- Lead a trip to Kenya, Africa to setup a Days for Girls Enterprise in Tharaka Nithi December, 2015
- Became a Days for Girls International "Chapter" in October 2016 and officially separated project from the Girl Scout troop, though many girls continue to assist
- Supervise Girl Scouts from USA and Canada as they create Days for Girls Gold Award projects
- Assisted in the setup of an enterprise with the Ministry of Hope in Lilongwe, Malawi Africa in November 2016
- Lead a trip to Lima, Peru, South America to set up an enterprise in January 2017
- Established a Regional Sewing Center in Gainesville, Florida USA in May 2017
- Organized and lead 30+ Sewathons
- As Chapter Chair, supervise hundreds of volunteers and produce and send out emails to over 1800 supporters
- Give presentations to thousands of people through University of Florida, Church Groups, Service Organizations, Women's Clubs, and other venues

## **Education and Computer Competencies**

- Santa Fe College (Florida), Community College of Aurora (Colorado), Hampshire College (Massachusetts)
- Computer Certifications in Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point, InDesign, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, and HTML. Experience with Publisher, Joomla, Word Press, and etapestry. Typing speed: 74+ wpm.
- Certified NAMI Basics Class Instructor (Class for parents of children living with mental illness)
- Certified NAMI Ending the Silence Class Instructor (Teen Suicide Prevention)
- Certified NAMI Family to Family Instructor (Class for family members of someone living with a mental illness) (Certification will happen in August, 2018)