

FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION NEWS



SUSAN POURCIAU

Long Time Coalition Staff Member Retires

Susan Pourciau joined the staff of the Florida Housing Coalition as our Director of Team Ending Homelessness. Susan initiated our robust program for ending homelessness using the best practices of rapid re-housing and Housing First. During her long tenure with the Coalition, she was tapped by HUD during the Obama Administration to become a Policy Director at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. Upon her return to the Coalition, she picked up where she left off, helping local governments and nonprofits in Florida to end homelessness. In addition to being extraordinarily good at her job and admired for her expertise and her teaching skills, Susan was a pleasure to work with. And while she will be greatly missed, we know her adorable grandson will be glad she has more time to spend with him.



AMANDA ROSADO

New Chief Strategy Officer: Amanda Rosado

Amanda Rosado, formerly the Ending Homelessness Team Director, has accepted the position of Chief Strategy Officer with the Florida Housing Coalition. Ben Toro-Spears previously held the position but recently relocated to the Baltimore area to work for HUD. In her new position, Amanda will work the Executive Team on the overall direction for the Coalition's work. Amanda is also a HUD technical assistance provider to Continuums of Care throughout Florida. Prior to working with the Coalition, Amanda worked in various homeless and housing programs including rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter, outreach, and behavioral health. Amanda holds a Master's degree in Social Work.



AMANDA WANDER

New Coalition Staff Member: Amanda Wander

Amanda Wander will begin her tenure as the Ending Homelessness Team Director on December 1, 2021. Amanda previously served as the Executive Director at the Big Bend Continuum of Care where she oversaw the homelessness and housing system of care for eight counties in Florida.



RAYANNA RIECSS

New Coalition Staff Member: Rayanna Riecuss, Esq.

The Florida Housing Coalition is pleased to announce the addition of Rayanna Riecuss, Esq. to its Technical Advisory staff. Rayanna is a recent graduate of the Florida State University College of Law and received her Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Writing and Rhetoric at the University of Central Florida. While at FSU she worked at College of Law's Public Interest Law Center, most recently as a volunteer with Legal Services of North Florida. Prior to that Rayanna served as a certified legal intern in FSU's College of Law inaugural COVID-19 Veterans Legal Clinic.



WISNERON BENOIT

New Coalition Staff Member: Wisneron Benoit

The Florida Housing Coalition's team now includes Wisneron (Wis) Benoit, a Technical Advisor. Wis previously served as a Planning Analyst at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Wis is an FSU graduate with Master's Degree in City/Urban Community and Regional Planning and formerly served as a Mayoral Fellow with the City of Tallahassee's Office of the Mayor.

New Coalition Advisory Board Members

The Florida Housing Coalition is proud to announce the appointment of three distinguished members to our Advisory Board.



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MANAGER, FIFTH
THIRD BANK



TAMMY PAYCER

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