

Application Form

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.

☒ I Agree

Profile

Bruce

First Name

Ferris

Middle Initial

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Self employed; Village
Counseling Center, Peaceful
Paths and more

Employer

Licensed (LMHC) Therapist
and Expert Court Witness

Occupation

Education:

BS Civil Engineering MA Mental Health Counseling

Professional Organizations:

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES and ACTIVITIES • American Mental Health Counselors Association • Fraternal Order of Police (retired) • Member of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Florida Family Law Advisory Group (FLAG) Executive Committee, 2017 • Member of Gainesville's Domestic Violence Task Force • Member of the 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team • Board member of the Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women 2012-2015 • Member of the Alachua County High Risk Domestic Violence Team • Volunteer Therapist with the University Of Florida, College Of Medicine, Mobile Outreach Clinic, part-time, 2014-2015 • Member of the University of Florida Male Leadership Committee, 2013-2014 • Planning committee member for the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 annual Sexual Battery Conference, Gainesville Florida • Planning committee member Men on Board Against Domestic Violence, Gainesville Florida, 2013-2014 • Member of the Gainesville Mental Health Consortium, 2012 • Member of the 2012 United Way Community Wide Strategic Planning, Safety Committee • Working group leader for the Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response for local law enforcement developed a best practices procedural guide, 2009. • 2007-2008: A member of the statewide Domestic Violence Needs Assessment Group, organized by the Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of Court Improvement.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council: Submitted

What position(s) are you applying for?

Advisory Board

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list board(s):

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment:

AWARDS • December 11, 2018: Nominated by the Alachua County Board of Commissioners to be considered by Governor DeSantis for selection to the Board for the Children's Trust Fund of Alachua County. • May 9, 2017: Thirty First Annual Martha V. Varnes Award, for outstanding achievement in the area of prevention of violence against women, Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, at the annual Sexual Battery Conference, Gainesville Florida • February 22, 2014: Certificate of Appreciation in "Recognition of Valuable Contributions to the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program of North Central Florida" • April 13, 2011: Awarded a special tribute award for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the State of Florida, for National Crime Victim Week by State Attorney General Pam Bondi, in Tallahassee Florida, for the year 2010 • Recipient of the University of Florida Police Department Police Service Award September 15, 2011, for training officers on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) • Honored as the Big Brother of the Year 2007-2008 by the Mid Florida Big Brother/Big Sister program for his friendship with his Little Brother Kenny • Honored as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2004 by the Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Abuse Network, Gainesville Florida Please see my attached CV for my list of trainings I have attended and presented.

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?

I am currently a LMHC working full time specializing in trauma and victimization. I work with DCF cases and many private cases that deal with child custody, domestic violence and mental health issues. My clients are women, men, couples and teen boys. I am involved as an Expert Witness in Civil and Criminal Court. Before working as a therapist I worked as a police officer for the Gainesville Police Department. My last ten years at GPD I was a detective in the Domestic Violence Unit. I bring to the board extensive real world experience in the Criminal Justice System and the therapeutic healing and Civil Court System.

[Bruce Ferris VITAE April 2022.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Alachua County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

41 years

Supplemental Questions

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".

☒ I Agree

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I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.

☒ I Agree