



Melissa Larkin-Skinner
CEO, Centerstone

Melissa Larkin-Skinner has served as CEO of Centerstone in Florida since 2016. She earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from USF and an MBA from Saint Leo University. A licensed mental health counselor with nearly three decades of experience working in the behavioral health care field, Larkin-Skinner started as a volunteer and has practiced in a variety of clinical and leadership roles.

She channeled her passion for helping individuals and families thrive into [the development and implementation of](#) the first Children's Community Action Treatment (CAT) team in 2003, a clinical model that has been adopted statewide to assist children experiencing mental health and substance use disorders, and their families. In 2016 she was recognized as Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association Administrator of the Year.

Larkin-Skinner is serving her second term as board chair for the Florida Behavioral Health Association and serves on the board of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, representing Region IV nationally. She serves as the only behavioral health provider on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission and serves on the Florida Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, as appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker, respectively. Helping individuals and families thrive through increasing awareness and advocating for funding and policies to improve the system of care is her highest priority.