



**Gulf Coast JFCS Names
TIA GRAY, LCSW
AS NEW AGENCY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

(CLEARWATER) – April 25, 2013. The Board of Directors of Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Tia Gray as the new President/Chief Executive Officer of the agency. Tia will join the organization on July 15th.

The Board appointed a committee to conduct a nationwide search. After reviewing dozens of applicants, the search was narrowed to two candidates who visited the agency in April. The selection of Ms. Gray was unanimous. Barbara Sterensis, Board Chair, stated, “Ms. Gray closely mirrors the Agency’s culture and brings a wealth of experience in serving children and others in need in our community.”

Ms. Gray has served as the CEO of Morrison Child and Family Services in Portland, Oregon for the last seven years. At Morrison, Ms. Gray made it an organizational priority to increase transparency and to embrace accountability. Morrison’s programming includes essential prevention and education, outpatient, foster care, residential treatment, day treatment, community and school based programs and services to thousands of children and families.

Before joining Morrison, Ms. Gray served as the Vice President and COO of the Jewish Family and Child Services in Phoenix, AZ. From 1999 to 2005, Ms. Gray served as Executive Director of Ariel Clinical Services in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was responsible for the overall vision, budget, planning and execution of mental health, therapeutic foster care, family and direct service programming for the agency.

Ms. Gray began her career as a therapist, providing outpatient services to children and families in Wisconsin. Ms. Gray is a licensed clinical social worker who holds a Master’s degree in social work from the University of Denver and a Bachelor’s degree in social work from Colorado State University.

“I am thrilled to join such a fabulous team of professionals and I am looking forward to being a part of the incredible work we do with children, elders, disabled, refugees and their families in Florida,” stated Ms. Gray.