



Dixie Fosler

Dixie Fosler is currently the Assistant Secretary for Detention Services with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. She has over thirty-four years' experience in the detention services arena, having originally started out on the floor as an officer. She has also held the roles of Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Regional Director. Her passion is working with staff to achieve their best self through training and encouragement as well as having a positive effect on the life of a child. Her focus has been on standardizing operations and processes and improving service delivery to the youth and their families who encounter stays in any of the departments

twenty-one detention centers, as well as implementing effective programming for youth while they are detained.

Dixie was born and raised in Ocala, Florida. She spent a brief time in college in Texas before returning to Florida and beginning work with detention. She holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Management. She is also a Certified Public Manager through Florida States CPM program. She was awarded Superintendent of the year in 2001 and 2012. She was also awarded the 2012 Healing Neen, Best Practices in Implementation of Trauma Informed Care by Tonier Cain.

Dixie has previously served on the board of Pace Center for Girls in Marion County. She has served on the Take Stock in Children Council in Ocala, where she was the chair for four years. She mentored seven teenage girls while with Take Stock in Children. Dixie is an active member and volunteer with her church.

Dixie enjoys spending time with her husband Scott, a retired law enforcement officer, and being mom to their son Travis and daughter Taylor. She enjoys reading and scrapbooking and anything near the beach.

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