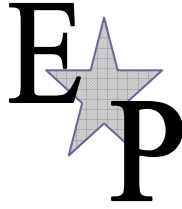


National Association of County Human Services Administrators

Elizabeth Prebich Elected Official Leadership Award



Nominee:	Rose V. Ferlita
Title:	Hillsborough County Commissioner, District One
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Achievements:	
<p>Rose Ferlita has many years of experience in Florida as both a Tampa City Council Member and as a Hillsborough County Commissioner. Service to the public, as both a private business person and more recently as an elected official, has been exemplary. Many human service projects have been successful in the Hillsborough County Florida area as a result of Rose Ferlita's support and many positive programs still flourish as the result of her direct involvement as a volunteer board member.</p> <p>As a Hillsborough County Commissioner, Rose Ferlita has supported, through her votes and her actions, the human service programs that help strengthen children and families. Her support has included Hillsborough County Health Care programs as well as programs for the Homeless, Children's Services programs focused on remediation drug and alcohol related problems, implementing therapeutic recreational opportunities for children in care, as well as advocating for programs focused on helping children deal with the trauma of sexual abuse, incest and rape.</p> <p>Ms. Ferlita, as a local Pharmacist and business owner in the Tampa area, was also responsible for <u>sharing</u> her skills, expertise and business acumen with those less fortunate than herself. In her service with the Jack Eckerd Corporation, Florida Camelot, Inc. (a children's psychiatric hospital), and at the Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc., she always focused on not only her profession, but on assuring that those under her care received quality treatment and support necessary for their recuperation. Ms. Ferlita has also served a primary role in helping build the gap between juvenile justice programs and child welfare programs. Her leadership as a County Commissioner and her service on the Juvenile Justice Council has helped assure that children and families receive a coordinated and collaborative service delivery system.</p>	
Programs that the Nominee was Instrumental in Promoting or Adopting:	
<p>Rose Ferlita serves as a County Commissioner and also as a Board Member of the "Mary Lee House". She has been instrumental in helping develop this Program which provides a facility and a coordinated and collaborative team of individuals to help assess, nurture and comfort children. These include representatives of the County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, as well as CPI investigators so that children experiencing the pain, suffering and trauma of sexual abuse, rape or incest are treated in a supportive fashion from their very first involvement in the system. Ms.</p>	

Ferlita has also supported efforts for Hillsborough County to develop a “Family Navigator System” with the Methamphetamine Program recently developed. With the use of Family Navigators, children and families experiencing the chaos and dysfunction of drug abuse in their lives will be able to access program services and resources which can help them help themselves and become self-sufficient.

Rose works tirelessly on behalf of those less fortunate than herself and assuring that in the human service arena, all services provided to individuals in Hillsborough County are of the highest quality and have positive outcomes. We applaud Rose for her leadership.