

SafeSpace

*Saving and Changing Lives
of Domestic Violence Victims*



SafeSpace, Inc., the only certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast, proudly announces the appointment of Jennifer Fox as its new CEO.

Ms. Fox graduated Magna Cum Laude from Winona State University with a B.A. in Psychology/Sociology and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Augsburg University with a Masters of Social Work and a Masters of Business Administration.

Ms. Fox has extensive knowledge and experience in project management relating to grant writing and compliance management, developing effectiveness-based program design and evaluation metrics relating to shelter, transitional living facilities for survivors of domestic violence, and housing programs for families.

She has mentored Executive Directors and leaders in launching shelters for victims of domestic violence and/or sex trafficking by focusing on strategic planning, budgeting, development, board development, communication plans, policies, and program development.

She has been project manager for creating and implementing national case management database and program evaluations and has developed training materials and actionable implementation tools while onboarding, customizing and educating on how to use data for organizational evaluations.

She has developed administrative tools for internal evaluation of mentorship programs, care model curriculum, and case management system initiative as well as programs for recruiting, training and supervising staff, and developing goals, objectives and accountability plans.

The entire SafeSpace Board and SafeSpace leadership team is looking forward to working with Ms. Fox and supporting her in the mission and vision goals of SafeSpace.

Along with Ms. Fox's appointment, SafeSpace also announced three new additions to its Board of Directors: Joseph Petito, Richard McCarthy and Art Ciasca (recent interim CEO at SafeSpace).

Mr. Petito is the founder of the Gabby Petito Foundation where the mission is to address the needs of organizations that support locating missing persons and to provide aid to organizations that assist victims of domestic violence situations, through education, awareness, and prevention strategies.

Mr. McCarthy is a Yale graduate and has over 20 years in the educational system. He also serves on the Board of Crossover Mission, the Board of the Moorings Educational Foundation and the Board of Miss B's Learning Bees.

Mr. Ciasca, most recently the interim CEO for SafeSpace, brings with him over 25 years of leadership in the nonprofit world, including in-depth knowledge of SafeSpace when he was the director of development from 2008-2013.

Mr. Petito, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Ciasca join a board that includes:

- Aimee Cooper, President
- Jessica Malasek, President-Elect
- Michelle Beninda, Treasurer
- Linda Weiksnar, Secretary
- Thomas Bakkedahl
- Captain Adam Goodner, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office
- Captain Joshua Klotzer, Martin County Sheriff's Office
- Sandee Jo Crocker
- Sharon Dvir
- Bryan Gardner

For more than four decades, SafeSpace, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has served as the only certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast. Since its inception in 1979, it has provided nearly half a million safe nights of shelter, rescued more than 40,000 adults and children from domestic violence, and created programs designed to transition families to a happier, fuller life free of violence.

For more information about SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org or call 772-223-2399.