

ARTHUR J COX, SR. DSW, LCSW #3926
Owner & Licensee of Cox Behavioral Health Group LLC

Cox Behavioral Health Group promotes healthy individuals, families, and safe communities through an array of “state of art” substance abuse and mental health services and behavioral health programs designed for persons with trauma histories and those in need of psychosexual assessments and rehabilitation services.

Arthur J. Cox, Sr. was Founder and President of **The Mid-Florida Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Inc.**, an organization offering mental health and substance abuse services, as well as training, consultation, program development, and evaluation to agencies and organizations providing mental health, sexual offender treatment and substance abuse services to adults, youth, adolescents and families.

Previously, he served as Superintendent of Florida’s first and only JCAHO accredited mental health institution, **The Florida Addictions Treatment Center**. When that facility closed due to state budget cuts, Dr. Cox lobbied the state legislature and as a result founded the **Florida Center for Addictions and Dual Disorders**, re-opening the previously known FATC as a residential treatment program for adults with co-occurring disorders. The Florida Center is a 50-bed CARF accredited state-of-the-art program.

Dr. Cox also served as Superintendent for the **Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center** located in Boston (1985-1990). He has served as an adjunct professor at **Boston University, College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry**, and held professorial ranks of Assistant to Full Professor of Social Work at **Lehman College of CUNY and Florida State University, Chairman of a Department of Social Work at East Tennessee State University, Dean of two Schools of Social Work at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Salem State College and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Salem State College**. In addition to directing the daily operations of Cox Behavioral Health Group, **he is also an adjunct professor, Nova Southeastern University’s College of Psychology and the undergraduate Department of Psychology**.

Dr. Cox received his B.A. in Sociology (1965) and a Master of Social Work (1970) from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a Doctorate in Social Work from Columbia University in New York City in 1978.

Dr. Cox has secured more than 25 million dollars in grants from state, federal, and private sources for undergraduate and graduate training for child welfare services, child and adult protective services, and program grants for children and adult health, mental health, family homelessness, **sexual offenses**, and substance abuse services.

Dr. Cox and colleagues wrote a dual diagnosis cross-training curriculum for the Florida Department of Corrections. This document was used to train staff working in DOC treatment programs for offenders with dual disorders. Dr. Cox has also written four books including **Dimensions of State Mental Health Policy**. The latest is entitled **Cross-Training for Dual**

Disorders published by Vantage Press. He has published many journal articles and conducted numerous workshops and seminars across America and the Bahamas.

In September of 1998, Cox and colleagues at the *Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida* were awarded an SAMHSA Grant to establish an integrated network of services for women with co-occurring mental and substance related disorders and who are also victims of violence. He has received three SAMHSA conference grants to partially support “The Sixth Annual Southeastern Conference on Co-Occurring Mental and Substance Related Disorders,” May 1999, “Best Practices for Persons with HIV-AIDS, Mental Illness and Addictive Disorders”, January 2000; and “Best Practices for Persons with Co-occurring Disorders from Multicultural Perspectives” June 2001. Cox also received a Substance Abuse Prevention/HIV Prevention Grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and A Targeted Capacity and Expansion Grant with the City of Bartow, Florida (2001). He co-authored two other grants offering services to youth, adolescents and their families using the evidence-based MET-CBT-5 practice model, prevention services to communities of color at risk for substance abuse, HIV and Hepatitis, served as evaluator of Project Care, a Campus Suicide Prevention Project for *Edward Waters College’s Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (2009-2012) 300k, Project STEPS, a Campus Suicide Prevention Project for Bethune-Cookman University’s Office of Student Services (2011-2014) and Duval County Teen Court’s Creating Opportunities for Success (2012-2015)*. In 2014 Dr. Cox was offered a two year contract by the *US Federal Court, Middle District of Florida* to provide both pretrial and post conviction psychosexual treatment for persons awaiting sentencing for a Federal sex offense and for those re-entering the community upon release from Federal prison. This contract has been renewed for period 2016-2017 and a new contract to offer substance abuse and mental health services for the same period.

He has provided consultation to a number of agencies seeking to develop programs and improve substance abuse and mental health services for the populations they serve. These include: Securicor’s Avon Park Youth Academy, a level six Department of Juvenile Justice Program and, a level two program, The Achievement Center in Sebring, the Suncoast Substance Abuse Project at the University of South Florida, Central Florida’s HIV-AIDS Initiative, State of Florida Department of Children & Families, Alcohol Drug Abuse & Mental Health Office, Department of Corrections, and Lock Town’s Community Mental Health Center’s Sub Arts Program, providing day treatment and residential programming for adults with co-occurring disorders, in Miami. He was awarded DJJ contracts to provide out-patient for *sexual offending adolescents* returning to the community from residential treatment.

Dr. Cox is licensed in the state of Florida and previously held licenses in New York State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has been a *clinical member of Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers since 1996 and maintains a caseload of juvenile and adult male sexual offenders*.

