



Laura Naredo

Chief Operating Officer,
Thriving Mind South Florida

Laura Naredo is a dedicated professional in the social services field with experience at both the clinical and management level. Laura has also worked with both State agencies and non-profits in the behavioral health care sector.

- Amongst her accomplishments she has:
- Experience in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration including Contract Management, Monitoring, Continuous Quality Improvement, Compliance, Behavioral Health Programming and Strategic Planning.
- Provided technical assistance and training regarding management, programmatic and individual served issues and assisted in interpreting rules, policies, and standards.
- Reviewed and conducted clinical assessments for Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Co-occurring populations.
- Collected data and generated statistical reports on individuals in need of behavioral health services analyzing trends and benchmarks.
- Reviewed and conducted monitoring and investigations on clinical practices, system of care standards, and network system provider performance.
- Managed and overseen operations for a network of service providers in the Southern Region for over 20 years.
- Supervised System of Care, CQI, and IT including: Supervised the day-to-day operations and employees and supervised the funding and funds allocation to community agencies.

She has also worked for direct service providers and government agencies. She has worked for The Village South and the Department of Children's and Families. As the COO of Thriving Mind South Florida, Ms. Naredo is responsible for the Quality Assurance, Quality Improvement, Compliance, and System of Care Divisions. She is a critical member of the executive management team; helping guide and set the course for the next phase of Thriving Mind's growth.

Laura received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and her master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Florida International University. She is also certified in health care compliance and privacy.