April Lott, LCSW

April Lott is the President & CEO at Directions for Living, a CARF-accredited 501(c)3 not-for-profit child welfare and behavioral health organization providing a comprehensive network of services promoting safe and stable families. Directions for Living has a staff of approximately 450 employees and over 100 volunteers. April has transformed Directions for Living to being a leader in the philosophy and practice of trauma-informed care.

April Lott holds a Master of Social Work degree and has over 30 years of experience in the provision of child welfare services in Florida. During the last 13 years, April has grown Directions for Living into a diverse organization which integrates child abuse prevention programs, homeless outreach services, diversion services, and a wide variety of supportive child welfare and behavioral health services which touch the lives of over 22,000 individuals, children, and families each year.

In addition, April works on many boards and committees at a local, state, and national level with a focus on child welfare, behavioral health, early childhood trauma, and child abuse prevention. April is the current Chair of the Pinellas County Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies, Chair of the Homeless Leadership Board Providers Council, and an appointed member of both the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee, and the Statewide Crisis Intervention Rapid Response Team. Additionally, April is a frequent featured guest speaker on a local television talk show discussing issues related to relationships, mental health, and wellness.

April Lott is a native Floridian born and raised in Pinellas County, a wife of 35 years, and the mother of two adult children.