



## Spotlight on Kathleen Campbell

Kathleen Campbell is an experienced finance professional with over 15 years in government financial management. She currently serves as the Director of Finance at the Children's Services Council of Broward County, a special independent taxing district, where she oversees daily operations of the finance department and a \$150 million annual budget with a team of 13 staff members. A licensed CPA in Florida and a Certified Government Finance Officer, she also holds a Master's degree in Accounting and a Bachelor's in Professional Management from Nova Southeastern University. Her career path includes prior roles as a senior accountant for the Town of Pembroke Park and at Keefe McCullough and Company, where she managed accounting functions and conducted audits and special engagements.

Kathleen says her **FGFOA journey has been one of "growth, service, and leadership."** Since joining in 2010, she has gained knowledge and confidence through annual conferences, monthly webinars, and technical assistance that she has applied to improve efficiencies within her organization. She earned her CGFO in 2018, which she credits with elevating her knowledge and giving her the confidence to "speak with management, auditors, and Council members about the various Florida statutes that govern treasury management, budgeting, and related areas."

In 2022, Kathleen was part of Leadership FGFOA Class V, which she describes as "exceptional, hands-on training that is crucial for finance professionals in leadership positions or those aspiring to lead in government." She has also contributed through committee service, including Technical Resources, Education, Audit, and the School of Government Finance. As a member of the Technical Resources Committee, she even

represented FGFOA at a GASB Standards Board Hearing in Missouri on the Revenue and Expense Recognition Project.

Kathleen is especially proud of her role as **President of the South Florida Chapter**. She reflects:

*“When I joined the Board in 2022 as Vice President, I thought I would only stay on for a year since this was outside my comfort zone. However, I ended up serving two subsequent terms as Chapter President. Though I’m naturally reserved, this new role pushed me beyond my comfort zone, inviting me to share knowledge, connect with people at various levels of leadership, and create opportunities for others to learn and network.”*

During her leadership, membership grew from 125 to 443 members. She forged partnerships, including with Nova Southeastern University, organized successful networking events post-pandemic, and encouraged community engagement such as the Children’s Services Council Annual Back-to-School Outreach. She worked to make the Chapter inclusive, hosting events across both Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Kathleen sums up her FGFOA experience with a guiding principle:

*“I’ve always believed in adding value wherever I’m planted and leaving a place better than I found it. Helping to lift others up and investing in myself and my education through FGFOA has made me a better leader and has enabled me to leave my government better than I found it.”*

Her closing advice to those entering the profession is simple but powerful:

*“Invest in yourself and your education, help lift others up, and always strive to leave your government better than you found it. If you can believe in your goals and visualize your success, you can achieve it!”*