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From the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida...

This Data Trends News brief alerts you to a change in leadership at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida Provost Renu Khator has appointed Robert Friedman, Chair, Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS), as interim dean of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI). In addition to his role as Department Chair, Dr. Friedman will continue to serve as Director of the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health. We look forward to his continued leadership.

As interim dean, Dr. Friedman will fill the vacancy left by Dean David Shern, who leaves in August to serve as president of the National Mental Health Association. With many years of experience in mental health policy and services research, Shern was recruited to USF 11 years ago and has administered tremendous change during his tenure at FMHI. While we will miss David Shern, we know that he will continue his important work for children and families at the national level.

Mario Hernandez has been chosen to serve as interim chair for the Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS). Dr. Hernandez is known nationally for his expertise in systems of care, cultural competence and disparities, measurement of outcomes, and theories of change. He is a clinical psychologist who earned his PhD at the University of South Florida. Please join us in welcoming him to his new position.

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