



Chesed HONOREE

Toni Jacobsen

Born and raised in Florida, Toni moved to Nashville after high school graduation in 1986. She attended Belmont College and received a double major in Social Work and Psychology and went on to earn a master's in social work from the University of Tennessee.

Toni is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is the Clinical Director at Jewish Family Service (JFS). She began her career in the mental health field in 1989 facilitating abuse prevention groups for children. She has worked with abused/neglected teenagers in a group home through the YWCA, as a Child and Family Therapist for The Guidance Center and as a Clinical Director at Camelot Cares before coming to JFS.

Toni's commitment to the community extends beyond her professional work. She volunteered for over a decade on the Williamson County Child Fatality Review Team and served on the board of First Steps.

She joined JFS in 2000 and provides a range of services to the Jewish and general community including counseling, family life education programs, financial assistance, adoption, support groups, senior programs, as well supervising the program staff and overseeing all the various programs at JFS including the school supply and Hanukkah gift programs.

Toni fell in love with the Jewish community and the work of the agency. She often refers to herself as having the "best job in the world." Her passion for the community has resulted in the cultivation of meaningful relationships and is evident in the numerous programs developed under her guidance and leadership. Although Toni is not Jewish, she has been welcomed and integrated into the community as an honorary tribe member and functions as a full fledge member.

Toni enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors, volunteer work, and creating new things in her sewing room.

