

Dr. Theresa Beachy brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to social change to her new role with CNE. Theresa moved to Gainesville in 1989 to attend the University of Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (1991), a Master of Education (1992), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations (2000). Dr. Beachy's career in education spanned from 1992 to 2000, when she worked with rural and at-risk programs, including teaching high school social studies in Hardee County, FL, and serving as principal of Camp E-KEL-ETU, a wilderness education program for at-risk boys in the Ocala National Forest.

For the past 24 years, Theresa has served as the Executive Director/CEO of Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Inc., the certified domestic violence center serving Alachua, Bradford, and Union counties. Her leadership and dedication to addressing family violence, homelessness, and social justice have been instrumental in driving positive change in the community. She is recognized as a local expert and resource for nonprofit leadership, and has developed best practice for service delivery, business management, and collaborative impact. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and is actively involved in numerous local initiatives.