

Biography

Mary Laycock Bratsen, LCSW **Coordinator, Clinical Intervention Program** **Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard**

Mary Bratsen has been continually licensed in Florida as a Clinical Social Worker since 1982. She is originally from Rockledge, and graduated from Cocoa High School and Denison University in Granville, Ohio. She attained her MSW from Florida State University.

Ms. Bratsen lived in Panama City, Florida, for many years before returning to Rockledge. In Panama City, she was employed at Life Management Center, the local Community Mental Health Center, for twenty-five years. She left the Center to accept a part-time position with FSU's School of Social Work and to join her husband in private practice. Ms. Bratsen worked out of the Field Education office and served as the Panama City Area Coordinator for five years, working with both undergraduate and graduate students, arranging and monitoring field placements.

Ms. Bratsen also served as an Adjunct Instructor at the Panama City Branch Campus of FSU, teaching primarily field related courses in the undergraduate program. While at the Center, one of her responsibilities was to serve as a primary therapist at the Center in the specialized Sexual Abuse Treatment Program.

Upon returning to Rockledge, it was only natural that Ms. Bratsen found her way to the Children's Advocacy Center. In June of 2000, she accepted a position as a part-time therapist with the Clinical Intervention Program. In the Fall of 2001, she assumed the full-time responsibilities of coordinating the CIP, a position she holds today.