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April Lott, LCSW is an eleven-year employee of Directions for Living and serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Lott is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over three decades of experience in child welfare and social services.

Prior to joining Directions for Living, Ms. Lott served in a variety of service and leadership roles within the human services industry, including serving as the CEO of a large not-for-profit residential program for abused and neglected children, serving as the principal for 5 alternative education schools, and working as protective investigator, probation officer and operating a private practice.

Ms. Lott serves on the Florida Child Abuse Death Review Committee and the Florida Critical Incident Rapid Response Team. Additionally, she is the Chair of the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board Provider's Council, the Pinellas County Crisis Intervention Team Collaborative and is an active Board member of the Florida Council on Community Mental Health and the Florida Coalition for Children Foundation Board.

Ms. Lott received her Master's degree and Bachelor's degree in social work from Florida State University. Ms. Lott is the recipient of the 1989 Joann Gorman Award for her outstanding clinical work with children impacted by trauma; the 2008 National Alliance on Mental Illness IRIS award for her cooperation and commitment to provide support and services to people with mental illness in recovery; the 2010 Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Community Leadership Award; and the 2017 National Alliance on Mental Illness Leadership Award.