

Delisa Turner

I am proud to call Jacksonville home, where I have lived for nearly 30 years. Born in Des Moines and raised in a small town in Southeast Iowa, I carry strong Midwestern values and a deep commitment to family and community—foundations that shaped my leadership and connection to others from an early age.

For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to education and to supporting out-of-home youth and foster families. My work focuses on providing essential services that strengthen caregivers and empower young people to thrive. It is grounded in compassion, advocacy, and a belief in the transformative power of stable, supportive relationships.

I am an active and faithful member of Higher Definition Church (HD), where I serve on the Leadership & Experience Team. I find great joy in building relationships, fostering a sense of belonging, and contributing to my small but mighty church community. Beyond my professional and church commitments, I care for my 13-year-old grandson and enjoy tending to my yard. I also remain actively engaged in local initiatives, proudly serving as a committee member with the Child Welfare Early Education Partnership (CWEPP) and the Hope and Healing Jax Action Group, and as a workgroup lead for the Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee. Through these roles, I continue to advocate for meaningful change and stronger, more inclusive communities.