



## **Lydia Medrano, Ph.D.**

### *Professional Information*

Lydia Medrano received her doctorate degree in Sociology and Certificate in Latin American Studies from the University of Florida. She is a Researcher and Evaluator at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, an independent taxing authority that funds children's programs. During her many years with the Children's Board, Dr. Medrano has had diverse responsibilities, including evaluation, contract management, research ethics and community engagement activities. Previously, she worked for the international division of Planned Parenthood of America, Latin American Regional Office where she held the position of Associate Director.

### *Affiliations:*

Dr. Medrano is the Chairperson of the Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay, District Director for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Education Commissioner for LULAC Florida, past member of the Board of the Hispanic Professional Women Association and member of the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women. She has served in numerous advisory councils. She is currently co-chair of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute's Hispanic Advisory Council and the USF ACSSP (Hispanic Health) Research Project. She has been recognized for her contributions to the community with awards, most recently, the 2009 Human Rights Award by the Tampa Hillsborough Human Rights Council and the 2004 Hispanic Woman of the Year by the Tampa-Hillsborough Hispanic Heritage, Inc.

### *Personal Information:*

Dr. Medrano came to Florida from Puerto Rico decades ago. The goal of her advocacy efforts is to help the less privileged become an integral part of our community by having equal access to services and supports.