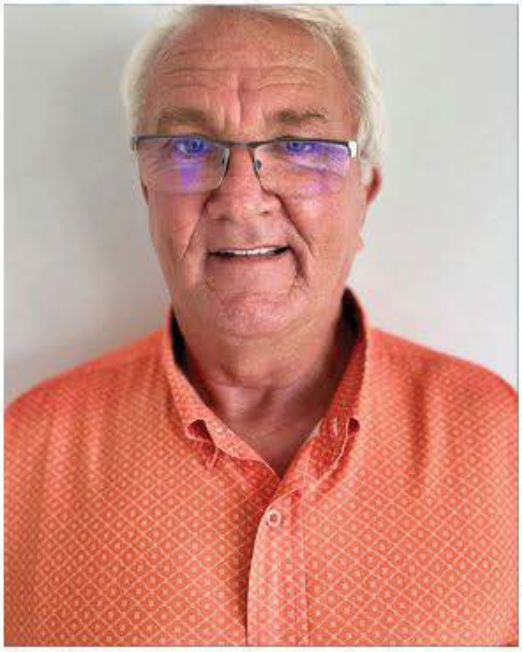


James "Buddy" Hall

James "Buddy" Hall began his career in law enforcement in 1985 with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office. He worked as a corrections officer while he attended crossover training for law enforcement standards.

In 1994, Buddy was recruited to work for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services before the formation of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), where he has served for thirty years. He started at DJJ as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Hardee and Highlands County. Today, he serves as the regional director of DJJ's South Region.

Buddy says that advocating for youth and families is his lifelong motivation, and he intends to continue working to impact South Florida's youth until the end of his days. His goal each day is to effect positive interactions with every youth he meets. In his free time, Buddy enjoys spending time with his two granddaughters.