



**THE TOBY CENTER FOR
FAMILY TRANSITIONS, Inc.**

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***“Preserving Family Ties When Parents
Choose to Separate”™***

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PERSONAL WELCOME

Dear Friends,

From Mark D. Roseman, Ph. D.
Founder and CEO

In 2010, the Toby Center opened its service center in Boynton Beach, FL with one location. At the time that the economy had struggled to recover the severe recession of 2008-09, the Toby Center management introduced sliding scale fee structure and scholarships, depending solely upon fiscal management, and low administrative costs.

Today, a 501(c)3, the Toby Center has struggled through a pandemic and downturn losing 50 percent of pre-pandemic revenues. We have struggled as in our earlier years to serve clients throughout half of Florida in 13 locations through cost effective partnerships with the faith-based community.

Founded as a mediation practice in 2008, The Toby Center is today a full-service provider - with a mindful approach. Today, with a growing staff in several states, clients have opportunity for supervised visitation, therapeutic visitation services, family mediation, parent coordination, counseling, financial education, support groups and professional development. Since 2013, we have served as a contractor with Florida State Department of Children and Families, helping families in dependency court with reunification and now working with a half dozen foster care agencies.

Why? Since my divorce in 1998, I have journeyed within the field of parent separation and family transitions. I lost contact with my children then and understand that tragedy. It is my professional experience as Assistant Director for Child Access (2000-05) for the national Children's Rights Council, and as founder of Children's Rights Counsel in Connecticut (2000) that I learned co-parenting to be the key for maximizing child outcomes. It is my doctoral research that confirmed my belief.

My research shows that better outcomes are possible if we provide parents with: acknowledgment, recognition and support. The Toby Center is the model which offers a supportive environment for parents, children and also, family professionals- when court ordered services are required.

Thank you so much!
Dr. Mark



Dr. Roseman is an expert and international speaker in high conflict divorce, parental alienation and child custody. He has worked in the co-parenting field since 1999 when he served as Assistant Director for Child Access Services with the Children's Rights Council in Washington, DC. He worked closely with Attorney David L. Levy, co-founder of the CRC to help bring joint custody to nearly 30 states.

Dr. Roseman is the CEO of the Toby Center for Family Transitions which he founded in 2010. Based in Delray Beach, the Toby Center has emerged a major provider of supervised visitation services and reunification therapy in Florida and Connecticut.

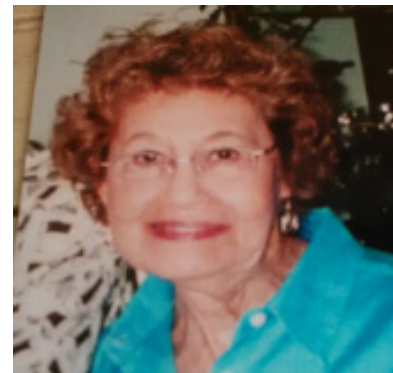
As a mediator and consultant with family members enduring social and personal stress, Dr. Roseman has found different modalities to be most effective in ameliorating these difficulties.

He served as a columnist with Knight Ridder Tribune Syndicate and a current contributor to the Huffington Post Online. A father of three, Dr. Roseman earned his doctorate in Family Studies from the Union Institute & University with a specialty in therapeutic interventions for high conflict divorce, and shared parenting issues accompanying parental separation and divorce.

Humor frequently peppers his public speaking, trainings, personal coaching and presentations. Says Dr. Roseman "if it takes less energy to laugh, and it helps, then, "why not!" It couldn't hurt!"

HISTORY OF THE TOBY CENTER

The Toby Center is an entrepreneurial, 501c3 non-profit organization in Florida, focused on improving outcomes for children when parents separate. Focused on children in foster care and objects of high conflict family court litigation, the Toby Center provides essential child reunification services, information, education and support for parents who are single, separated, divorced and never-married. Through staff and collaborations, the Center offers family mediation services, child visitation services, individual and couple consultations, classes and workshops for improved single parenting, building relationship skills and self care.



The Toby Center for Family Transitions, Inc.™ was founded in Florida in 2008 as an affiliate of the national Children's Rights Council (CRC) in Washington, DC (www.crckids.org) co-founded by David L. Levy, Esq. (1936-2014). The Center was founded by Dr. Roseman with the earnest belief that the Best Parent is BOTH Parents© and that any actions by one parent, or guardian to brainwash a child or interfere with their loving relationship with the other parent cannot be tolerated. Dr. Roseman experienced the estrangement of his children upon his initial separation, is a research specialist in child custody, and provides professional testimony on matters of child custody and co-parenting.

The Center honors its namesake, Theodora Tobia 'Toby' Roseman who learned to value family while growing up during the Great Depression and WWII. As a mother, she advocated the rights of women and people of color to choose their own destiny. She was the third oldest sibling in a family of seven children. As a teenager during WWII, she worked after school at Remington Rand Typewriter and later United Aircraft to build aircraft fighter engines.

Toby's philosophy embraces her love for family and the fundamental principle coined by the national Children's Rights Council in 1985 that:

***"The BEST Parent is BOTH Parents."©
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THE TOBY CENTER MISSION

The mission of the Toby Center is to provide multiple services to parents journeying through separation and divorce in such a way as to reduce parent conflict and improve outcomes for children.

Through an integrated service model, we can maximally provide consolation, strength and empowerment so that family members will find less anger and more clarity in their continuing journey.

THE TOBY CENTER VISION

The Toby Center Vision is to bring integrated services for family transitions to major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The Center Goals are to

- 1)** to reduce the negative effects of divorce for all family members;
- 2)** to improve outcomes for children so that they can continue to thrive with both loving parents as well as grandparents and other extended family members, and
- 3)** to educate professionals from different disciplines such as; law, psychology, education, medicine, finance, human services agencies, and public policy.

The Center's strategic objective is to offer more effective services and collaborations with other service organizations to bring about easier transitions for all family members.

Conflict Resolution is a focus of the Toby Center. We know the anger and hostility that often accompanies the end of a love relationship. The Center is not unaware of the frequent efforts, malicious and also unconscious for one or both parents to brainwash or alienate children against the other parent. Therefore, preservation of family ties is a major consideration for the Center staff. We know, too, that reunification is very stressful, and is especially compounded when international or political barriers are also present. Toby Center staff can help individuals prepare for this phenomenon and help the affected family members to respond to social change.

Beneficiaries of our work are mainly the children but also include single, separated, divorced and never-married parents, and family professionals.

FACT SHEET

The Toby Center gets its name from Theodora 'Toby' Roseman, beloved mother of founder, Dr. Mark Roseman. She was a product of a close family of seven children and raised during the Depression and World War II. Toby knew that, divorce, like cancer, affects all immediate and extended family members. She believed the potential for healthy transitions is greatest when all family professionals work collaboratively. This is our model.

The Toby Center uses a holistic approach when dealing with families going through transitions

The Toby Center was originally founded as the Children's Rights Council of Connecticut as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides essential court and therapeutic services, all on a sliding scale.

The Toby Center depends upon volunteers and student interns for administration and service program administration.

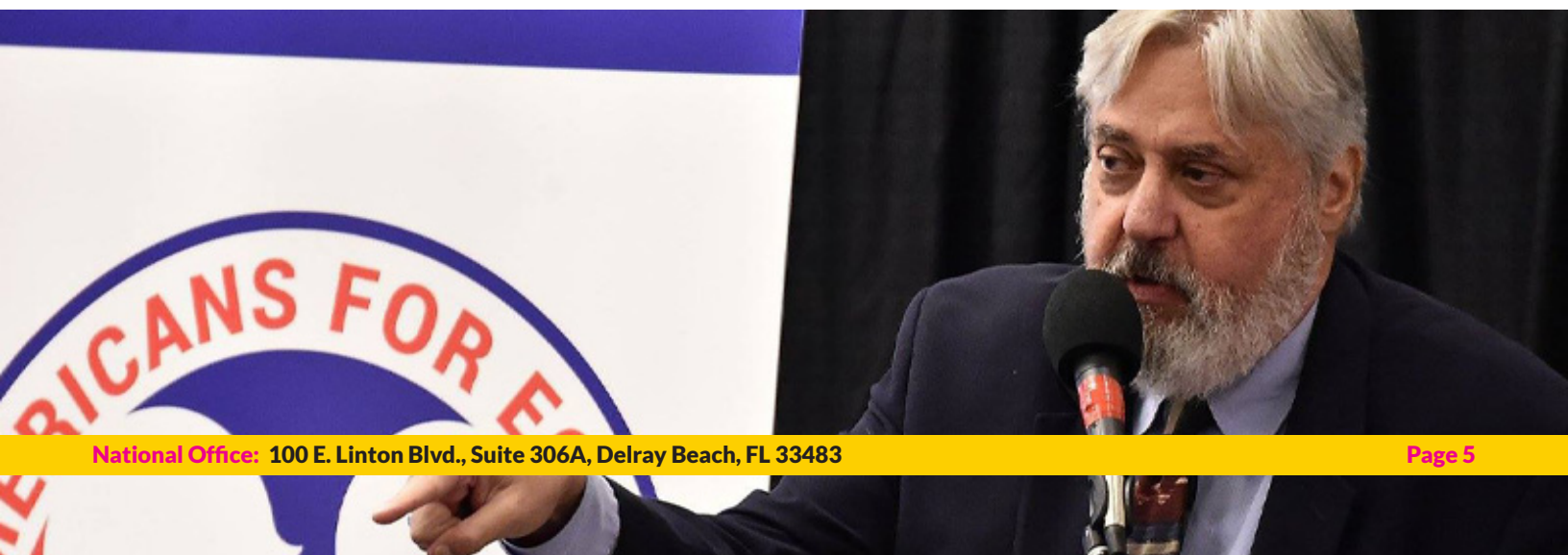
Toby Center locations are donated by faith based and community organizations sharing the belief in the Toby Center mission of improving child outcomes.

Dr. Mark Roseman, Founder and Executive Director

- ▶ Has personally experienced high conflict divorce
- ▶ Public Speaker and Educator on High Conflict Divorce and Parental Alienation
- ▶ Author and Columnist (Preserving Family Ties, WestBow Press, 2018)
- ▶ Florida Certified Family Court Mediator (2008-2014)
- ▶ Performed standup comedy for three years after his divorce
- ▶ Writes poetry

Service Locations throughout Florida, and Connecticut

- ▶ (2014) Partnership with Kids Need Both of Lakeland, Florida serving 10th Judicial Circuit
- ▶ (2015) Expansion into Polk County, Seminole County, Orange County
- ▶ (2017) Pinellas and Pasco Counties
- ▶ (2019) Connecticut (New London - Norwich and New Haven Counties - Southbury)



SERVICES TO EMPOWER PARENTS, CHILDREN AND PRACTITIONERS

- ▶ Family Mediation
- ▶ Supportive and Therapeutic Supervised Visitation
- ▶ Workplace Consulting
- ▶ Individual Life Coaching
- ▶ Relationship Guidance
- ▶ Financial Education
- ▶ Trainings for Professional Development

THE TOBY CENTER BUSINESS MODEL

**To create a safe place for individual and family healing in order to
“preserve family ties when parents choose to separate”™**

1) To build programs to improve child outcomes and improved co-parenting:

- ▶ Family mediation
- ▶ Supervised visitation
- ▶ State mandated parenting education
- ▶ Professional training
- ▶ Individual consulting services
- ▶ Academic tutoring
- ▶ Workshops and seminars
- ▶ Public speaking



2) To obtain funding through service fees, professional trainings, contributions, and grants for programming, resources, projects, buildings and trainings.

3) To develop increased client and collaborative relationships with family professionals in private practice, government and service organizations.

4) To establish Toby Centers for family healing based on multiple disciplines for treatment of individuals and families, to mitigate and eradicate high conflict.

The Toby Center is a provider of shared parenting (visitation) services in Central and South Florida with the 15th and 17th Circuits (2010) and in Central Florida in 10th and 13th (2014). Serving 13th and 9th Circuits since 2014.

Further Expansion is underway in Connecticut, Northern Florida, Ohio and Texas

LONG TERM GOALS

The Toby Center seeks to **1)** replicate its business model and **2)** to create a national training Center for Family Preservation to offer training and certificates in Best Practices for servicing fragile parents and children affected by family change through foster care, divorce and custody change. A community resource, the Center will provide residencies in family research, and introduce child reunification field applications from around the globe.

This facility will be use for Toby Center services, and allow for training of potential partners and clients wishing to bring the unique holistic design for replication in communities under license with the Toby Center. This design incorporates:

- a)** administrative area;
- b)** library for public use;
- c)** a book store focused on individual and family change;
- d)** audio visual resource room with individual carrels for privacy;
- e)** conference room for board meetings and discussion groups;
- f)** meeting rooms for children, teens and adults;
- g)** private offices to meet with Toby Center clients.

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