

ABOUT US



The Toby Center
For Family Transitions

"Preserving Family Ties When Parents Choose to Separate"™



PERSONAL WELCOME

Dear Friends,

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

In 2010, the Toby Center opened its first family service center in Boynton Beach, FL. At this time, the economy was struggling to recover from the severe recession of 2008-09, a time when nonprofit agencies that were community funded had lost donors and contributions to sustain them through this perilous period. Under my leadership, the Toby Center introduced a sliding scale service fee structure and scholarships as available, to better assist client families who themselves could not afford the self-pay fees. Insurance then, and till today, do not cover the costs for court ordered visitation or reunification services.

A nonprofit 501(c)3, the Toby Center emerged through the covid19 pandemic despite losing 50 percent of pre-pandemic revenues. By securing Federal Cares Act, Children's Services Council (Palm Beach County) funding, and SBA assistance, the Toby Center administration was able to continue its service to clients throughout half of Florida in 13 locations, thus enabling children to see their non-custodial parents, and to regain normal access and custody relationships. Through our unique cost-effective partnerships with the faith-based community and nonprofit collaborations the Toby Center has recovered and continues its growth pattern of 20% annual growth.

Founded as a pro bono mediation practice in 2008, The Toby Center is today a full-service provider - with a mindful approach. Now with a growing staff in several states, client families have opportunity for affordable supervised visitation, therapeutic visitation services, family mediation, parent coordination, counseling, child reunification and family therapy. Since 2013, we have served as a contractor with Department of Children and Families funded foster care agencies, helping families in dependency court with their mission driven child reunification including many from around the country with families in Toby Center service regions.

Why? Since my divorce in 1998, I have journeyed within the field of parent separation and associated family transitions. I have experienced this difficulty which one third of such children experience annually. It is my professional experience as Assistant Director for Child Access (2000-06) 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 has become a successful human service agency, earning the respect of many court circuits. Toby Center administration and staff are proud to continue our role offering a supportive service for many parents, children and extended family members. Our long experience additionally supports the vital work of family attorneys, therapists and case managers who are committed to improving child outcomes when parents separate.

Contact us if your community may benefit from a Toby Center!

We appreciate your interest in The Toby Center!

Sincerely yours,
"Dr. Mark" Roseman, CEO and Founder



The Toby Center For Family Transitions



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.

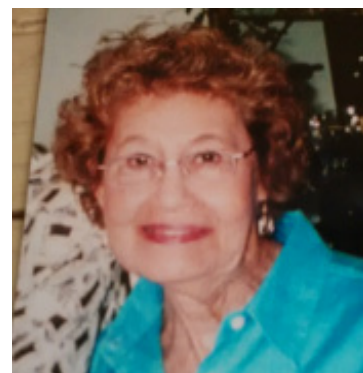
As a mediator and consultant with family members enduring social and personal stress, Dr. Roseman has found different modalities to be most effective in ameliorating these difficulties.

Researcher and prolific writer, Dr. Roseman served as a columnist with Knight Ridder Tribune Syndicate and as a 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 for Family Transitions© is a multifaceted 501c3 human service agency dedicated to improving child outcomes for children when parents separate. In 2000, Dr. Mark Roseman founded the agency, first incorporating as The Children's Rights Council of Connecticut, an affiliate of the national Children's Rights Council (CRC) of Washington, DC, a child advocacy organization and child access service agency (www.crckids.org) co-founded by child access expert, Attorney David L. Levy considered by many as 'the King of joint custody'. In 2010, the CRC of CT expanded to Florida, a state whose family law statutes were found to best uphold a child's right to two parents and support visitation and reunification with estranged and alienated parents.



With focus on assisting children in foster care and those who are objects of high conflict child custody litigation in family court, the Toby Center provides essential child reunification services, information, education and support for parents who are single, separated, divorced and never-married. With a committed staff and organization collaborations, the Center offers family mediation services, child visitation services, individual and couple consultations, classes and workshops for improved co-parenting, building relationship skills and self-care.

The Toby 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 understands child development and the impacts of parental separation and is an international speaker on issues of child custody and family court reform. His writing reflects his continuing field experience and research 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 in order to help stop the genocide in Europe and Japanese occupation of Asia.

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 have less anger and more clarity in their continuing journey.

THE TOBY CENTER VISION

The Toby Center Vision is to bring multiple services for family transitions by creating 'centers' in those regions throughout North America where such efficient and helpful services will benefit communities. 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; social work, law, psychology, education, medicine, human services agencies, and public policy.

The 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 is named for 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.
- ▷ Toby Center offers services to meet the unique needs of foster care agencies and family courts and is available to find resolution to the specialized needs of individual clients and communities.
- ▷ 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 works with independent contractors and welcomes student interns and volunteers for program administration and service delivery.
- ▷ 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, CEO and Founder BIO

- ▶ Has personally experienced high conflict divorce
- ▶ Public Speaker and Educator on High Conflict Divorce and Parental Alienation
- ▶ Author, Preserving Family Ties, (WestBow Press, 2018)
- ▶ Columnist, Knight Tribune Syndicate (2001-06) and Huffington Post Online (2010-14)
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Supervised visitation
- ▶ Therapeutic Visitation and Family Therapy
- ▶ Child Reunification
- ▶ Monitored Child Exchange
- ▶ Virtual and Electronic Visitation
- ▶ State mandated parenting education
- ▶ Mediation
- ▶ CLE and CEU Webinars
- ▶ Professional Training and Development Workshops
- ▶ Public speaking
- ▶ Public School Peer Support Programming



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.
- 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 high conflict.
- 5) The Toby Center seeks to replicate and modify its service model wherever there may be need for visitation and reunification services.



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) onsite meeting rooms for Toby Center clients.

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Toby Roseman



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