

Garfield Villafana

Garfield was born on the sister islands of Trinidad and Tobago and immigrated to Boston at age 12. Boston was his second home for most of his life until he moved to Florida about four years ago. In Boston, Garfield worked for a social service agency, Bridge, Inc. that addressed the needs of troubled youth. The profile of these youth included runaways, throwaways, and homeless single parents. He was employed for 20 years as a residential counselor whose job was to teach the residents the skills of independent living and to help them to reintegrate into society in a positive manner.

While living in Florida, Garfield has worked with the Charlotte County Mental Health Center, assisting Hurricane Charley survivors in their recovery efforts.