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Alexis McKenney is the Chair of the Department of Leadership and Professional Studies and the Coordinator of the Recreational Therapy (RT) at Florida International University(FIU).

Alexis has published several articles and chapters on topics related to character development, RT, and leisure, as well as RT as a viable service in educational settings. Much of Alexis' research focuses on examining effects of life-skills and RT interventions designed to assist in the treatment of youth with disruptive behavior disorders and/or who are considered to be at-risk for behavior problems.

In addition, Alexis has served as an Associate Editor for the Therapeutic Recreation Journal, and is presently serving as an Associate Editor for the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual and the American Journal of Recreational Therapy. On the national level, Alexis has been an active member of both the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) and the National Therapeutic Recreation Society (NTRS) throughout her career. As a member of the NTRS, Alexis has served President, Southern Board of Director, Executive Committee member, NRPA Southern Council Representative, Southeastern Regional Therapeutic Recreation Institute Committee Chair, Co-Chair for the TR in the Schools Committee, as a member of the Youth At-Risk and Public Policy Committees.