Derenda Schubert, Ph.D. | Executive Director

Dr. Derenda Schubert is a psychologist with professional experience counseling children and families and creating, managing, and evaluating programs in foster care, mental health, and developmental disabilities. She has held several executive leadership roles, including Chief Operating Officer and Associate Director of Training at two of Oregon’s largest child and family mental health agencies.

Dr. Schubert is an intergenerational champion. She led the team that created Bridge Meadows, advocates nationally for intergenerational solutions to complex social challenges, and spearheads Bridge Meadows’ strategic planning and expansive vision for the future. Dr. Schubert speaks locally and nationally on the topics of children’s mental health, community building, and intergenerational living.

Under Dr. Schubert’s leadership, Bridge Meadows has received national and international recognition from The National Home Builders Association, Angel in Adoption by Senator Wyden’s Angel in Adoption Award; The Eisner Foundation’s Intergenerational Excellence Prize; Corporate LiveWire’s 2017 Fostering Innovation Award; Generations United’s Program of Distinction award, Bank of America’s 2022 Neighborhood Builder award, and the 2020 Drenda Lakin Memorial Award For Continuing Service to Adoptive Families by Voice For Adoption. In 2016, Dr. Schubert was honored as an Extraordinary Executive Director by Portland Monthly Magazine and recognized as a 2017 Woman of Influence by the Portland Business Journal.

Dr. Schubert graduated from Purdue University (B.A.) and DePaul University (M.A. & Ph.D.). Her passion for making the world a better place is inspired by the love of her children and her grandmothers.