



Dr. Jerry Parrish Biography

Jerry D. Parrish, Ph.D. is an economist who is currently working with the Florida Institute of Government at Florida State University, the Able Trust, and Florida's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). He also works with other organizations that are leaders in economic development and workforce issues in Florida.

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He previously was the Chief Economist and Director of Research for the Florida Chamber Foundation. During that seven-year period, he was responsible for conducting in-depth analyses on the Florida economy and on solutions to help secure Florida's future.

Previous to that position, Dr. Parrish was the Chief Economist and Director of the Center for Competitive Florida at Florida TaxWatch. Prior to that position, he served as the Associate Director of the Center for Economic Forecasting & Analysis (CEFA) at Florida State University. He has many years of experience in the private sector in management roles at international manufacturing companies.

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