

Foundation

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EDUCATION

DEGREE

B.A. Criminology

INSTITUTION

University of South Florida

GRADUATION

May 2026

HONORS

Man of Distinction, Department of Criminology

CORE SKILLS

- ◆ Research & Literature Reviews
- ◆ Data Collection & Analysis
- ◆ Program Development
- ◆ Community Outreach
- ◆ Trauma-Informed Problem Solving
- ◆ Team-Building
- ◆ Project Management

CERTIFICATIONS

CITI Certification (Research, Ethics, Compliance, and Safety Training)

LEADERSHIP

ROLE

Treasurer / USFSP Criminology Club

Christian Tapia

RESEARCHER | ADVOCATE | LEADER

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Criminology researcher focused on mental health, trauma, and the experiences of justice-involved individuals. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of South Florida, where I extensively studied the effects of trauma exposure and the barriers individuals face when seeking support. Through my research and professional work, I strive to reduce stigma, improve access to support services, and promote greater awareness and understanding of mental health within the criminal justice system.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

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- Conducted research on vicarious trauma amongst law enforcement officers
- Assisted with data collection, organization, and synthesis of scholarly literature
- Collaborated with faculty and student researchers on various projects researching topics such as maladaptive coping, human trafficking, etc.

Research Lab Manager

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- Oversees all projects within the research lab
- Works with research assistants to develop goals, meet deadlines, and teach important skills
- Networks with community leaders and professionals within the fields of mental healthcare and first responders

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Suncoast Alliance for First Responders (Member)

- Actively working with criminal justice stakeholders to improve a service called the HOPE Line, providing former and active first responders with financial assistance and access to mental health support services



