



Deborah R. Stewart has 34 years of broad-range experience as a professional communicator with 25 concurrent years as a trainer. Currently, she serves as manager of engagement for the Palm Beach County School District, fulfilling public affairs functions and conducting communications and cultural competency training with the Multicultural Education Department. Many also know her as host and producer of Channel 20's *Exploring Education* show.

A native of Tokyo, Japan, Stewart has collaborated with the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity to conduct residential, weekend Human Relations Camps for high school students for nearly 13 years. She has conducted cultural diversity sessions for the Preparing New Principals' Program, the School Police Summer Institute, the New Teacher Orientation, the summer institute for guidance counselors, AESOP members, and a wide variety of schools and departments. She previously coordinated the district's women's studies program under the multicultural curriculum—overseeing the development of curriculum that highlights women's history and contributions, and gender equity.

She is certified for diversity training through the National Multicultural Institute in Washington, D.C., the Anti-Defamation League, and Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Stewart's training practice includes clients such as the Florida Institute of Government, municipalities, and law enforcement and public safety agencies. She has been a facilitator for or helped organize: the Undoing Racism, African and African American, Holocaust Awareness, Hispanic Heritage, Haitian Heritage, and Exploring Mayan Culture workshops. She has also participated in numerous ESOL-centered workshops. Stewart is a veteran presenter in local, state, and national conferences. The West Palm Beach resident has also been an active broadcaster in local media since 1982, working for WJNO/WRMF radio news; WPTV Channel 5, WXEL Channel 42, and Palm Beach County's Channel 20 at different intervals.

Stewart holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership with an ESOL endorsement from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. Her bachelor's degree is in mass media arts, from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. She also attended Hampton Institute.