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## LICENSURE

*Licensed Professional Counselor*  
*State of Arizona*

## EDUCATION

Masters of Business  
Administration  
*University of West Georgia*  
*2018*

Masters of Counseling  
*Arizona State University*  
*1995*

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
*Arizona State University*  
*1992*

Currently a senior executive with both RI International and Behavioral Health Link (BHL), leading contributors to the development of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's *Crisis Now* exceptional practice standards in crisis care. Together, these two companies deliver a full continuum of best practice crisis services, powered by customized software and technology solutions and real-time access to mental health and substance use services; diverting thousands from hospital EDs and justice systems to care in communities throughout the United States

As CEO of Behavioral Health Link, I lead a team of visionary crisis innovators whose break-through technology and crisis services have been featured worldwide. Recognized for innovation by the National Council for Behavioral Health, the Council of State Governments, Harvard University and others, BHL operates Georgia's statewide Crisis and Access Line; offering the nation's broadest application of advanced crisis call center technology through their *Care Traffic Control* system. BHL also delivers and/or deploys 24/7 community-based mobile crisis in all 159 Georgia counties.

As Chief Operating Officer at RI International, I was responsible for Crisis Facility services that spanned five states. The RI senior executive team includes an impressive diversity of experience; including State Mental Health and Substance Use Commissioner, State Medicaid Assistant Director, Managed Care VP, Three-time Published Author and multiple Crisis Directors along with the Co-Lead in the development of the nation's *Zero Suicide* and *Crisis Now* publications. RI, founders of the "living room" model in 2002, deliver no-wrong-door crisis facility-based services in seven states with rapid growth targeted. RI's Campus of Connection model includes a strong peer workforce and surrounds the individual with support on their journey towards recovery.

## EXPERIENCE

### **CEO, Behavioral Health Link**

*December 2019 to Present*

- Provider of a statewide crisis line and mobile crisis services for the state of Georgia

### **Chief Operations Officer, RI International**

*April 2015 to February 2020*

- Provider of facility-based crisis services in eight states including temporary observation, sub-acute, inpatient, and crisis residential, and respite.

### **Vice President, Southwest Behavioral Health**

*November 2004 to March 2015*

- Provider of crisis stabilization services, crisis residential housing, and full service outpatient clinics in the state of Arizona

### **Director, Terros, Inc.**

*October 2002 to November 2004*

- Provider of mobile crisis services and full service outpatient clinics in the state of Arizona