

AHEC-SSW Training Partnership Consultant Information Sheet

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Position/Title: Chief Operating Officer

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Education/Degrees: BA in Psychology, MA in Marriage and Family Therapy, Masters in Business Administration (MBA)

Professional Certifications: LMFT, LCAS, CCS, AAMFT Approved Designation

Academic Experience:

- Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Business (2006)
- Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy with a concentration in Addictions Counseling (2009)
- Master's in Business Administration

Brief Summary of Work Experience (what are you doing now):

Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, MA, LMFT, LCAS, CCS, is a native of South Carolina. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Francis Marion University in 2006 and master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy with a certificate in addictions counseling from Appalachian State University in 2009. She completed one year of Executive Leadership Coaching utilizing Oxford Leadership Principles in 2019 and has completed her MBA with a concentration in healthcare management and information systems at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She currently holds full licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, and Certified Clinical Supervisor as well as the AAMFT Approved Supervisor designation. Joy is an expert in Systems Thinking and Therapies, Behavioral Health Crisis Systems, and Substance Use and Medication Assisted Treatment. She has experience in leading multi-state operations and is currently the Chief Operating Officer for RI International. She also owns a private practice, Relatively Speaking Therapeutic Center, and offers family and couples therapy, supervision for marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and substance use professionals seeking full licensure, consultation for agencies, and offers presentations on systemic therapies, crisis interventions, leadership practice, and addictions treatment. Joy is the former Professional Practice Board Chair for the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Association. Joy resides in Apex with her husband and two boys ages 11 and 6 years.

Specialization/Research Areas:

Joy specializes in family systems and counseling, substance use treatment and services, and leadership

Available for presentations on the following topics:

Family Systems

Leadership in the field of Behavioral Health

Clinical Supervision and Dual Licensure Supervision

Substance Use and Treatment