

# Learning Collaborative: Crisis Care Continuum

Building upon their [CARE Conference](#) sessions hosted this summer, Dr. Charles Browning and Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, MA, LMFT, LCAS, CCS will facilitate an exciting new Learning Collaborative, Crisis Care Continuum: A Crisis in the System. This collaborative learning series will include engaging activities, discussion, and resource sharing to support county behavioral health crisis care leaders in moving towards systems change with a focus on improving equity and inclusion throughout program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

This series will build progressive implementation knowledge and action, bringing together county behavioral health directors and managers to share best practices, challenges, and opportunities. Participants will identify a focus area where systems improvement is needed within their county and take action steps toward equitable, cost-saving, and life-saving outcomes. Focus topics include the following:

### Crisis in the System

**OCTOBER 12, 2021**  
12:00pm-1:30pm PT

### Crisis System Tipping Point: State of Affairs

**DECEMBER 14, 2021**  
12:00pm-1:30pm PT

### Assessing County Crisis System Needs

**MARCH 8, 2022**  
12:00pm-1:30pm PT

### Outcomes-Driven Continuous Crisis Care System Improvement

**JUNE 14, 2022**  
12:00pm-1:30pm PT

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**Audience:** California county behavioral health directors, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordinators, and other crisis care service managers

### Presenters:



**Dr. Charles "Chuck" Browning** is the Chief Medical Officer of RI International and Medical Director of Behavioral Health Link (BHL). He has devoted his career to improving the systems and care experience for our mental health needs. He has held leadership positions in public and private systems of care including Crisis System Care, Assertive Community Treatment Team, rural community behavioral health care company, and Opioid Treatment Programs. Dr. Browning graduated from North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Medical School, and completed his internship and residency at University of North Carolina. Dr. Browning has also practiced in the NC prison psychiatric system and his own private practice. He has special interests in promoting several thought leadership initiatives in collaboration with RI International, including SAMSHA's National Tool Kit for Behavioral Crisis Care, Crisis Now, Zero Suicide, Peer 2.0, and The Fusion Model. Dr. Browning grew up in North Carolina playing high school football for his father and then at NCSU, where he learned hard work and the importance of teamwork. He most enjoys spending time with his wife Angie and their two sons.



**Joy Brunson-Nsubuga** is from 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. 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 Vice-President of South East operations for RI International overseeing North Carolina and Louisiana programs.

Joy is also the Professional Practice Board Chair for the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Association. Joy resides in Apex with her husband and two boys ages 8 and 4 years.

### Continuing Education Credits

1.5 hours of Continuing Education Credits are available per session for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, ASW, PPS, MFC and/or LEPs as required by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT). Credit also available for RNs, CADC-CAS, CADC I's, CADC II's, CCS, CA CCS, CCJP, CCDP, CRPM, LAADAC, and CCPS. CARS is an approved provider for: CCAPP #4N-08-923-0718, CA Board of Registered Nurses #16303, and CAMFT #131736.

