

## **Richard Darden**

Richard Darden began his behavioral health career 29 years ago as an adolescent counselor and later as a probation officer with the drug court programs in Nashville and Middle Tennessee. After a 7 year stint working in the financial industry , Richard continued his career as a business development professional for inpatient drug rehabilitation facilities. He held positions as Director of Business with CRC Health/Accadia facility, Regional Marketing Director for The Oxford Centre , and Director of Strategic Relationships with Addiction Campuses of America. As an entrepreneur, Mr. Darden started Help & Hope Recovery Solutions in 2012 after realizing the need for individuals seeking behavioral health treatment to have options to fit their specific diagnosis and the need for long term aftercare. In 2017 he joined investors and built New Hope Ranch, a treatment center near Austin, Texas which opened in May 2018 and sold in August 2020. Richard was also the Vice President and Managing Partner of POver Up Recovery Currently Richard and his business partner started Harmony Road Recovery which is based in El Paso, TX but also has offices in Houston and the DFW area.

Mr. Darden attended Austin Peay St. University with a major in Finance and Bethel University with a masters in Business Management and Organizational Development. Richard has volunteered over the last 15 years as a volunteer coach for youth football, baseball and basketball.