



Sam Kelly

Leadership Arlington Class of 2017
Chief Executive Officer, Bridges to Independence

Sam assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer in January 2016, after serving as our Deputy Director for Programs for nine years with Bridges to Independence. During his tenure as the Deputy Director, Sam expanded our programmatic bandwidth to include Youth Development and Employment Services.

Fueled by his passion for youth, Sam also created the Youth Leadership Academy, which places an emphasis on high school graduation along with college readiness and entry. Since inception of the Youth Leadership Academy, Bridges boasts a 100% success rate for both high school graduates and college entry for program participants.

Prior to joining Bridges to Independence, Sam worked for seven years as a case manager at Children's Hospital in New Orleans, LA. He holds a B.S. degree in Social Work from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA and an MSW from Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

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