

**Becky Vaughn, MEd**

Vice President for Addictions, National Council for Behavioral Health

Becky Vaughn has been working in the addictions field for over 30 years. She was a member of the founding board of The Georgia Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse (GAPTSA) in 1992 and became their first Executive Director in 1994. Her responsibilities included training and advocacy at the local, state, and national level.

In July of 2000 GAPTSA merged with an Atlanta coalition creating The Georgia Council on Substance Abuse where she served as President and CEO until 2007. Becky was an advocate at the GA Legislature and a catalyst in the community on issues related to prevention, treatment, recovery, homelessness, and drug courts with the goal of reducing the impact of substance abuse on GA communities. Her work included passage of many bills addressing substance use disorder solutions as well as securing budget resources.

Beginning in 2008, she took over the helm of the State Associations for Addiction Services (SAAS) as their CEO after serving on its Board since 2000. She has served on numerous state and federal committees and panels and speaks on the issue in a variety of settings.

Since 2014, she has been working as the Vice President of Addictions at the National Council for Behavioral Health where she is responsible for Addiction programming, supporting the Board Addiction Committee and addiction service providers, membership development, and manages a \$2.5m federal contract. Becky received her degrees from the University of GA and GA State University.