

**DEREK BULLARD APPOINTED AS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SISKIN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE**

August 2018 - Bridge Partners is delighted to announce the appointment of **Derek Bullard** as **Chief Executive Officer** for **Siskin Children's Institute (SCI)** based in Chattanooga, TN.

In his new role at SCI (<https://www.siskin.org/www>) Derek will lead the organization in pursuit of its mission, including its programs and services, facilities, and financial health, in order to carry out its mission: improving the quality of life for children with special needs and their families.

Derek has spent over 20 years dedicated to the cause of helping children with disabilities - in his role as CEO, as a therapeutic foster parent, and as a community advocate for children and teens with special needs. Derek joins SCI from Already HomeCare, where he was the founding CEO. Previously, he was CEO of Access Family Services, a multi-state behavioral healthcare provider. At Access Family Services he directed the start-up and grew the organization to a company with 11 offices throughout North and South Carolina. Through his efforts, the organization achieved the highest national accreditation with The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Services for six years.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to be a part of Siskin Children's Institute and its legacy of serving children and families with special needs. Chattanooga is such a welcoming city, and we are excited to join this thriving community."

Derek holds a Bachelor's degree in human services from Thomas Edison State University.



Derek Bullard

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- They retain Bridge Partners to leverage our innovative search approach and our track-record of presenting the highest caliber, diverse executives.
