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Ricki was born and raised in Spokane Washington. She moved to Erwin Tennessee in August of 2012. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Developmental Psychology from Eastern Washington University, as well as obtained her Master's Degree in Social Work from Eastern Washington University.

She has worked for organizations as Director of Children and Family Services, as well as Director for Behavioral Health Services. She has over 20 years of direct service experience working with families and has been qualified as an expert under the ICWA, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq. in 10 State Court, multiple tribal courts and has also facilitated international proceedings doing direct child services in both Canada and Mexico. Ricki also taught as adjunct professor at Eastern Washington University teaching a variety of classes in the areas of counseling, chemical dependency, and problem gambling.

Ricki developed the first known Tribal Responsible Gaming program, in 2002. This comprehensive program entailed everything from community outreach, prevention, raising the awareness of problem gambling, venue education, venue training programs to outpatient treatment for problem gamblers and their family members. She is a National Certified Gambling Counselor, as well as a Board Approved Clinical Consultant.

Ricki belief and faith lies in Jesus Christ, the one true living God and in His unfailing and never ending Love, Grace and Mercy. She is currently the clinical director at Recover Appalachia.