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LISA A RIEGEL PH.D.

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Strategic leader in educational policy, executive program design, and organizational transformation with 15+ years of experience advising senior leaders across K–12, higher education, and national organizations. Proven track record of designing and scaling leadership development programs, coaching executive teams, and translating research into high-impact institutional strategies. Recognized as a thought leader who helps leaders move from aspirations to operations, so they lead and sustain transformative shifts. Expert in applying neuroscience to facilitate culture change and operations to improve engagement, efficiency, fulfillment, and productivity. Change catalyst with extensive experience building partnerships and leading large-scale initiatives.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Executive Leadership Development
- Program Strategy & Implementation Management
- Organizational Culture & Change
- Curriculum & Framework Design
- Partnership Development & Growth
- Coaching & Professional Learning Communities
- Research Translation & Thought Leadership
- Stakeholder Engagement & External Relations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder, Educational Partnerships Institute, LLC

2007–Present

- Leads a consulting firm delivering **executive coaching, leadership development programs, and strategic planning** for school systems, state agencies, and national organizations.
- Designed and facilitated **multi-year leadership initiatives** for senior leadership teams, focusing on culture, engagement, and systemic improvement.
- **Built and sustained partnerships** with districts, state departments, and national organizations, driving program adoption and long-term engagement.
- **Developed frameworks and tools** translating research into actionable strategies for institutional leaders.
- Led large-scale program delivery, ensuring quality, consistency, and measurable impact across diverse clients.
- Served as **project manager for national initiatives** (NAPE, 2017–2024), overseeing program design, implementation, and evaluation.
- Designed **national-level curriculum and workforce development programs** distributed across multiple states.
- Led **recruitment, stakeholder engagement, and program expansion** efforts across multiple regions.
- Served on the team to help Delaware’s community colleges create program improvement plans aimed at reducing achievement gaps and increasing equity.

School Design Contractor, Human Program Inc.

2025-present

- Leading the development of programming in four pillars: academics, physical health, mental health, and life skills for a new online school that will launch August 2026

Regional Mental Health Support Provider, Akron Children’s Hospital

2023–2025

- Partnered with school and district leadership teams to implement **system-wide wellness and trauma-informed practices**.
- Delivered executive-level coaching and professional learning to improve Tier 1 systems and organizational culture.
- Supported leaders in translating research into sustainable institutional practices.

Community Relations Coordinator, Delaware Area Career Center

2007–2009

- Built and managed partnerships with business and community stakeholders.
- Led recruitment, communications strategy, and marketing initiatives to expand program participation.
- Delivered presentations to executive and community audiences.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Human Program Inc. Founding Board Member

IEP Sensei Founding Board Member

United Way of Delaware Country Board Member for Grant Allocation

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lecturer & Researcher, The Ohio State University

2012–2016

- Taught leadership and educational policy courses.
- Conducted research on leadership, organizational climate, and system improvement.
- Contributed to major research initiatives on student engagement and STEM programming.
- Designed a Teacher Leadership track for certification and created and taught one of the courses.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Aspirations to Operations: A Leader's Guide to Making Transformative Change Stick* (2026)
- Author, *NeuroWell: Applying Brain Science to Build Safe, Supportive, and Proactive Schools* (2025)
- Author, *Stop Doing What Doesn't Work: Creating Meaningful Partnerships with Today's Families* (2018)

- Contributor, *CXO Magazine* (2025) – leadership frameworks and organizational strategy
 - Published in peer-reviewed journals on leadership, instructional systems, and educational reform
 - Frequent presenter at international conferences on leadership, systems change, and organizational effectiveness
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SELECTED IMPACT

- Designed and led **executive leadership programs** serving dozens of districts and national organizations
 - Managed **multi-state and national initiatives** focused on workforce development and educational equity
 - Built **long-term partnerships** with state agencies, nonprofits, and educational institutions
 - Developed **scalable frameworks and tools** used in leadership development and institutional strategy
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Educational Policy & Leadership

The Ohio State University

M.A., Curriculum & Instruction

Otterbein College

B.S., Secondary Education | B.A., English

Kent State University (Summa Cum Laude)

ALIGNMENT WITH VP OF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS ROLE

- **Executive Programs Leadership:**
Extensive experience designing, leading, and scaling leadership programs and coaching engagements for senior leaders and middle management.
- **Program Growth & Recruitment:**
Proven ability to build partnerships, lead recruitment efforts, and expand program reach across regions and organizations.

- **Curriculum & Framework Design:**
Deep expertise translating research into practical leadership tools, frameworks, and learning experiences.
- **External Presence & Thought Leadership:**
Nationally recognized speaker, author, and advisor with strong credibility in leadership development and organizational change.