Amy Porterfield

Amy Porterfield is President of Saavi Services for the Blind, where she leads one of the nation's largest comprehensive blindness workforce training organizations. Under her leadership, the organization has grown from a $1.2-million nonprofit to a $7-million statewide and national training system, expanded services across Arizona, and launched a major Phoenix training center that strengthens the organization's statewide reach. Saavi serves individuals from across the United States and internationally through its comprehensive training programs.

With more than 25 years of experience in workforce development, rehabilitation systems, and public-sector partnerships, Amy specializes in building employment-focused training models that prepare individuals with disabilities for competitive integrated employment and career advancement. She provides national consulting and professional development to vocational rehabilitation agencies, education systems, and workforce organizations on talent pipeline development, inclusive workforce strategies, and program design, and serves in national leadership roles advancing workforce policy and employment access for individuals with disabilities.

Joanne Williams

Joanne Williams is the Chief People Officer at Saavi Services for the Blind, where she leads organizational development, staff training systems, and human resources strategy. With 14 years of leadership experience, Joanne has played a key role in transforming Saavi into a nationally recognized employer known for its strong culture, comprehensive training programs, and commitment to professional excellence.

She has developed and led large-scale initiatives that strengthen workforce capability, including robust onboarding frameworks, immersion-training models, and staff-development systems that have significantly expanded organizational capacity. Under her leadership, Saavi has increased staff certifications by more than 80% and built a talent pipeline that positions the organization nationally as an employer of choice within its field.

In addition to guiding HR strategy, Joanne contributes nationally through her work on the National Blindness Professional Certification Board's Education Committee, where she helps design professional-development training for practitioners across the United States.

Joanne's leadership is rooted in an empowerment-driven philosophy and the belief that people thrive when they have the right tools, support, and opportunities to succeed. She is committed to building workplaces where growth is expected, development is continuous, and employees are equipped to perform at their highest potential.