

2024 PMHCA/MMHSUD All-Awardee Meeting

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Maternal and Child Health Tele-Behavioral Health Access Programs Annual Meeting: Sustaining a Behavioral Healthcare Access Program Through Implementation and Beyond

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Meeting Objectives

- Provide technical assistance to Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) and Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MMHSUD) awardees to address project barriers and challenges and identify opportunities for growth
- Facilitate peer-to-peer information exchange and the dissemination of project results, promising practices, and lessons learned
- Facilitate discussions that identify, promote, and enhance critical priority areas for increasing behavioral healthcare access
- Foster communication and collaboration among PMHCA and MMHSUD awardees and federal and nonfederal partners

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This meeting is hosted by the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Division of Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development (DMCHWD), Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS).

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Agenda, Day 1 – Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Time	Event
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. ET	Registration/Check-in
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. ET	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madhavi Reddy, MSPH, Senior Public Health Analyst, PMHCA, Behavioral Health and Development Branch, Division of Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) • Diane Tanman, MPH, Public Health Analyst, MMHSUD, Maternal and Women’s Health Branch, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, MCHB, HRSA
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. ET	<p>HRSA Leadership: In Conversation with PMHCA and MMHSUD Awardees</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Johnson, MA, Administrator, HRSA • Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP, Associate Administrator, MCHB, HRSA
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ET	<p>Plenary: Utilizing Innovation to Improve Sustainability</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Chung, MD, FAAP, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Trusted Doctors
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. ET	Break/Poster Presentations

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<p>11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions</p>
	<p>Breakout 1: Strategic Partnerships: Leveraging the Perinatal Quality Collaborative in Your State</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Byatt, DO, MS, MBA, DFAPA, FACLP, Executive Director, Lifeline for Families Center and Lifeline for Moms Program, Professor with Tenure of Psychiatry, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Population & Quantitative Health Sciences, Medical Director of Research and Evaluation, Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program (MCPAP) for Moms • Celeste St. John-Larkin, MD, Psychiatrist, Project Director, Colorado PROSPER • Sarah Nagle-Yang, MD, Education and Training Lead, Colorado PROSPER • Kelsee Fout, MPA, MCH Behavioral Health Director, Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment • Karen Burns, MSW, LCSW-A, Research Instructor, University of North Carolina School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry
	<p>Breakout 2: Addressing Health Equity: An Introduction of the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Hawaii</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackielyn Westbrook, Program Manager, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) PMHCA Program, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation • Renzimeir Baloran, MPH, PMHCA Coordinator, Family Services Division, Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) • Eden Sun, MPH, PMHCA Specialist, Family Health Services Division, Hawaii State DOH

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	<p>Breakout 3: Coordinated Efforts: Collaborative Strategies for Enhanced Behavioral Healthcare in Emergency Departments</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meghan Crosby Budinger, MS, LCPC, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Program Director, Maryland Behavioral Healthcare Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP), Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine • Amie Bettencourt, PhD, Johns Hopkins University, Director of Research and Evaluation, Maryland BHIPP • Renee Tinder, MPH, Behavioral and Adolescent Health Consultant, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Washington State DOH
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET	Lunch (Attendees will be provided a list of local restaurants.)
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. ET	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Breakout 1: Tribal Implementation of PMHCA and MMHSUD</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Eastman, MSW, LICSW, Director of Pediatric Mental Health at Mino Bimaadiziwin Wellness Clinic and Project Director for the PMHCA Grant, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians • Shannon Dial, PhD, LMFT, Executive Officer, Integrated Services Division, Department of Family Services, Chickasaw Nation • Cortney Lasater, LMSW, PMHCA Project Director, Integrated Services Division, Chickasaw Nation • Shawnalea Chief Goes Out, Perinatal Health Program Officer, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
	<p>Breakout 2: Advancing Sustainability and Equity: Engaging Families as Behavioral Healthcare Partners and Champions</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joy Hogge, PhD, Executive Director, Families as Allies • Nikki Flippins, LMSW, Trainer, Families as Allies

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	<p>Breakout 3: Bridging Gaps in Behavioral Healthcare Access: Integration of Workforce Development Programs in a Rural State</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Klaus, PhD, ABPP, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Kansas (KU) School of Medicine-Wichita, KSKidsMAP • Kari Harris, MD, FAAP, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, KU School of Medicine-Wichita • Sarah Krogman, MS, Program Coordinator, Department of Pediatrics, Research Division, KU School of Medicine–Wichita • Jenna Wellman, LMSW, Care Coordinator, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Kansas (KU) School of Medicine-Wichita, KSKidsMAP
2:15 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. ET	Transition Break
2:20 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. ET	Networking: Meet and Greet With HRSA Project Officers
	Room 1: PMHCA
	Room 2: PMHCA
	Room 3: MMHSUD
2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. ET	Break/Poster Presentations

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<p>3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. ET</p>	<p>Mini Skill building Sessions</p>
	<p>Skill-building Session 1: Leveraging Resources and Tools for PMHCA and MMHSUD Improvement</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Byatt, DO, MS, MBA, DFAPA, FACLP, Executive Director, Lifeline for Families Center and Lifeline for Moms Program, Professor with Tenure of Psychiatry, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Population & Quantitative Health Sciences, Medical Director of Research and Evaluation, MCPAP for Moms • John Straus, MD, Founding Director of MCPAP, President of the National Network of Child Psychiatry Access Programs, Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, a Carelon Behavioral Health Company • Elizabeth Carr, MA, LPC, ACS, Technical Assistance (TA) Specialist, MCHB TA Innovation Center (TAIC), JBS International (JBS)
	<p>Skill-building Session 2: Purposeful Partnership: Workforce Development through PMHCA and MMHSUD Programs</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Matakis, MPH, PCC, Senior Manager, Mental Health Programs, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) • Joie Frankovich, LCSW, MPH, Manager, Mental Health Initiatives, AAP • Julie Gorzkowski, MSW, Director, Mental and Relational Health, AAP
<p>4:20 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. ET</p>	<p>Transition Break</p>

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4:25 p.m. – 4:55 p.m. ET	Building Workforce Capacity to Close Gaps in Pediatric Mental Health Care: Overview of the AAP PMHCA TA Program Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julia Matakis, MPH, PCC, Senior Manager, Mental Health Programs, AAP• Julie Gorzkowski, MSW, LSW, Director, Mental and Relational Health, AAP
4:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET	Day 1 Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachel Heitmann, MS, Project Director, MCHB TAIC, JBS

Agenda, Day 2 – Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Time	Event
7:30 a.m. – 8: 30 a.m. ET	Registration/Check-in
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. ET	<p>Plenary – HRSA MCHB Evaluation: Strategies for Designing a Program Evaluation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Gmyrek, PhD, Center Lead, Clinical Advancement Impact Center (CAIC), JBS • Theresa Norton, PhD, Senior Research Associate, CAIC, JBS
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ET	Opening Networking Exercise
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. ET	Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Breakout 1: Opportunities and Innovations to Implement and Sustain Your Program</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Fritsch, MD, MEd, DFAACAP, Medical Director, Pediatric Mental Health Institute, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine
	<p>Breakout 2: Strengthening PMHCA: Collaborative Strategies With Schools and School-based Health Centers</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addie Van Zwoll, MJ, MSW, LCSW, Director of Programs, School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) • Micayla Rivin, Program Associate, SBHA

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	<p>Breakout 3: From the Ground Up to the Top Down: Applying Human Centered Design to PMHCA Program Development and Implementation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petra Steinbuchel, MD, Director, California Child and Adolescent Mental Health Access Portal (Cal-MAP) • Joan Jeung, MD, MPH, MS, FAAP, Clinical Professor, Pediatrics, Division of Developmental Medicine, University of California San Francisco (UCSF), Senior Associate Director, Cal-MAP, Director, Resilience Clinic, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
<p>11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. ET</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET</p>	<p>Closing Plenary – Setting the Intention: Navigating Workplace Stress and Prioritizing Mental Wellness in Healthcare</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Sheffield-Abdullah, PhD, RN, CNM, FACNM, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Scientist, Stress and Anxiety Researcher, Mindfulness Instructor, UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing
<p>12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Ramos, MPH, Director, Division of MCH Workforce Development, MCHB • Dawn Levinson, MSW, Deputy Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, MCHB

HRSA MCHB Speaker Biosketches

Carole Johnson, MA

Carole Johnson is the Administrator of HRSA. Johnson joined HRSA from the White House COVID-19 Response Team. She previously served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, leading the state's largest agency and providing health care and social services to one in five New Jerseyans. During her tenure as Commissioner, the department expanded Medicaid coverage of mental health and substance use disorder services, created new Medicaid benefits to improve maternal health outcomes, and integrated Medicaid into the newly launched state-based Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace. Under Johnson's leadership, the department also substantially increased childcare rates for the first time in a decade, expanded food assistance benefits, and created an Office of New Americans to support the state's diverse communities. Johnson served for more than 5 years as the Domestic Policy Council public health lead in the Obama White House, working on the Ebola and Zika responses, implementing the ACA, and combatting the opioid epidemic. In addition, she served on Capitol Hill as health staff for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and for members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee. At the Department of Health and Human Services, Johnson previously managed healthcare workforce policy issues for HRSA. She was also the policy director for the Alliance of Community Health Plans, program officer with the Pew Charitable Trusts health program, and senior government relations manager with the American Heart Association. Johnson holds a master's degree in government from the University of Virginia.



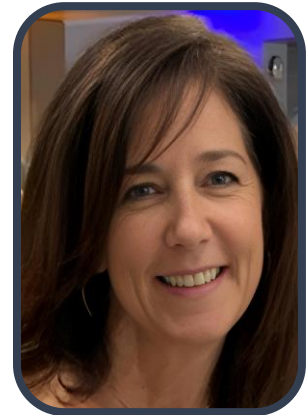
Dawn Levinson, MSW

Dawn Levinson is Deputy Director of MCHB's Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services and formerly MCHB's Behavioral Health Lead. Over the past 2 decades and across various U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies, her experience has spanned behavioral and public health policy planning, development and analysis, grant program management, and administrative operations and management. Ms. Levinson entered federal service through the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and later through the Presidential Management Fellows program. Prior to working in government, she was a journalist, freelance writer, and direct-practice social worker in a family preservation (home visiting) program in Oregon. She also worked in a substance use treatment center for women involved with the justice system in Oregon and a tribal youth program in South Dakota. Ms. Levinson received her MSW from Oregon's Portland State University and her BA in English from Skidmore College. She is passionate about promoting the health and well-being of moms and babies and increasing their access to respectful health care and behavioral health care.



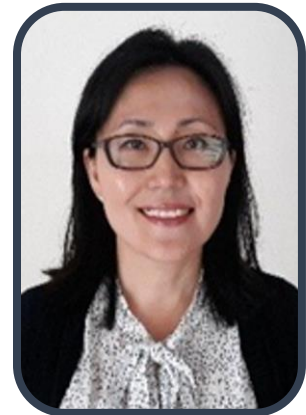
Meaghan McHugh, MPH, PhD

Dr. Meaghan McHugh serves as the Chief for the Behavioral Health and Development Branch within the Division of Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development at MCHB. Meaghan has an undergraduate degree in economics from the College of the Holy Cross, a master's in public health from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Public Health. In 2014, Meaghan was inspired to pursue a doctoral degree by the faculty and trainees of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities program (funded by MCHB). At that time, she served as the Manager of the cooperative agreement between HRSA/MCHB and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. Meaghan comes to HRSA/MCHB after serving as the first Director of the Office of Evaluation at SAMHSA from 2020 to 2024. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for a remarkable autistic teenager.



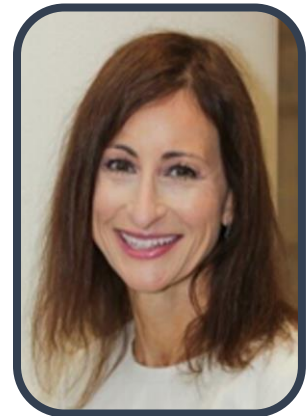
Hae Young Park, MPH

Hae Young Park serves as Deputy Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Workforce Development. In this role, she supports the division in providing national leadership and direction in educating and training our nation's current and future leaders in MCH, including developing an interdisciplinary, family-centered, community-based, and culturally responsive workforce. Prior to joining the division in 2015, Hae Young supported MCHB's extramural research programs to advance the evidence base on the health and well-being of MCH populations.



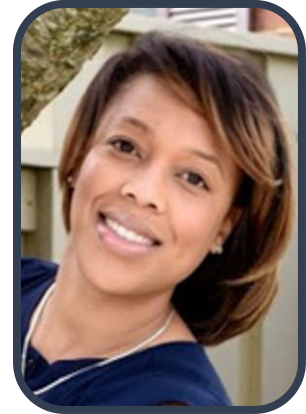
Lauren Raskin Ramos, MPH

Lauren Raskin Ramos is Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Workforce Development at HRSA's MCHB. In this role, Lauren leads federal efforts to train the current and future MCH workforce. She also leads MCHB's autism-related investments in training, research, and state systems development. Previously, Lauren held leadership roles at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. She is a member of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. She served as an officer of the MCH Section of the American Public Health Association and as a board member of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies coalition. Lauren completed her MPH at the UCLA School of Public Health and received her BA from Tufts University. She is a recipient of APHA's MCH Young Professional Award.



Kimberly Sherman, MPH, MPP

Kimberly Sherman is Branch Chief for Maternal and Women's Health in HRSA's MCHB. She has been a HRSA staff member since 2008 and currently serves in DHSPS. She earned a master's degree in public policy from American University and a master's in public health from the University of Louisville. Kimberly has a strong interest in improving maternal health outcomes and currently supports HRSA's maternal mortality reduction efforts.



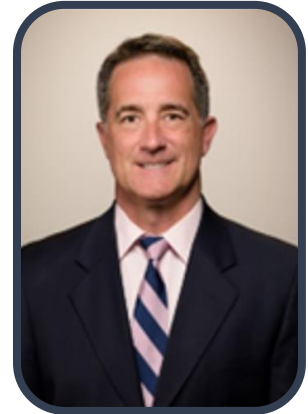
Michael D. Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP

Dr. Michael Warren is Associate Administrator of the MCHB. Its Title V Maternal and Child Health Services program serves 93% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 61% of all children nationwide, including those with special healthcare needs. Before assuming his current role as MCHB's Associate Administrator, Dr. Warren served in various roles at the Tennessee Department of Health, including Deputy Commissioner for Population Health, Assistant Commissioner for Family Health and Wellness, and Director of Maternal and Child Health. Prior to joining the Department of Health, he served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University and as Medical Director in the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination. Dr. Warren graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors in psychology from Wake Forest University and earned his medical degree from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He completed his pediatrics residency, chief residency, and fellowship in academic general pediatrics at Vanderbilt, where he also obtained an MPH. He is a board-certified pediatrician and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Warren has served as President of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, the national professional organization for maternal and child health professionals. He was also appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality.



Lee Wilson, MA

Lee Wilson serves as Director of DHSPS in the HRSA MCHB. DHSPS provides a broad range of programs and supports through grants and contracts to prevent poor maternal and infant health outcomes and address the needs of mothers, infants, and families. Prior to taking this position, Mr. Wilson served as Senior Policy Advisor in MCHB, working to advance policies and programs that support maternal and women's health, infant health and safety, and children with special healthcare needs. Mr. Wilson began his work in the Department of Health and Human Services as a Presidential Management Intern at the National Institutes of Health. During his time in the department, he has been fortunate to help advance policies and programs that support substance misuse prevention and treatment, enforce youth tobacco control restrictions, ensure comprehensive healthcare coverage for all Americans, and improve infant and maternal health outcomes. Mr. Wilson came to HRSA in 2012 as Associate Administrator for Regional Operations before moving to MCHB. He completed his BA in political science at Gordon College and MA in public policy at Duke University. The British Council named Mr. Wilson an Atlantic Fellow in 2002 in support of cross-Atlantic policy exchange in preventing and treating substance misuse.



Guest Speaker and Poster Presenter Biosketches

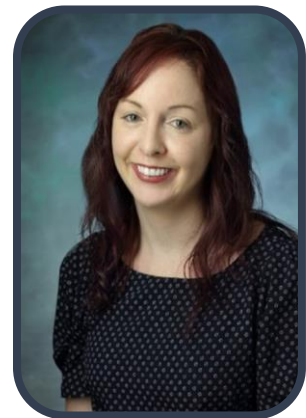
Ellen Arrowsmith, MSW, LICSW

Ellen Arrowsmith is a liaison coordinator with Vermont Child Psychiatry Access Program (VTCAP). If you call the VTCAP phone line, she may be the one to answer your call. A graduate of the University of Vermont's MSW program, Ellen brings over a decade of experience in serving children, youth, and families in Vermont. She has worked within a Designated Agency as a school social worker and in private practice, in mainstream and "alternative" settings, with children from kindergarten through high school, with youth in foster care, and with families affected by domestic violence. Ellen is a systems thinker and is passionate about working to improve access to high-quality mental health care for families in Vermont.



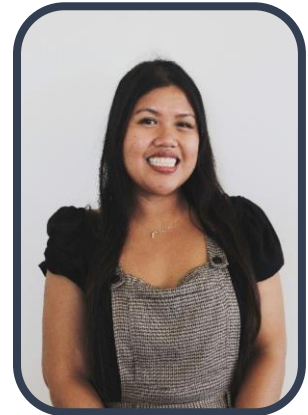
Amie Bettencourt, PhD

Dr. Amie Bettencourt is a clinical child psychologist and Associate Professor in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She is Director of Research and Evaluation for Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP), a state and HRSA-funded PMHCA program, and provides training to pediatric primary care providers through BHIPP. Dr. Bettencourt's research focuses on evaluating efforts to integrate interventions designed to prevent and treat pediatric mental health problems into early education, school, and primary care settings. In her clinical work, she specializes in working with parents of young children (0–8).



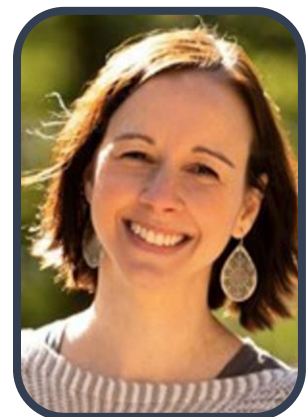
Renzymeir Baloran, MPH

Renzymeir Baloran is the PMHCA Coordinator for the Hawai'i State Department of Health. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's MPH program specializing in health policy and management. In graduate school, Renzy focused on maternal and child health, which led her to the Department of Health's Family Health Services Division. She worked as a care coordinator for the Hawai'i CARES Isolation Quarantine Line, assisting with triaging those who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19 into temporary housing. She also worked in her Kalihi community as a tutor at her alma mater and as a medical assistant. As a Filipino immigrant raised in Kalihi, Hawai'i, Renzy draws from her understanding and love for her community to shape and steer her overarching goals in public health.



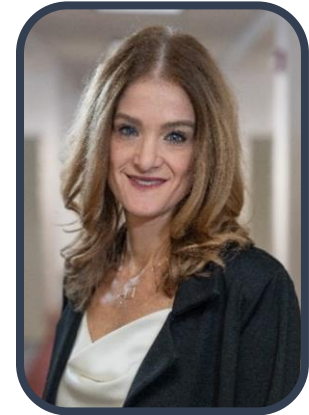
Karen Burns, MSW, LCSW-A

Karen Burns is a clinical social worker and Program Director for the North Carolina Psychiatric Access Line at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill. Before joining UNC, she spent over a decade working in clinical and research settings managing large-scale initiatives in the areas of mental health and positive youth development, most recently focusing on interventions for children of incarcerated parents and, before that, support programs for teen parents in rural North Carolina. Her clinical interests include perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, parenting support through attachment-based approaches, and suicide prevention in adolescent girls.



Nancy Byatt, DO, MS, MBA, DFAPA, FACLP

Dr. Byatt is a perinatal psychiatrist and physician-scientist focused on improving systems of care to promote the mental health of parents and children. Her passion for her work is deeply rooted in her experiences as a clinician, researcher, daughter, and mother. She is a tenured Professor of Psychiatry, Ob/Gyn, and Population and Quantitative Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Chan Medical School. She developed the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program (MCPAP) for Moms. [MCPAP for Moms](#) is a statewide program that has (1) increased access to mental health care for thousands of perinatal individuals, (2) become a national model for perinatal mental health care, and (3) affected state and national policies and funding. Dr. Byatt is Founding Executive Director of the [Lifeline for Families Center](#) and [Lifeline for Moms](#) Program at UMass Chan Medical School. The Center's activities include capacity building, consultation, and research. Dr. Byatt's research uses implementation science methods to design, implement, and evaluate scalable approaches for improving parental and child mental health services and outcomes. With over 10 years of continuous federal funding for her research, Dr. Byatt's achievements have led to over 90 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, over 250 presentations, and numerous national awards. Her love is her family, especially her two teenage boys. Her passion is increasing access to and quality of mental health care. Dr. Byatt's mission is to redefine perinatal and family health care to include mental health care.



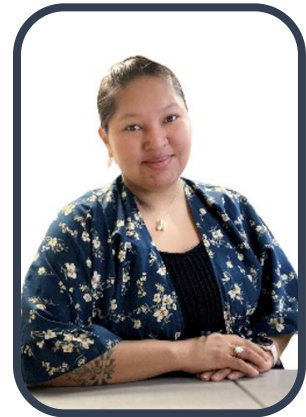
Danielle Chiang, PhD

Danielle Chiang is Director of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Institute for Human Development (IHD), where she oversees several federally, state-, and locally funded grants. She has a broad background in applied research, with specific training and expertise in quantitative methods, psychometric evaluation, and research design in psychological and social science. Her work at IHD focuses on overseeing effective program evaluation, including deciding which measures to utilize, effective data collecting procedures, data storage and management, data analysis, generating statistical conclusions, and making proper inferences for data-driven decision-making. She has also been actively involved in facilitating collaboration and partnership, fostering co-learning and capacity building among partners, and leading a long-term process and commitment to sustainability. A few of her longstanding projects include: the Team for Infants Exposed to Substance Use Project, partnering with Children's Mercy Hospital; the Kansas City Healthy Start Initiative, with Nurture KC; the Maternal Health Action Network, with Missouri MCH Title V; the maternal psychiatric health access project, with Department of Mental Health; the MCH oral health project, with CareQuest; and the health careers pipeline project, with the UMKC School of Medicine.



Shawnalea Chief Goes Out, BA

Shawnalea Chief Goes Out is an enrolled member of the Chippewa-Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Montana, and a descendent of the Aaniiih (White Clay) Tribe and Western Shoshone Tribe. She attended Montana State University at Billings, where she obtained a BS in health administration. Shawnalea is currently working on the Perinatal Behavioral Health Initiative for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, overseeing the HRSA grant, which helps to fund both the PRISM Psychiatric Consultation Line for providers and the Meadowlark Initiative.



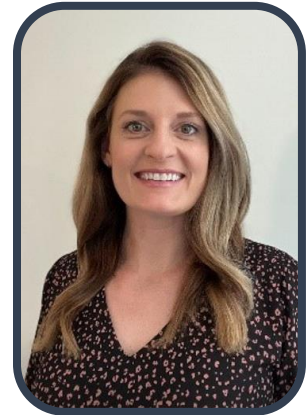
Sandy Chung, MD, FAAP, FACHE

Dr. Sandy Chung has held over 30 state and national leadership positions, including AAP Virginia Chapter President and Founder and Medical Director of the Virginia Mental Health Access Program. She is the CEO of Trusted Doctors, a pediatric practice of over 200 clinicians in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and serves as Medical Director of Informatics at Children’s National Hospital’s Pediatric Health Network. Her passionate advocacy for child health and pediatricians has delivered major advancements in healthcare equity, mental health, EHR burden reduction, appropriate payment, physician well-being, and optimal child health policies. She is the recipient of multiple awards including March of Dimes Lifetime Heroine Award recognizing a lifetime of community volunteerism, the Clarence A. Holland Award for providing outstanding contributions to the community and demonstrating leadership in the field of political advocacy, and most recently Modern Healthcare’s 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare, recognizing individuals who are the most influential individuals in healthcare in the country in terms of leadership and impact. As an avid educator of the next generation of pediatricians, her publications include articles on telemedicine, virtual learning, and health information technology. Dr. Chung received her medical degree from the University of Virginia and completed her pediatric residency at the Inova L.J. Murphy Children’s Hospital. She has appeared in numerous media outlets including the Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, NPR, Contemporary Pediatrics, and USA Today. Dr. Chung is the proud mother of four amazing children who teach her something new every day.



Meghan Crosby Budinger, MS, LCPC

Meghan Crosby Budinger is Program Director of Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She has nearly 20 years of clinical experience in a broad range of settings. Additionally, she has worked extensively in research and program management in child psychiatry and the implementation of statewide public health programs. She has particular expertise in integrated primary care and is passionate about improving the mental health system of care to better address the needs of children and families.



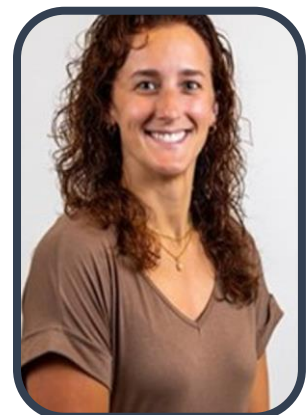
Shannon Dial, PhD, LMFT

Dr. Shannon Dial received her PhD in marriage and family therapy and began work in 2014 for the Chickasaw Nation. Shannon currently works as Executive Officer of the Integrated Services Division in the Department of Family Services. This includes overseeing the tribe’s integrated behavioral health team—Medical Family Therapy—which provides suicide prevention services; clinical informatics; and oversight of three connected federal grants, including a PMHCA award.



Jen Donathan, MPH

Jen Donathan serves as Project Manager for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center’s supplemental funding work with HRSA’s PMHCA. This work supports the development of technical assistance for PMHCA partners in identifying and addressing pediatric and adolescent mental and behavioral health needs in the Emergency Department through teleconsultation and telehealth. Jen also serves as a network operations consultant for the Pediatric Pandemic Network, which focuses on improving pediatric readiness and preparedness in both everyday scenarios and disasters. Ms. Donathan brings 10+ years of project and program management experience, coupled with expertise in public health and healthcare quality.



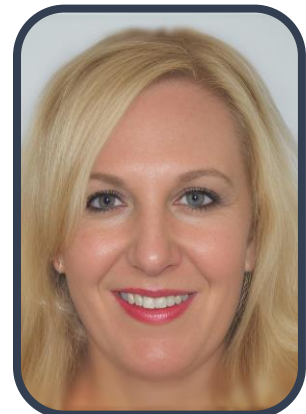
Megan Eastman, MSW, LICSW

Megan Eastman is an enrolled member of the Apsáalooke (Crow) tribe of Montana, Whistling Water clan, and is a descendant of the Chippewa Cree tribe of Rocky Boy, Montana. She graduated from the University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine University in 2011 with a master's degree in clinical social work. She has been Director of Pediatric Mental Health at Mino Bimaadiziwin Wellness Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota, since 2021 and also serves as Project Director for their PMHCA grant project.



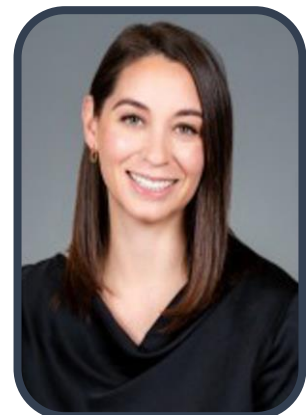
Wendy Ell

Wendy Ell is the Executive Director of the Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MO-CPAP). Her role involves overseeing the project's daily operations and strategic growth. With over 25 years of experience in public health and healthcare, particularly in children's mental health, Ms. Ell is dedicated to improving access to behavioral health services for Missouri's children and adolescents. She is based at the University of Missouri's Department of Psychiatry.



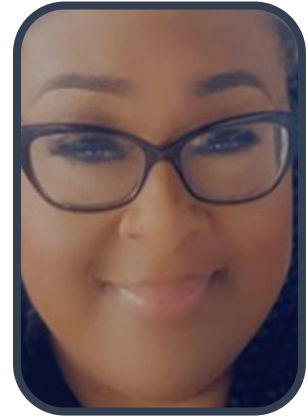
Joie Frankovich, LCSW, MPH

Joie Frankovich is Manager of Mental Health Initiatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she oversees the implementation of the PMHCA Technical Assistance program funded through HRSA. Joie has experience in program development and evaluation, facilitating systems change, coalition building, and strengths-based facilitation. She is a licensed clinical social worker with a master's degree in social work and in public health, both from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



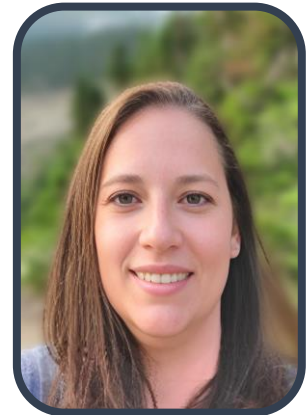
Nikki Flippins, LMSW

Nikki Flippins has been a social worker for almost 25 years. She has worked in various capacities across the state, including mental health (both adult and child), education, advocacy, training, foster care, and adoption. Nikki brings an abundance of professional and personal experience to her work. This allows her to offer information and insight on many topics from the perspective of a professional as well as a recipient of services, particularly within the areas of mental health, foster care, adoption, and education advocacy. Nikki most enjoys working with families to ensure they are equipped with knowledge and understanding about how to request, access, and affect the services required to allow themselves and their child(ren) to be successful. She also has a passion for collaborating with other professionals around engagement, support, and providing insight from a parental perspective.



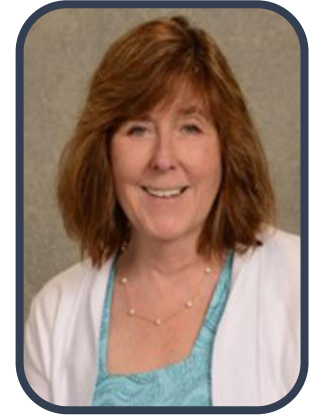
Kelsee Fout, MPA

Kelsee Fout is Maternal and Child Behavioral Health Director for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Family Health. She currently serves as Project Director for the Kansas MMHSUD and PMHCA programs. She also supports the development, implementation, and coordination of programmatic activities within Title V Maternal and Child Health programs related to behavioral health. Kelsee previously worked for the Single State Agency that oversees both mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services in Kansas, where she served as Project Director for a program that supported the widescale operation, expansion, and integration of the system of care approach to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and their families. Her prior work experience includes providing care coordination for justice system-involved women with mental health and substance use disorders and women who were pregnant and/or disabled when they were released from the state correctional facility.



Sandra Fritsch, MD, MEd, DFAACAP

Dr. Fritsch is a 1985 graduate of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She trained in pediatrics, psychiatry, and child psychiatry (Triple Board Residency) at Brown University and completed her residency in 1991. Dr. Fritsch maintains board certification in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. Her current professional roles include Medical Director of the Pediatric Mental Health Institute, Children's Hospital Colorado; Medical Director of Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation & Access Program (CoPPCAP); and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at University of Colorado School of Medicine. Her career has encompassed working at the interface of pediatrics and child psychiatry, for inpatients in pediatric hospitals, and in outpatient child psychiatry. Her professional interests include advocacy, innovations in medical education, collaborative care models between primary care and mental health providers, the impact of virtual technology on youth mental health, and the interplay of physical health concerns and mental health needs. She has been in her current role for over 7 years, having previously practiced in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.



Amanda Gmyrek, PhD

Dr. Amanda Gmyrek is a licensed psychologist with over 16 years of federal- and state-funded research and health program evaluation experience. Her work has primarily focused on directing, implementing, and managing cross-site evaluations of federally funded behavioral health programs for federal agencies, including HRSA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, as well as for organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics. As Project Director for evaluation of the HRSA MCHB PMHCA and MMHSUD Programs, she is building on previous work to direct the design and implementation of an evaluation of the existing and newly funded awardees. Dr. Gmyrek also serves as Project Director for the HRSA MCHB PMHCA Impact Study, designed to examine the effect of HRSA's PMHCA program on changes in children's/adolescents and caregivers/families access to behavioral health care; their subsequent receipt and utilization of behavioral healthcare services, including culturally and linguistically competent care; and related behavioral health impacts. The evaluation also examines the program's costs and benefits (both monetary and societal). Dr. Gmyrek holds a PhD from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.



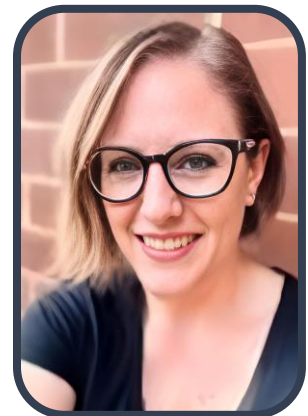
Anna Goldman, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

Anna Goldman is board certified as a nursing professional development specialist with an MS degree in nursing. Anna has been a nurse for over 20 years. Her recent accomplishments are oriented toward healthcare quality improvement and project management, focusing on improving pediatric mental health, coordinating staff development in Cleveland's Veterans Affairs community-based clinics, and establishing a core nursing competencies curriculum in community clinic settings.



Julie Gorzkowski, MSW, LSW

Julie Gorzkowski is Director of Mental and Relational Health at the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she oversees research, programs, and policy initiatives related to supporting the healthy mental development of children, adolescents, and families. Her work at the Academy focuses on many topics, including mental well-being, suicide prevention, relational health, systems of care, and clinic-community partnerships. Julie holds an MSW degree from the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a licensed social worker in Illinois.



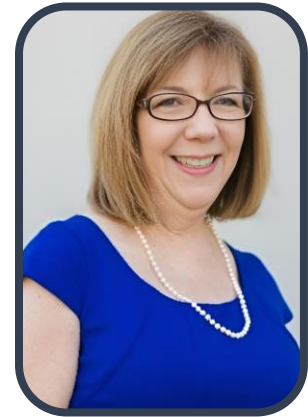
Kari R. Harris, MD, FAAP

Dr. Kari R. Harris is Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kansas (KU) School of Medicine-Wichita. She serves as Director, Section of Adolescent Medicine, Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics, and practices primary care pediatrics in the adolescent population. Dr. Harris received her medical degree and completed her pediatrics residency at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. She works collaboratively across disciplines and within the State of Kansas to increase access to mental health care for teens and to enhance opportunities for education for primary care pediatricians and clinicians. Dr. Harris values prevention as the foundation for health and works alongside her colleagues and leaders in public health to improve health outcomes for children and adolescents.



Joy Hogge, PhD

Dr. Joy Hogge has been Executive Director of Families as Allies since 2011. She has a son in his early 20s who has managed a life-threatening medical condition since he was 3 years old. Together, they have traversed various systems and challenges and learned about self-advocacy and their love and trust for each other along the way. She is particularly interested in policy and systems change that supports and engages as many families and recipients of services as possible. She serves on the boards of the National Federation of Families and Choices Coordinated Care Solutions and has received local and national awards for her work. Before she was a mom, Joy was a licensed psychologist. She will be forever grateful to the families who patiently taught her about family-driven practice as she did that work. Dr. Hogge received her master's degree and PhD from Texas A&M University and has worked in the field of mental health, with a particular emphasis on program development, policy, and advocacy, for 30 years.



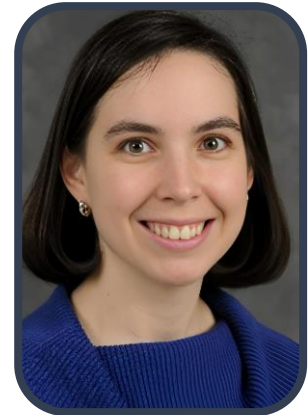
Joan Jeung, MD, MPH, FAAP

Dr. Joan Jeung is Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Developmental Medicine, at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine. Her research interests center around innovative programs that strengthen behavioral and developmental healthcare capacity in pediatric primary care. Dr. Jeung serves as Senior Associate Director of UCSF's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Portal, a PMHCA portal for Northern California. She also directs the Resiliency Clinic at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, a primary care-based, caregiver/child group intervention for young children (ages 0–5) exposed to adversity. Outside of UCSF, Dr. Jeung serves on the Executive Committee for the newly formed American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Healthy Mental and Emotional Development and on the AAP PMHCA National Advisory Group. From 2017 to 2021, she served on the inaugural Executive Committee for the Section on Minority Health Equity and Inclusion.



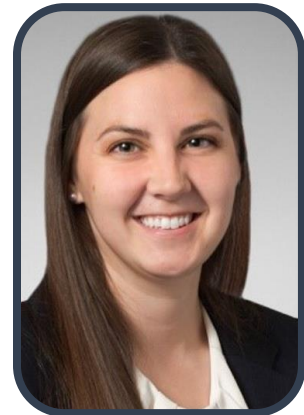
Nicole Klaus, PhD, ABPP

Dr. Nicole Klaus is a board-certified child and adolescent psychologist with specific interests in suicide prevention and increasing access to mental health care in underserved communities. She developed and directs the child psychology training program at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Dr. Klaus is Project Director for KEEP UP, a Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training program for children, youth, and adolescents that educates psychologists and psychiatrists to become leaders in mental health care for Kansas. She serves as Associate Director of School Based Health, which provides a rural integrated training site for trainees and opportunities to extend evidence-based behavioral health services to children in their local schools and communities. In addition, as Co-Investigator for the KSKidsMAP PMHCA project, she provides consultation and continuing education for primary care providers across Kansas to address the mental healthcare needs of youth in rural and underserved communities. She prioritizes clinician wellness as an integral part of that process.



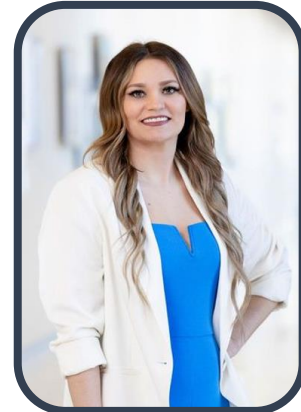
Sarah Krogman, MS

Sarah Krogman is Program Coordinator in the Department of Pediatrics, Research Division, at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She has a BS in organismal biology and an MS in general biology from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX. Ms. Krogman acts as Program and Evaluation Manager for the Kansas PMHCA program and KSKidsMAP and participates in other departmental research projects. She conducts quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research and has contributed to the development, implementation, and evaluation of multiple public health projects and initiatives.



Cortney Lasater, LMSW

Cortney Lasater is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and received her master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma in 2019. Cortney began her work with the Chickasaw Nation in child welfare and transitioned into clinical mental health work in 2021. She is currently the PMHCA Project Director within the Integrated Services Division of the Chickasaw Nation.



Katherine Lipp, LICSW, PMP

Katie Lipp is Project Director at the University of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, where she works in partnership with the NH Department of Health and Human Services to design, implement, and evaluate NH Mental Health Care Access in Pediatrics. Katie has an extensive background in integrated care program development and sustainability, including primary care into behavioral health, behavioral health into primary care, and behavioral health into corrections. She is passionate about building a system of care that emphasizes access to the right care at the right place and at the right time. Her interests include workflow redesign and quality improvement.



Heidi Massey, BS, CHES

Heidi Massey is Program Director for the Wisconsin PMHCA and Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (WI-CPCP). She obtained her degree in Community Health Education at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. Her prior work experience in public health includes addressing tobacco prevention and cessation statewide through advancing policy and environmental change. Heidi also has years of nursing practice in long-term care, addressing mental health and aging affairs.



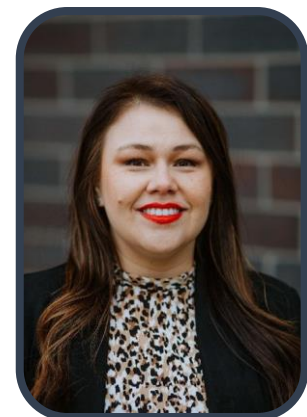
Julia Matakis, MPH, PCC

Julia Matakis serves as Senior Manager of Mental Health Programs at the American Academy of Pediatrics. In this role, she manages efforts to support pediatricians and cross-sectoral partners in promoting healthy mental development and relational health for children and families. She oversees multiple grant-funded projects with a focus on mental health, rural health, adolescent health, and the impact of social media on children and adolescents. She has extensive experience in group facilitation and training; program design, delivery, and evaluation; and strengths-based workforce development. Her academic and professional training is in the areas of maternal and child public health; leadership development and change management; and trauma-informed leadership development and coaching.



Laurelle Myhra, PhD, LMFT

Dr. Laurelle Myhra is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and directs the tribes' Mino Bimaadiziwin (Good Life) Wellness Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has practiced clinical supervision in the Native American community since 2007. Dr. Myhra completed her PhD in 2012. Her research focuses on American Indian mental health, integrated health care, and training for health professionals.



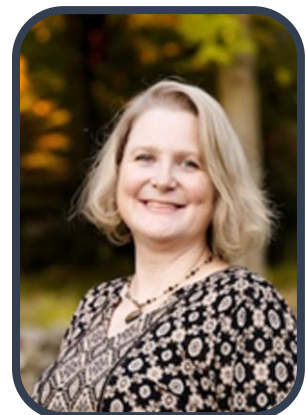
Sarah Nagle-Yang, MD

Dr. Sarah Nagle-Yang is Associate Professor of Psychiatry, inaugural Vice Chair for Quality for the Department of Psychiatry, and Deputy Executive Director of the Colorado Center for Women’s Behavioral Health at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has been a specialist in reproductive psychiatry for over a decade. Dr. Nagle-Yang is passionate about providing high-quality psychiatric care to women across the reproductive lifespan, building innovative models of care to expand access to treatment, and developing interdisciplinary education on topics within reproductive psychiatry. She is a co-editor of the first comprehensive textbook on women’s reproductive mental health, the president of the North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a founding contributor to the National Curriculum in Reproductive Psychiatry. Dr. Nagle-Yang co-chairs the Colorado Maternal Mental Health Collaborative and Framework Leadership Team and is a member of the Colorado Maternal Mortality Review Board. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and completed her residency in psychiatry at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Dr. Nagle-Yang completed fellowships in consult liaison psychiatry and public and community psychiatry at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center.



Lisa Natkins, PhD

Dr. Lisa Natkins is a program evaluator with the Center for Behavioral Health Integration. She enjoys working with clients to design evaluation plans to gather information that helps them be more effective. She has years of experience assisting clients with developing data collection instruments, conducting interviews, managing data collection, and analyzing data and communication findings. Dr. Natkins is an experienced qualitative researcher, fascinated by how people’s experiences shape their perspectives and worldviews.



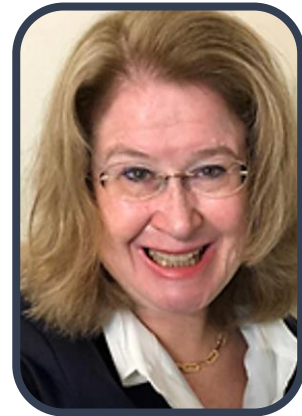
Elizabeth Nelson, MA, CMPE

Elizabeth J. Nelson is Program Manager for the Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (WI CPCP). Elizabeth is a veteran healthcare program manager with a background in social work. Through the State of Wisconsin, the WI CPCP has been a PMHCA funding recipient since 2018, growing steadily to cover the entire state.



Theresa Norton, PhD

Dr. Theresa Norton is a public health professional with more than 25 years of accomplishments in implementation science and dissemination, research, evaluation, data analysis, knowledge translation, collaboration and learning, and project management for evidence-informed policy and practice. Her areas of work include behavioral health, social health, public health, and global health. Her current work focuses on evaluation of pediatric and maternal mental healthcare access programs funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and expert consensus building on evidence-based practices (EBPs) for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Dr. Norton served as Principal Investigator on mixed-methods studies of influences on uptake of EBPs in maternal and newborn health in low- and middle-income countries as part of a \$560 million global health program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. She has also conducted studies of behavioral and social health risk and protective factors for U.S. Army service members. Dr. Norton has a PhD in health sciences from Ghent University.



Katie Plax, MD

Dr. Katie Plax is Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and the co-director of the practice-based research network Washington University Pediatric and Adolescent Ambulatory Research Consortium. Her clinical and research focus is special populations of youth, including medical care to adolescents with HIV, youth in the foster care system, youth with other high-risk behaviors, and youth behavioral health. The links among these areas are central to her leadership in the development of The SPOT (Supporting Positive Opportunities with Youth), a youth-specific drop-in center that serves the health and social service needs of youth aged 13 through 24. Since 2008, The SPOT has served over 27,000 youth. Dr. Plax also engages in system and policy advocacy around healthcare access, mental health, youth in foster care, and reproductive and sexual health.



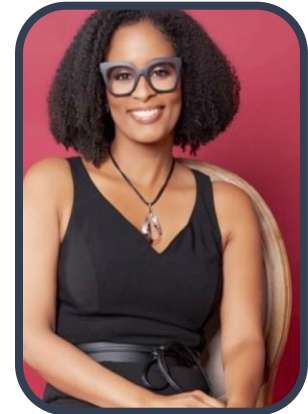
Micayla Eve Rivin, BA

Micayla Eve Rivin is Program Associate with the School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA), supporting programs and consulting teams to improve and increase youth access to high-quality school-based health services. Prior to joining SBHA, she worked in nonprofit community outreach and engagement, with a focus on bringing mental health; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and trauma-informed care training to students and youth-serving adults.



Karen Sheffield-Abdullah, PhD, MSN, CNM, FACNM

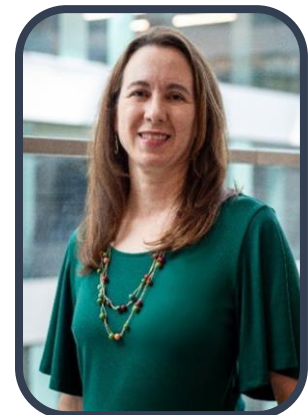
Dr. Sheffield-Abdullah's research focuses on the utilization of holistic, integrative, multisector strategies to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for individuals and communities. She is particularly interested in developing strategies to reduce the long-term health effects of stress, psychological trauma, anxiety, and depression on women's health and birth outcomes. Her interests include the biopsychosocial benefits of self-compassion, mindfulness, and other mind-body therapies as adjuncts to conventional treatment modalities. Her program of research focuses on the development of culturally relevant interventions to: reduce disparities in stress-related adverse outcomes during the perinatal period; and provide a platform to guide successful models for women's healthcare provision that incorporate stress management and improve wellness across the lifespan. Dr.



Dr. Sheffield-Abdullah is currently Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill School of Nursing. She has a doctoral degree in nursing from the UNC at Chapel Hill School of Nursing and an MS in nursing from Yale University. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the UNC School of Medicine, Program on Integrative Medicine, through a National Institutes of Health T32 Fellowship Training Grant for Research in Complementary, Alternative and Integrative Medicine. Dr. Sheffield-Abdullah was also a postdoctoral fellow with the Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity. In addition, she is a mindfulness instructor and is currently pursuing Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction teacher certification through Brown University's Mindfulness Center.

Celeste St. John-Larkin, MD

Dr. Celeste St. John-Larkin is a Child, Adolescent and Perinatal Psychiatrist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine (CU). She is the Project Director for Colorado PROSPER, which received HRSA MCHB MMH-SUD funding in 2023. As the Anschutz Chair in Perinatal Mental Health at Children's Hospital Colorado, she has worked for over a decade to expand the Healthy Expectations Program, offering group therapy for pregnant and postpartum individuals and their infants. The program now includes a group specific to African American mothers and infants, Black Mamas Circle, and has integrated into the Colorado Center for Women's Behavioral Health and Wellness. She also has expertise with integrated mental health in obstetric and pediatric clinics, teaching and supporting health care providers, residents, and multidisciplinary students, as well as consultation to community primary care providers through CoPPCAP, the PMHCA program in Colorado (CO). Dr. St. John-Larkin serves on the executive committee of the CO Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society and was appointed to the HRSA-funded Maternal Health Task Force at the CO Department of Public Health. She grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, studied history at Northwestern University, and attended Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine in the rural physician program. She completed psychiatry residency and child fellowship at CU.



Petra Steinbuchel, MD

Dr. Petra Steinbuchel is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and Clinical Professor at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She is the Director of Cal-MAP, California's pediatric mental health access program that increases access to critical pediatric mental health care through workforce development and a stepped care approach. Dr. Steinbuchel has held several key leadership and teaching positions at UCSF. In addition, she has led efforts to implement expanded evidence-based care access for diverse and vulnerable populations through consultation, education, and collaborative partnerships between behavioral health and pediatric primary care providers in medical inpatient, outpatient, and school-based settings.



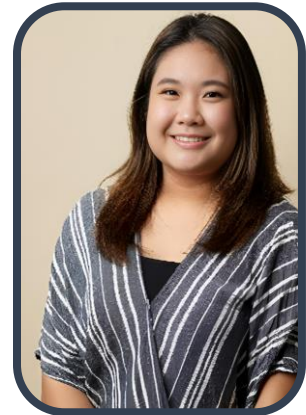
John Straus, MD

Dr. Straus is Founding Director of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program (MCPAP), which was the first statewide program designed to address the shortage of child psychiatrists. MCPAP is a model for the implementation of child psychiatry access programs (CPAPs) throughout the country. He is President of the National Network of Child Psychiatry Access Programs, a nonprofit dedicated to providing technical assistance and support to CPAPs. Dr. Straus was responsible for the expansion of MCPAP to include: MCPAP for Moms to address perinatal depression, mental illness, and substance use; MCPAP for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Intellectual Disabilities; and Adolescent Substance Use and Addiction Program-MCPAP to address teen substance use disorder (SUD). Legislation for HRSA to lead the national expansion of both programs was included in the 21st Century Cures Act, the American Rescue Plan Act, and the Safer Communities Act, resulting in programs in 49 states, 5 territories, and 2 tribes. Beginning in 2019, using the MCPAP model, he designed the Massachusetts Consultation Service for Treatment of Addiction and Pain to assist adult primary care providers with SUD, addiction, and chronic pain issues. Dr. Straus is Medical Director Special Projects at the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), a subsidiary of Celeron Behavioral Health, having retired from his full-time position as Vice President Medical Affairs. Prior to working at the MBHP, he was Medical Director of the Fallon Community Health Plan. Currently, he is a member of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) Behavioral Health Measurement Advisory Panel, having been involved with HEDIS since its inception. Dr. Straus is responsible for the technique of health plan measurement known as the "hybrid method." Dr. Straus has been a pediatrician in primary care practice for 22 years. He completed medical training at Columbia University and pediatric training at Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Johns Hopkins Medical School.



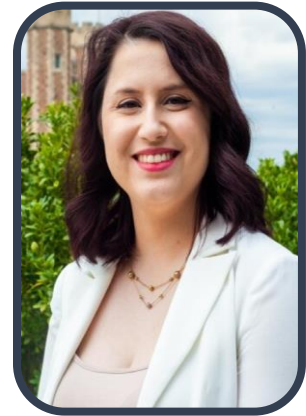
Eden Sun, MPH

Eden Sun is the Program Specialist for the PMHCA program at the Hawai'i State Department of Health. She recently earned her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, specializing in social and behavioral health sciences. Both during her graduate program and in her current position, she has focused on supporting the holistic health and well-being of the youngest members of the community. Formerly, Eden was employed as a community health worker at the Native Hawaiian Health Care System on O'ahu. She strives to continually learn from and collaborate with those in her community.



Natalie Schweitzer, MSW, MPH

Natalie Schweitzer is Program Manager for the Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MO-CPAP). She is an alumnus of Washington University in Missouri's Brown School, where she graduated with dual master's degrees in social work and public health in 2023, focusing on mental health epidemiology and treatment. Natalie has a passion for addressing mental health in children, predominantly as it intersects with disability and chronic and terminal illness. She has experience in both trauma-related work and hospice care. Natalie works with MO-CPAP centers on expanding provider enrollment and engagement.



Renee Tinder, MPH

Ms. Tinder is Behavioral and Adolescent Health Consultant for the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs section at the Washington State Department of Health. She has over 15 years' experience working in the field of substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion. Her substance use prevention work, which included grant and program management and collaboration with and engagement of stakeholders, focused on improving health outcomes for youth, reducing risk factors, and delaying onset of substance use. She has extensive experience working with community coalitions, conducting community needs assessments, reviewing data, implementing evidence-based programs, and evaluating programs. Ms. Tinder has thorough knowledge of the Strategic Prevention Framework, strategic action planning, survey collection, and program implementation. She also has experience in youth suicide prevention and a passion for working with youth and families. Ms. Tinder holds an MPH, a BA in anthropology, and a BS in community health education.



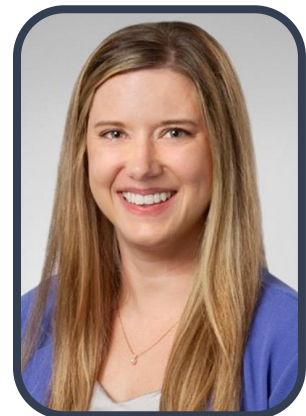
Addie Van Zwoil, MJ, MSW, LCSW

Addie Van Zwoil is Director of Programs with the national School-Based Health Alliance. She has worked in the school-based healthcare field at the local, state, and national level since 2011. As a clinical social worker and manager of behavioral health services at a local school-based health center, she was able to provide direct clinical services and expand behavioral health programming, including introducing alternatives to suspension programs and inclusion of “calm rooms.” Ms. Van Zwoil also served on the Illinois School-Based Health Alliance Steering Committee for several years. She is passionate about working with adolescents and increasing access to mental health care. Ms. Van Zwoil began her career in child welfare and juvenile justice, providing children and families with much-needed support as a case manager, program manager, and therapist.



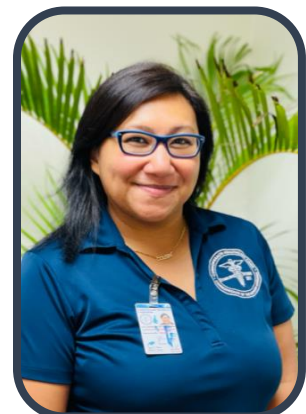
Jenna Wellman, LMSW

Jenna is the newest member of the KSKidsMAP team, serving as Social Worker/Care Coordinator for the program. She graduated from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, in 2014 and has been working as a social worker for 10 years. Jenna worked with children as an adoption social worker with St. Francis Community Services before obtaining her master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas in 2018. Prior to starting with KSKidsMAP, she worked for Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, as a social worker case manager for 6 years, primarily assigned to the trauma team and working in the surgical Intensive Care Unit.



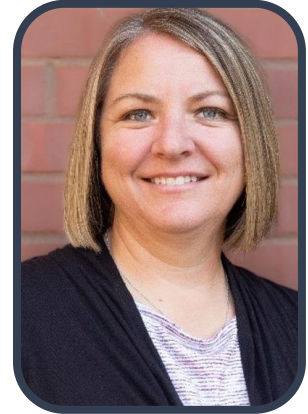
Jackielyn Westbrook, BA

Jackielyn Westbrook is Program Manager for the PMHCA program for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Community Guidance Center (CGC). A year ago, she (and her family) moved back to their island home of Saipan. After 24 years of living overseas, Jackielyn returned home to help serve her island communities. She brought a BA in sociology, 14 years of leadership and management experience, and a passion to give back. Jackielyn is honored and proud to be a member of the CGC and a manager for the PMHCA Program on Saipan. Both entities are designed to help provide access to behavioral health services.



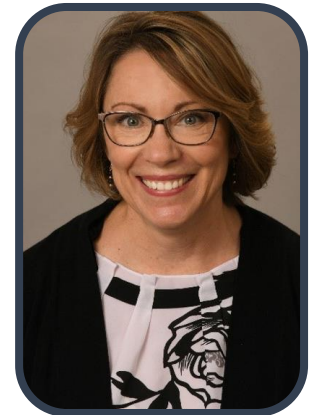
Nicole Wood, MSW, LCSW

Nicole Wood is Senior Program Manager for Behavioral Health Network. She has experience leading internal and external teams to foster positive relationships, drive strategic efforts to achieve high-quality outcomes, and provide day-to-day leadership to program staff. Ms. Wood possesses more than 15 years of experience in direct-practice settings, where she has specialized in supporting the growth and development of programs meeting the needs of individuals, families, and groups experiencing mental and behavioral health conditions. She serves as an adjunct professor at Maryville University and continues to provide clinical licensure supervision. Ms. Woods earned an MSW degree from the University of Utah and completed her undergraduate studies at Eastern Kentucky University.



Susan Young, MD

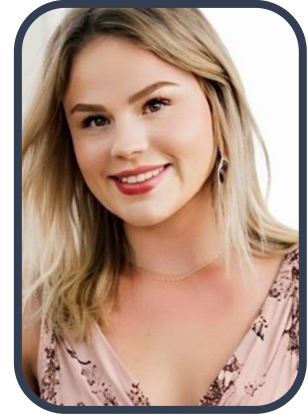
Dr. Susan Young is Associate Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has more than 30 years of research and evaluation experience in child and adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Young has served as the lead evaluator for the Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation & Access Program since the program's inception. She is responsible for designing assessment tools, analyzing data for both internal operations and external funders/partners, and leading quality improvement efforts.



PMHCA Project Officers

Kaitlyn Craig, MA

Kaitlyn Craig holds an MA in interdisciplinary studies in human behavior, Graduate Certificate in thanatology, and BS in human development and family studies. Ms. Craig began working at HRSA as a Pathway Intern in 2019. In 2022, she transitioned from Intern to Project Officer in the Bureau of Health Workforce, Division of Nursing and Public Health, Behavioral and Public Health Branch. Ms. Craig served as Co-Lead of the Public Health Training Center Program and Project Officer for Region 6 of the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professionals. In 2023, she transitioned to the MCHB DMCHWD, where she currently serves as Project Officer for the PMHCA Program.



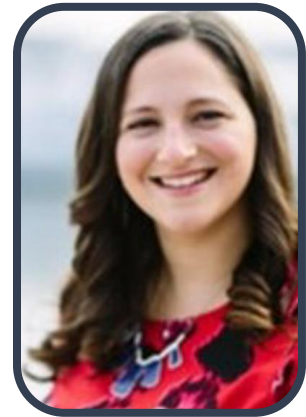
Cara de la Cruz, PhD

Cara de la Cruz is Lead Project Officer and Data Lead for the PMCHA Program in the DMCHWD, MCHB, at HRSA. She has been working on PMHCA since its inception in 2018. Prior to that, Dr. de la Cruz worked at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center on the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative and Accountable Health Communities Model. She was also an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Fellow for the Healthy Start program at MCHB. Dr. de la Cruz received her MPH and PhD in public health from the University of South Florida and BA from the University of Pennsylvania. Her areas of interest include maternal and child mental/behavioral health, social determinants of health, and maternal morbidity and mortality.



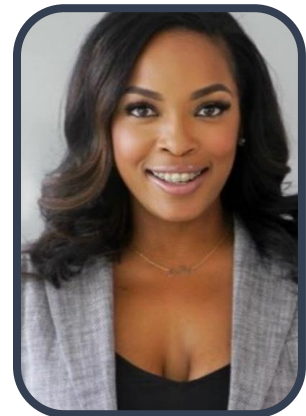
Jordanna Snyder, MPH

Jordanna (Jordy) Snyder has an MPH in prevention and community health from George Washington University and is a CHES-certified health education specialist. Driven by her desire to improve health equity and guarantee access to health care for all, her interest in maternal and child health comes from spending time as an educator in an elementary school science classroom and from working to provide technical support and assistance to school-based health centers at the School-Based Health Alliance. At the MCHB, Jordy is part of the DMCHWD. She is Project Officer for the PMHCA Program, where she supports efforts to strengthen the systems of care for children and youth experiencing mental health challenges. Jordy supports a wide portfolio of PMHCA programs and technical assistance activities.



Patrice Moss, MPH

Patrice Moss is a seasoned public health professional, project manager, and advocate for maternal and child health. With a passion for promoting the well-being of youth and adolescents, she has accumulated over 15 years of experience in project management and grant administration within the realm of adolescent health and youth development programs. Before her tenure at HRSA, Patrice served with the Administration for Children and Families as Program Specialist for the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention program. Her academic background includes a BS in health education, complemented by a minor in education, and an MPH with a concentration in social and behavioral sciences, both earned at the University of Florida. Her research interests have focused on crucial areas such as health equity, equitable access to prevention programs, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention, and health disparities in marginalized communities. Currently, as Public Health Analyst at HRSA's MCHB, DMCHWD, Behavioral Health and Development Branch, PMHCA Program, Patrice serves as Federal Project Officer for eight cooperative agreements. Additionally, she fills the role of Contracting Officer Representative for the Maternal and Child Health Tele-behavioral Health Programs TAIC and National PMHCA Impact Study contracts. Her responsibilities include overseeing TA efforts to enhance program capacity, particularly focusing on facilitating access to behavioral health programs.



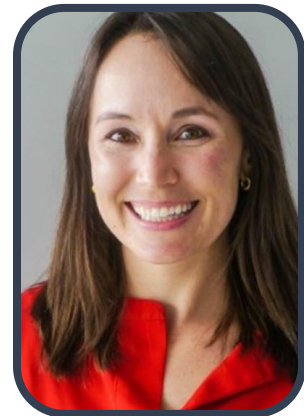
Kelly Hughes, MPH

Kelly Hughes joined the HRSA DMCHWD, MCHB, in 2018. Prior to her time at HRSA, Ms. Hughes served in several roles at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including providing budgetary tracking support for all Zika and Ebola grants and contracts for the CDC Office of Financial Resources. As a HRSA Project Officer, she supports the PMCHA Program and works with the team to provide technical assistance and award oversight of nine active cooperative agreements. Ms. Hughes completed her MPH at the Drexel Dornsife School of Public Health with a concentration in health management and policy. She received her BS in community health education from Virginia Commonwealth University.



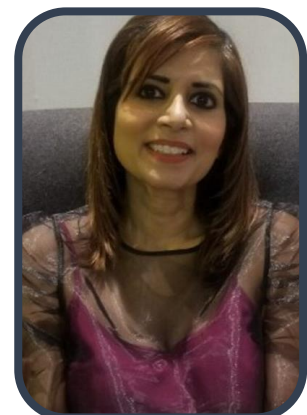
Katherine Gainer, MPH

Katherine (Katie) Gainer joined HRSA in July of 2021 and currently serves as Project Officer for the PMHCA Program within the MCHB. In this role, she provides technical assistance and oversight to nine state programs participating in the cooperative agreement. She is also a member of the data and evaluation team. Prior to joining HRSA, Katie served as a fellow at the CDC, where she worked in program performance and evaluation and spent several months engaged in the COVID-19 pandemic response. Previously, Katie worked at the National SafeCare Training and Research Center within Georgia State University as Research Coordinator and Data Manager for a statewide study comparing the impact of SafeCare services on parents enrolled in drug courts and family treatment courts. She received her MPH with a concentration in biostatistics from Georgia State University.



Madhavi Reddy, MSPH

Ms. Reddy received a BS in biology from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1993. She earned a Master of Science in Public Health in health policy from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 2000. She started her public health career within HRSA's MCHB in 2001 and has worked in the Bureau for over 20 years. During her career, Ms. Reddy has served as Project Officer for several programs, including the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program, the PMHCA Program, and the Leadership Education in Adolescent Health and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities training programs. Currently, Ms. Reddy holds the position of Senior Public Health Analyst in HRSA MCHB.



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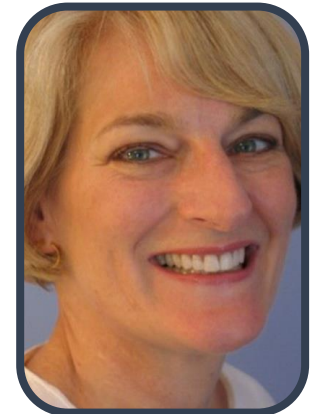
Sonsy Fermín, LCSW

Sonsy Fermín serves as Senior Public Health Analyst in the MCHB DHSPS. In this role, she offers guidance for various initiatives, including the Screening and Treatment for MMHSUD program, the Supporting Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Screening and Intervention program, and the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Capacity program. Sonsy has over 20 years of experience in various roles within the Department of Health and Human Services, including Project Officer, Program Manager, and Designated Federal Official for the Secretary’s National Advisory Council on Migrant Health. Previously, she managed national programs such as Migrant Health, spearheaded LGBTQ+ initiatives, and administered grants to support individuals with mental illness during her time at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Before joining the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Sonsy contributed to the Department of Defense as a civilian, advocating for juvenile justice with the State of Florida’s Department of Juvenile Justice and providing essential support to refugees seeking political asylum in Valencia, Spain.



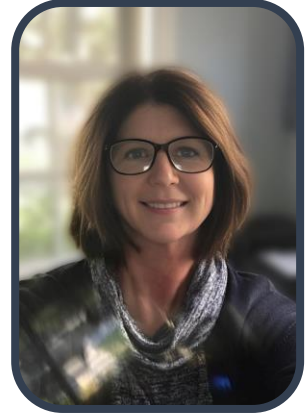
Liane Grayson, MPH, PhD

Dr. Liane Grayson recently joined the Maternal and Women’s Health Branch in the DHSPS. She came to the branch from the Office of Policy and Planning at MCHB, where she worked on the policy team. Prior to joining HRSA, Liane worked at the Center for Medicare, developing payment policies for the Physician Fee Schedule annual rule. She is a certified speech and language pathologist whose work as a home-based early interventionist in the city of Cleveland fueled an interest in poverty and its effects on child health and development. Dr. Grayson worked as an external evaluator at the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development at Case Western Reserve University for several years before moving to the University of South Dakota, where she was a member of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities team that evaluated young children with possible developmental delays living on the Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River, and Rosebud Reservations. In addition to an MPH from the University of Minnesota’s School of Public Health, Liane holds a PhD in communication sciences and disorders from Northwestern University. Her goal is to engage in work that (1) improves the health and well-being of moms and young children and (2) informs health policies.



Diane Tanman, MPH

Diane Tanman serves as Public Health Analyst within the Maternal and Women's Health Branch of the DHSPS at HRSA's MCHB. Diane is Project Lead and Project Officer for the MMHSUD Program as well as Project Officer for the State Maternal Health Innovation Program. Previously, she held the position of Project Officer in HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau and the Bureau of Primary Health Care.



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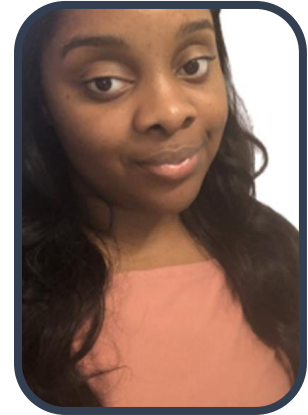
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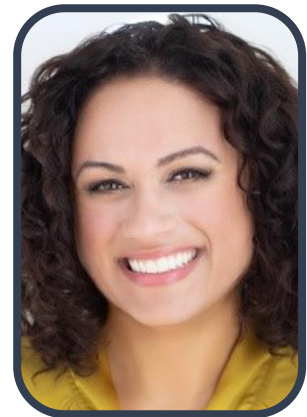
Nafisha Candio, MPHA

Nafisha Candio is a dedicated professional with a multifaceted background in social work and public health administration. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from West Chester University in Pennsylvania, where she developed a strong foundation in understanding and addressing the needs of diverse populations. Building on this, she pursued a master's degree in public health administration and management from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, further enhancing her skills in managing healthcare systems and initiatives. Throughout her career, she has gained invaluable experience working directly with diverse populations in the social services field, implementing macro-level interventions to improve community well-being. Past roles include service coordinator and business analyst at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and positions as product owner and policy analyst for KCare Human Services Software. Currently, she serves as Project Manager at the JBS International, Inc. MCHB TAIC, contributing her expertise to maternal and child health initiatives nationwide.



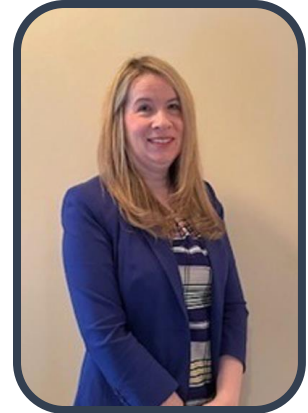
Elizabeth Carr, LPC, NCC, ACS

Elizabeth Carr is a visionary integrated pediatric healthcare subject matter expert with a master's degree in community counseling and over 10 years' experience in pediatric program development, clinical team leadership, and advocacy at the local and state levels. With a background deeply rooted in strategic leadership and innovative problem-solving, Elizabeth has carved her niche as a trusted resource in the healthcare industry. Her journey is marked by a relentless commitment to improving mental health care for children, adolescents, and their families through the development and implementation of cutting-edge curricula. As a sought-after mentor and coach, she champions innovative approaches to mental healthcare delivery. Elizabeth brings a strong foundation in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and a keen eye for strategic planning to the MCBH TAIC team. Through supporting nationwide TA to HRSA-funded PMHCA and MMHSUD programs, Elizabeth continues to shape the landscape of mental health care to create equitable mental health care for all.



Rachel Heitmann, MS

Rachel Heitmann is a public health professional with over 18 years of experience implementing and evaluating maternal and child health (MCH) programs. She has a BA degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin (UW)–Eau Claire and an MS degree in mental health counseling from UW–Stout. Currently, Ms. Heitmann is Project Director for the MCHB TAIC at JBS International, Inc (JBS). In this role, she oversees TA provided to awardees of the PMHCA and MMHSUD programs. Prior to her work at JBS, she was Deputy Director/Section Chief in Family Health and Wellness at the Tennessee Department of Health, where she was responsible for the overall strategic direction and implementation of multiple MCH programs. These included maternal mortality review, child death review, suicide prevention, injury prevention, infant mortality reduction, traumatic brain injury, and prevention of maternal deaths due to violence. Ms. Heitmann has presented at numerous national conferences and meetings, including CityMatCH, Safe States, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), Cribs for Kids, and Centers for Disease Control Vital Signs Town Hall. She has been both a lead author and a co-author on peer-reviewed journal articles with an MCH focus. She has received several honors for her public health work, including the AMCHP Emerging Leader of the Year and CityMatCH communications in public health award, in addition to leading a project that received the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Initiative of the Year award.



Emma Schnabel

Emma Schnabel earned a bachelor's degree in family science with a minor in human development from the University of Maryland, College Park. Since graduating in 2011, she has been an integral part of JBS International, Inc., initially joining the Accounting Department. Throughout her tenure, she gained extensive expertise in payroll processing, contract budgeting, accounts payable, and various other accounting functions. Driven by a passion for public health, particularly behavioral health, Emma eagerly seized the opportunity to contribute to the MCHB TAIC contract. In her current capacity as TA Manager, she endeavors to further her knowledge and skills, committed to making meaningful contributions to her field.



Isha Taylor-Kamara, MPH, PSM, SSM

Isha Taylor-Kamara is a dedicated public health professional with a passion for maternal and child health. Currently based in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, she holds an MPH degree in maternal and child health from Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, and a BS in speech-language pathology from Towson University, Towson, MD. With experience in project management and technical assistance (TA), Isha has been instrumental in various initiatives aimed at improving healthcare outcomes. As Senior TA Manager on the HRSA MCHB TA Innovation Center and Project Manager at JBS International, Inc. (JBS), she collaborates with federal stakeholders like HRSA to address the needs of maternal and child health populations. Her responsibilities include analyzing existing systems, ensuring project deliverables meet quality standards, and maintaining organized documentation. Previously, as Technical Assistance Manager at JBS, Isha led the planning and delivery of high-quality TA to diverse grantees across the nation under the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP). Using her expertise in project management and data analysis, she oversaw logistical planning, maintained record-keeping systems, and managed the agency's RCORP portal. Throughout her career, Isha has demonstrated exceptional leadership, strategic planning, and communication skills. She is dedicated to making a positive impact on community health outcomes and continues to contribute her expertise to various public health initiatives.

