

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
Franklin College, Franklin, IN	B.A.	1975	French / Education
State University of New York at Buffalo, NY	M.Ed.	1978	Early Childhood Development
University of North Carolina, School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC	M.P.H.	1984	Maternal and Child Health

A. Personal Statement

Over the past 35 years, I have worked to advance maternal and child health policy, as a researcher, advocate, and consultant. Reducing the impact of poverty and increasing access to needed services for disadvantaged children and their families has been a career goal throughout my life. My policy expertise encompasses a range of issues, including: perinatal and preconception care; home visiting; early childhood health and development, immunization; oral health; genetics and newborn screening; adolescent health; and services for children with special needs and disabilities. I have been active in health policy at the federal level since 1984 and played an instrumental role in adoption of six successive expansions of Medicaid between 1984 and 1990, revision of the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Program in 1986, creation of the Vaccines for Children Program, and enactment of the State Children's Health Insurance Program in 1997. As staff director or chair for national panels (e.g., National Newborn Screening Task Force, Committee on Perinatal Health/Toward Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy, Select Panel on Preconception Health, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality), I have written analyses and syntheses which led to recommendations and action. In collaboration with states, my work has contributed to: successful implementation of the Maternal Infant and Child Health Home Visiting Program (MIECHV); advances in newborn screening; improved implementation of the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit; improved child health systems, advancement of early childhood mental health initiatives, modernized perinatal regional care policy; restructuring of immunization financing; and other policy and program developments. I have served as a formal policy advisor to more than 40 states and conducted 50-state surveys on six distinct policy topics. My work has consistently included data use and measurement strategies. Child health projects include: conduct of 18 state Leadership Workshops on Title V and EPSDT Collaboration to Improve Child Health (MCHB-HRSA-HHS 2005-2009); consult with the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) project on developmental screening, early childhood mental health, and Part C linkages in Medicaid (Commonwealth Fund, 2003-2008); and direct Project THRIVE the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems policy center at the National Center for Children in Poverty (MCHB-HRSA-HHS 2005-2008). Qualitative and mixed methods case studies of MCH policy have been a core method for my research activities, including an ongoing study of the politics of child health policy from 1977 to the present (originally funded through a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy.) In addition to articles in peer-reviewed journals, my publications include more than 50 white papers and policy reports prepared specifically for organizations, foundations, and policymakers. Prior to my work in public policy, I worked for five years assisting low-income families in early care and education and child development programs, including staff leadership in child care centers, infant-toddler early intervention, and preschool special education/inclusive child care projects.

B. Positions and Honors

Positions and Employment

- 1999-present: President, Johnson Group Consulting, Hinesburg, Vermont.
- 2008–present: Lecturer, Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health and Health Services, George Washington University (GWU), Washington, DC.
- 1998-2016: Research Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School, Lebanon, New Hampshire.
- 2012 Senior Policy Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health Health Resources and Services Administration Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA)
- 2005 - 2008: Director, Project THRIVE (Policy Center for the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative) as a consultant to the National Center for Children in Poverty.
- 1996 - 1997: Senior Research Staff Scientist, Center for Health Policy Research, GWU Washington, DC.
- 1992 - 1996: National Director of Policy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes, Washington, DC.
- 1991 - 1992: Senior Health Policy Advisor, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Washington, DC.
- 1989 - 1991: Director, Health Division, Children's Defense Fund.
- 1987 - 1989: Senior Health Specialist, Children's Defense Fund.
- 1984 - 1987: Health Program Associate, Children's Defense Fund.
- 1982 - 1983: Teacher, Community School for People Under Six, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 1980 - 1982: Assistant Director, Chapel Hill Cooperative Preschool, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 1976 - 1979: Program Director, Trinity Day Care Center, Buffalo, NY.

Honors and Service

- 1987-1988 Consultant, Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee to Study Outreach for Prenatal Care
- 1990-1994 Federally-appointed Member, National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)
- 1991 American Association of Public Health Dentistry, Public Service Award
- 1991-1992 Member, Board of Directors, Partnership for Prevention
- 1994 Member, IOM, Committee on Childhood Immunization
- 1995 Expert consultant, IOM Working Group on Children's Health Insurance
- 1993-2000 National Advisor, All Kids Count project, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 1997-1998 Chair, Maternal and Child Health Section, American Public Health Association
- 1998-1999 Consultant and Member, Newborn Screening Task Force, American Academy of Pediatrics
- 1999-2000 Consultant, IOM, Committee on Immunization Finance Policies and Practices
- 2002-2005 National Advisor, State Oral Health Access, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2003-2005 Consultant, Commonwealth Fund ABCD II: Promoting Healthy Mental Development
- 2005-2013 Co-chair, Select Panel on Improving Preconception Health and Health Care
- 2011 American Public Health Association, Maternal and Child Health Section, Outstanding Leadership and Advocacy Award
- 2012-2013 Member, Center for Medicaid Service (CMS) Expert Panel on Improving Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes in Medicaid and CHIP
- 2014 US HHS-HRSA-Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Director's Award for Leadership in Maternal and Child Health.
- 2015 American Public Health Association, Martha May Eliot Award for achievement in the field of Maternal and Child Health
- 2012-2016 Federally-appointed Chair, US HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
- 2017 Task Force on Perinatal HIV, CityMatCH (in partnership with CDC)

URL to full list of publications:

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