



**THE CENTER FOR PERINATAL ADVOCACY
AT PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL**

FACULTY AND STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Taiwo Ajao, MPH

Research Assistant, Bedtime Basics for Babies

Ms. Taiwo Ajao received her Masters in Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services. She works closely with the principal investigators of the Bedtime Basics for Babies initiative on the evaluation component. She assists with data management and analysis and has been influential in setting up data sharing agreements with the states involved as well as completing required correspondences with various Institutional Review Boards involved.

Maribeth Badura, M.S.N.

Director, Division of Health Start and Perinatal Systems, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

The Healthy Start Initiative focuses on reducing the contributing factors to infant mortality utilizing community-based strategies to serve pregnant and parenting women, infants and their families. Originally in HRSA's Chicago Field Office serving as Nursing Consultant for the Midwest area, Ms. Badura began working with communities applying for the Healthy Start infant mortality reduction demonstration program in April 1991, and served as a project officer for the first communities funded under the Initiative in 1991. In 1993, she relocated to Washington DC as project officer and became Branch Chief in 1995. In 1998, she became Acting Director for the Division and Director in 2004. She has participated in the growth of this initiative from fifteen communities in 1991 to today's 104 communities in 39 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. She recently received the National Perinatal Association's National/International MCH Award, the MCH Director's Achievement Award, and the US Public Health Service's Nursing Professional Advisory Committee Minnegerode Awards for Nursing Excellence (MANE) Gregg Team Award.

Prior to working with the Maternal Child Health Bureau, Ms. Badura worked for the Illinois Department of Health as a Nurse Consultant (1983-86), a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Mt. Sinai Medical Center (1981-83); at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center/Rush College of Nursing (1974-1981) where as a Practitioner Teacher/Asst. Chair, she headed the practice and university MCH activities, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center (1971-1974), and the University of Illinois Medical Center (1969-1971). A member of the Chicago Health Systems Agency Plan Review Committee and the Mayor's Task Force on Women, she was selected to be part of the Illinois' White House Conference on Children where she served as the Chair, Subcommittee on Health for the Chicago Region. Appointed to the State of Illinois's first Maternal Child Block Grant Task Force, she also served on the Governor's Task Force on Children Expert Panel on Health and the Governor's Illinois Commission on Children's Priorities, Committee on Access to Health. An active member of the American Nurses Association, Ms. Badura has served as President of the Illinois Nurses Association, testified before Congress on the uninsured (1984), and chaired several national committees/groups dealing with nurse workforce issues for the American Nurses Association.

Frank Beazley**Director of Pastoral Care, Providence Hospital**

Mr. Beazley came to Providence Hospital March 1st, 2010. He spent a two year stint with St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina and almost four years at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, New York. Prior to that Frank finished his Clinical Pastoral Education at Dalhousie Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia., Canada. Frank has a B.A, in theology and an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry.

Frank is originally from Halifax where he was active in his parish community, having been part of the RCIA program for more than twenty years and a religious education teacher for junior high school students for three years. Frank is married to Fran and they have one daughter, a great son-in-law, and two grandchildren all living in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. As a couple Frank and Fran are truly enjoying their time in the United States meeting a diverse group of individuals and seeing many states. They both have received their Green Card and look forward to ultimately obtaining United States citizenship.

Kim Bullock, MD**Chair, Medical Society of the District of Columbia's Task Force on Family Violence**

Kim Bullock, MD, is Chair of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia's Task Force on Family Violence. She is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center, and at Providence Hospital she is an Emergency Physician and the Principal Investigator for the Emergency Department HIV Testing Program. Dr. Bullock has chaired the MSDC Task Force since 1999 and has given presentations at many national and local conferences, including several at Providence Hospital. She has served as a consultant on many violence-related grants, provided technical assistant and consultation to local and national organizations, and published in the area of family and community violence. As Chair of the Task Force, Dr. Bullock has promoted the education of health care professionals regarding the interrelated influences and consequences of abuse, including the nexus of perinatal health, child development and adolescent violence. She brings a multidisciplinary systems approach to problem-solving and highlights the importance of cross-professional dialogue in improving maternal and child health, and family safety and stability.

Laura Charles-Horne**Director, Healthy Start Healthy Families Home Visiting, Mary's Center**

Laura is the Healthy Start Healthy Families Home Visiting Director. In this role, Laura provides overall management to the city-wide, multidisciplinary home visiting program and ensures the smooth operation and integration of the Mary's Center home visiting program within the Mary's Center Ontario and Collaborative sites. Also licensed as a Family Assessment Worker Core Trainer through Great Kids, Incorporated; she has been an Assessment Trainer since 1998. In 2001, Laura was certified by Great Kids, Incorporated as a Quality Assurance/Technical Assistance Specialist. Prior to her current role, Laura was the program's Assessment Director responsible for the overall management to the outreach and assessment component, evaluation, contact with the national office, and technical assistance to the collaborative sites. She has worked with home visiting since 1996.

Yvette Clinton-Reid, M.D.**DC Infant Mortality Review and Child Fatality Review Committees Co-Chair, Chairman Department of Pediatrics, Providence Hospital**

Dr. Yvette Clinton-Reid is a native Washingtonian who graduated from Howard University College of Medicine and completed a Howard University affiliated Pediatric Residency Program and a Georgetown Affiliated Fellowship in Neonatology. For more than twenty years, Dr. Clinton-Reid was an attending in the Pediatric Department at D.C. General Hospital. From 1993

to 2000 as the Medical Director of the DC Healthy Start Project, she along with Barbara Marshall and Dr. F. Ahmad established protocols and data sets for the current Infant Mortality Review. Currently, Yvette participates in several committees involved with infant and maternal health and co-chairs the DC Infant Mortality Review and Child Fatality Review Committee. Since November 2000, she has been a member of the Providence Hospital family.

Cindy Curtis, RNC, IBCLC, CCE, CD
Registered Nurse, Culpeper Regional Hospital, Culpeper Virginia

Cindy is a Registered Nurse, an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and a Certified Childbirth Educator with PCE, and also a Certified Doula with DONA. Cindy currently works in the Birth Center of a small rural hospital in Virginia, Culpeper Regional Hospital, as a staff nurse. Cindy also runs the Lactation Department, where Medela breastpumps and products are rented and sold. Culpeper Regional Hospital received its Certificate of Intent from Baby Friendly USA in March of 2003 and were awarded Baby Friendly Designation in December 2008. It is the only hospital in Virginia to have such a designation.

Cindy has been married since 1986 and has two wonderful children, born in 1989 and 1991. She breastfed both of them despite the fact that the hospital where she delivered was not supportive or knowledgeable about breastfeeding. While she got off to a bad start, with the help of La Leche League, she persevered and succeeded in nursing her children. It was that difficulty that led her to want to help other moms to breastfed.

Dona Dei
Director of Program Services, National Capital Area Chapter, March of Dimes

Dona Dei is currently the Director of Program Services for the National Capital Area Chapter March of Dimes. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with an undergraduate in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing Care of Children. She is a nurse with over 40 years of experience in neonatal, pediatric, obstetrics and neonatal nursing. She has been employed by the March of Dimes since 1992, working first in Pittsburgh at the West Penn Chapter and since 1995 in Washington DC.

Mrs. Dei has worked in clinical areas in hospitals and well baby clinics and with the EPSDT program. She administers grand funding for the chapter including a \$100,000 annual grant for the DC Mama & Baby Bus – a prenatal/dental unit in wards 1,2,4 and 5 and a \$200,000 grant for three NICU Family Support Project. She administers the prematurity campaign activities for as well as public affairs for these areas along with her colleague Anne Eder. She is a certified bereavement counselor and has been previously certified as a childbirth educator with ICEA. She has also completed a course and is certified as a congregational health nurse. She is currently the parish nurse at Corpus Christi Mission in Loudoun County, VA serving families in that area with health and bereavement services.

Mrs. Dei sits on the DC and NOVA FIMRs, The NOVA Perinatal Council, the VA Commissioner of Health Infant Mortality Collaborative, the DC Perinatal Advisory Board and the Improved Pregnancy Outcome Coalition for Prince George's County. She is also on the March of Dimes national March of Dimes Nursing Advisory Committee (NAC) representing the March of Dimes chapters as an ex-officio member. This is the body that creates the nursing modules. She is a member of AWHONN and has served as the secretary-treasurer for the Virginia Section of AWHONN for 4 years. She is married and she and her husband Don have three grown children and 4 grandsons and a granddaughter.

Anitra Denson, MD

Perinatal Coordinata, HIV/AIDS Administration, DC Department of Health

Dr. Denson serves as the perinatal coordinator for the HIV/AIDS Administration at the DC Department of Health. Her main goal is to work with providers in the community to eliminate perinatal HIV infection in the District. She is trained in Pediatric Infectious Disease and completed her training for Pediatric Infectious Disease at Children's National Medical Center. Dr. Denson received my bachelor's, MD and Master's degree all from The George Washington University.

Sara Donohue, MSW, MPH

March of Dimes NICU Family Support Specialist, Inova Fairfax Hospital

Sara Donahue, MSW, MPH has been the March of Dimes NICU Family Support Specialist at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children since the project began at that site in 2007. In addition to her current work with NICU families, Sara has worked as a hospital perinatal social worker and conducted family interviews for the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team in San Diego, CA. Sara is a graduate NICU parent as her daughter was born early following several weeks in a high risk perinatal unit. Prior to working for the March of Dimes, Sara coordinated the Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) Program which provides comprehensive criminal justice support, advocacy and counseling services for survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. Sara received a Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health with a specialization in maternal and child health from San Diego State University. Her undergraduate work in Psychology was completed at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC.

Mario Drummonds, MS, LCSW, MBA

Executive Director/CEO, Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, Inc. (NMPP, Central Harlem Healthy Start, Principle Investigator

Mr. Mario Drummonds is the Executive Director/CEO of the Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, Inc., a Harlem-based maternal and child health agency working to improve the health status of pregnant and parenting women in Northern Manhattan. NMPP is the grantee agency for the Central Harlem Healthy Start Program.

His twenty-nine years of professional experience ranges in the areas of program administration and planning. He brings to the table experiences with child welfare theory, practice and policy development, maternal & child health, social marketing, information technology and public policy development. Over the last twelve years, Mr. Drummonds diversified NMPP's funding base and grew the agency from three small MCH programs and a \$800,000 annual budget to an agency with a \$10 million dollar budget, six sites, nearly 145 staff members and twenty-three funded programs.

Mr. Drummonds has traveled the nation assisting other Healthy Start projects and state governments to develop sustainability strategies and plans, worked with them to prepare their competitive Healthy Start applications and lectures on the theory and practice of building a public health social movement locally to decrease racial disparities in birth outcomes by building *MCH Life Course Organizations*. He is a member of the faculty at HRSA's Quality Institute and a faculty member of the National Healthy Start Association Leadership Institute. HRSA has designated the Central Harlem Healthy Start program as a center of excellence in MCH service delivery while achieving outstanding birth outcomes.

Mr. Drummonds completed his graduate education at Columbia University within the Schools of Social Work and Business Administration in 1980. Mr. Drummonds graduated from the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program in the summer of 2004 at the John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA. He has the ability to blend the best

practices within the business, public health and social service fields to transform the lives of his clients and advance the social-economic development of his community. Mr. Drummonds is the winner of the 2008 Johnson & Johnson Community Healthcare Improvement Project (CHIP) Award for his 2004 marketing plan that successfully expanded market share at Harlem Hospital's new birthing center.

Mr. Drummonds received an award from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services in 1996 for his work in reducing infant mortality in Central Harlem. Today in Central Harlem the infant mortality rate is 6.1 deaths per one thousand live births in 2008. In 1990, this community's infant mortality rate was 27.7 deaths. NMPP now has embarked on a campaign to reduce the low birth weight rate in Central Harlem and address the mental health needs of pregnant and parenting mothers by developing NMPP's Harlem Maternal Mental Health Training Institute.

Gabriela A. Garcia

Perinatal Coordinator, Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital

Gabriela A. Garcia is the Perinatal Coordinator for the Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital, whose mission is to provide leadership in order to strengthen families in the District of Columbia through education, advocacy, and service to safeguard the health and well being of mothers and their infants. The Center for Perinatal Advocacy is a catalyst for innovative maternal and infant best practices focusing on education, outreach, and improving birth outcomes with the goal of decreasing infant mortality.

Prior to Providence Hospital, Gabriela was a health policy analyst at the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (the NGA Center). Her major professional interests have included: public health, chronic disease prevention, disease management, mental health, maternal and children's health. Ms. Garcia primary work included the maternal and child health portfolio and the HRSA MCHB grant which funded the work of the NGA Center's work among gubernatorial offices and maternal and child health. Ms. Garcia also headed the NGA Center's mental health portfolio. Ms. Garcia was with the NGA Center from 2004 to 2009.

Prior to NGA, Ms. Garcia worked as: a research assistant, a legislative correspondent, and a staff assistant to US Senator Robert F. Bennett advising on social policy and appropriations including: K-12 and higher education policies, health care, welfare, and the arts; as staff for US Congressman Pat Toomey; an Area Coordinator for the Office of Residential Life at Dartmouth College; a legislative intern and researcher for the Utah State Legislature. Ms. Garcia attended Dartmouth College, graduating with a major in American Government and International Government with a concentration in International Trade relations and a minor in Religion. Her publications include: *Creating Healthy States: Building Healthy Schools* and *The Maternal and Child Health Update: A survey of States in 2006, 2007, and 2008*.

Fern Johnson-Clarke, PhD

Sr. Deputy Director for the Center for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, DC Department of Health

Fern Johnson-Clarke, PhD has had over 19 years of employment in the District of Columbia government. She currently serves as a Sr. Deputy Director for the Center for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, Department of Health. She has works in the area of infant mortality, pregnancy and birth outcomes, abortion, minority health research, and Healthy People. Dr. Johnson-Clarke also teaches courses in research methods and statistics. She holds a PhD in Biological Psychology and a minor in Research Methods and Statistics from Howard University.

Debra J. Keith, CNM, MS

Director, Center for Life, Providence Hospital

Debra J. Keith, CNM, MS is the Director of the Center for Life (CFL) at Providence Hospital. The Center for Life provides gynecology and obstetric services to women in the Washington metropolitan area regardless of their ability to pay. Last year CFL served over 1100 new obstetric patients. In July 2007, the CenteringPregnancy® program was started in CFL and to date has served over 800 women. The CenteringPregnancy® at Providence Hospital received recognition from the Centering Healthcare Institute in October 2008 as an approved Centering site for meeting or exceeding all standards for the model. The CFL/Centering program was also one the 5 national finalists for the 18th annual Walter E. Trout Premier Cares Award which recognizes innovative community based programs that serve medically disadvantaged populations.

Lorraine Lathen

President, Jump at the Sun Consultants, LLC

Lorraine Lathen is a health advocate with the bulk of her career centered on public health and social marketing. She has spent nearly twenty years providing technical direction to family planning, HIV/AIDS education, and child health initiatives in developing countries and the United States.

Ms. Lathen has lived and worked in Africa where she provided technical support to USAID-sponsored health communication projects. She has engaged in community-based, participatory research on a number of health related topics such as teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, smoking cessation, domestic violence, infant mortality, and health disparities.

Ms. Lathen has served as the Co-Chair of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health's Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative Steering and was recently selected to lead the Wisconsin Partnership Program's effort to improve infant mortality rates in the cities of Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Beloit. As the Co-Investigator on the HRSA-funded ABCs for Healthy Families Project, she supports the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes. In July 2010, Ms. Lathen was appointed by the State of Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council to serve as a public member of the Special Committee on Infant Mortality. The Committee is directed to study the cause of infant mortality in Wisconsin and develop a strategic proposal to address infant mortality in Wisconsin.

Ms. Lathen is passionate about her work and most satisfied in knowing that she has helped to uplift and improve the well being of others. She works to support initiatives that are focused on building a world of hope, tolerance, and social justice, where everyone lives in dignity and has an equal opportunity to be healthy. Her firm is committed to supporting the efforts of public and private sector agencies as they "Jump at the Sun" to improve health outcomes and increase healthy equity in disadvantaged communities.

Ms. Lathen holds a Bachelor of Art's Degree in Political Science and French from Marquette University and a Master's Degree in International Affairs from American University in Washington, D.C.

Mirna Lexima

Director, Perry Family Health Center

Ms. Lexima is Director of the Perry Family Health Center, which provides a full range of quality primary care and specialty health services for every member of the family, from infants to older adults or geriatrics. The Physicians, Medical Students, Nursing Students and other healthcare professionals at Perry Family provide personalized care focused on preventative medicine. The team of healthcare professionals strive to help families care for themselves and stay healthy

through regular appointments, immunizations, screening tests, and information on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The staff works closely together to ensure that full access to healthcare is available to meet patient needs.

Ms. Lexima has also served as Pediatric Clinical Faculty at Marymount University for the past seven years, is a Health Care Consultant for the Kennedy Institute home based Head Start Program and is a preceptor and mentor of APRN students for the local universities and colleges in the Washington DC area. Her work previous to Perry Family Medical Center includes: several positions over nine years at Inova Fairfax Hospital, a Pediatric Primary Care Nurse in NICU, PICU, a Peds med-surg and Hem-Onc, a charge Nurse and Supervisor Peds Med-Surg, and Resource Nurse and Admit Nurse Peds Cardiac and Respiratory units.

Ms. Lexima received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Hunter College of the City University of New York, a Master of Science in Nursing from George Mason University and is currently working on pursuing a doctorate in nursing education.

Mathew R. Lukasiak

Vice President, Mission Integration, Providence Hospital

Matt Lukasiak joined Providence Hospital as vice president, Mission Integration in 2007. Providence is a ministry of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic and not-for-profit health care system. Located in northeast Washington, DC, Providence has operated continuously for nearly 150 years. Operations are located in a 385-bed hospital, a 250-bed nursing home, community-based clinics and senior wellness centers.

As vice president, Mission Integration, Matt oversees clinical ethics, community benefit and charity care, Spiritual Care, and leadership formation/workplace spirituality. The vice president, Mission Integration, assists hospital leadership in fostering all the genuine expressions of Catholic, faith-based healthcare.

Matt is from western Pennsylvania and brings to his current work diverse experiences in Catholic education, ministry, and organizational/human resource development. Prior to joining Providence, Matt worked at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring in organizational and mission effectiveness. Matt has a B.A. from Gannon University, a Master of Divinity from Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, New York and a M.Ed. from Pennsylvania State University.

Matt's passion in Catholic health care is sparked by the intersection of a challenging social/economic environment and the women religious' vision of a dynamic experience in Catholic health care. In addition to the traditional elements of the mission leader role, Matt leads efforts to enhance the healing environment at Providence through "pastoral art," expand clinical and pastoral services to HIV/AIDS patients, introduce leadership formation and advocating for improved services for the homeless. Matt also plays a role in convening a community conversation about teen pregnancy.

Matt lives in Silver Spring and has community and volunteer involvement through Food and Friends, the DC Central Kitchen, the National Park Service, St. Matthew Cathedral and projects for homeless youth and adult literacy. Being from western Pennsylvania, Matt has a great interest in sports and is a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers' fan.

Sahira A. Long, MD, FAAP

President, DC Breastfeeding Coalition, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, George Washington University School of Medicine

Dr. Sahira Long is a board certified pediatrician. She is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Medicine, where she currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. She works as a community pediatrician for Children's National Medical Center in medically underserved SE Washington, DC. She also completed her General Pediatric Internship and Residency at Children's National. She has served as president of the DC Breastfeeding Coalition since its inception in 2004. She has been involved in breastfeeding advocacy on the national, state and local level.

Marian MacDorman, Ph.D.

Senior Statistician, Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Marian MacDorman, Ph.D. is a senior statistician in the Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. She has published extensively on topics such as fetal, infant and perinatal mortality, preterm birth, cesarean section, induction of labor, and cause of death analysis (with an emphasis on SIDS, and preterm-related causes of death). During her tenure at NCHS she has been the manager of the fetal death file, the linked birth-infant death file, and NCHS project officer for the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B). Marian is currently an American Public Health Association (APHA) Governing Councilor for the MCH section.

Rosalind Oden

Health Educator, Children's National Medical Center

Rosalind Oden, a trained Health Educator became a member of the Children's National Medical Center family many moons ago. For several years she has been fulfilling her desire to serve as a trained Health Educator for the Goldberg Center for Community Pediatrics with her primary focus being Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). She educates parents, families, childcare providers and healthcare professionals about risk reduction practices and how we can keep babies safe.

Rosalind's goal has always been to improve health outcomes for children regionally, nationally and internationally. She works diligently to enhance excellence in care, advocacy, research and education to meet the needs of children, families and healthcare professionals.

Rosalind is honored to be on the SIDS Outreach Project with Dr. Rachel Y. Moon a leading expert in SIDS research. Rosalind was both a teen and single mother, which enables her to understand how concerned families can be with a new baby in the family, and what challenges parents might be facing with the variety information available today. Her education and life experiences have also forged professional partnerships both locally and internationally giving her opportunities to learn and share ideas to best serve all communities in efforts to reduce the risk of infant mortality.

Rosalind is a member of the District of Columbia Infant Mortality Review Committee as well as the First Candle National SIDS and Infant Death Support Center African American Faith-Based Bereavement Initiative. She also partners with the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education Professional Development Unit, to train the licensed childcare providers about SIDS risk reduction and infant safety. When asked what she does for enjoyment Rosalind tells us that she enjoys gardening, working on her home, spending quality time with family and friends and educating the community about saving babies' lives.

Sara Parker, MD

Staff Physician, Washington Hospital Center and Unity Health Care

Dr. Parker is an obstetrician/gynecologist by training, with interests in adolescents and HIV. She attended medical school at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She subsequently completed her Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is currently a staff physician with Washington Hospital Center Department of Women's and Infants' Services, seeing patients at Unity Health Care clinics in northeast DC. She also sees HIV infected pregnant women at Washington Hospital Center.

Beverly Roberson Jackson, Ed. D.

Associate, Family Voices of DC,

Beverly Jackson served as an analyst in the Early Care and Education Administration, (ECEA), within the District of Columbia Government. Her area of specialty is child health. She developed coordination agreements between health agencies and the ECEA. She directed the Healthy Kids DC project and for the past few years has served as Service Learning Faculty at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

The ten years preceding her position as analyst she directed the District of Columbia Head Start State Collaboration Office. Her focus at that time was securing a range of comprehensive health and social services for low-income children. Prior to joining the ECEA staff, Ms. Jackson was the Director of Public Policy at ZERO TO THREE, the National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families. She worked with staff and members of Congress, staff of the Executive branch of government and other advocates to translate the most recent research on the needs of infants, toddlers and their families into public policy.

In the early 1990's Ms. Jackson was Senior Policy Analyst at the National Black Child Development Institute where she developed and maintained a national advocacy network on national legislation in child care, child welfare and access to health services.

Ms. Jackson's publications include: "A History of Social Policy in the United States" in Putting Children First Elizabeth Irwin, Ed. Brookes Publishing 1996; If They Need Special Care, Washington, DC Office of Early Childhood Development, 1992; Action Agenda for Children: Expansion of Comprehensive Child Care Services, with Dolores Odom, National Black Child Development Institute, 1991; Shaping Public Policy for Children and Families, National Black Child Development Institute, Washington, DC 1990; Families in Crisis, Word and Life Books, Graded Press, 1985. Ms. Jackson has received the following honors and awards: National Head Start Fellowship (2005-2006), National Governors Association/ZERO TO THREE Fellowship (2001-2006), Columbia University Teacher's College Fellowship (1973-1977), Who's Who in America (Marquis) (2001-2007). Ms. Jackson holds a Doctorate of Education from Columbia University; a Masters of Education from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts from Colorado Women's College.

Carol A. Ryan

Registered Nurse, Georgetown University Hospital

Carol is a Registered Nurse of 43 years, Clinical Manager of the Parenting & Lactation Services at Georgetown University Hospital since 1997. She has been an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant since 1989, a member and Fellow of the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA), and sits on the US Breastfeeding Committee as the representative of the US Lactation Consultant Association. She has been dedicated and committed to the mothers and infants of the District of Columbia as her stake in the future.

Anjali Talwalkar, MD, MPH

**Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Health Administration, DC
Department of Health**

As Deputy Director for Policy and Programs for the Community Health Administration, Dr. Anjali Talwalkar develops policy and programs that support the Administration's efforts to develop an integrated community-based health delivery system that ensures access to preventive and primary health care. Consequently, she administers the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and provides oversight and direction to all programs within the administration that are designed to improve the health status of women, particularly those of reproductive age, and infants and children including those with special health care needs. She provides direct oversight of the operations of the Perinatal and Infant Health Bureau and the Child, Adolescent and School Health Bureau, areas within the administration most focused on maternal and child health needs. She also supervises the staff of the Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau, where linkages with WIC, Breast Feeding and Supplemental Nutrition Education are established to service the maternal/child population, and the Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease. Prior to her role at the DC Department of Health, she worked at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Harlem District Public Health Office. Dr. Talwalkar is board-certified in preventive medicine and public health.

Michael D. Thompson

Vice President, Planning, Marketing, and Government Relations, Providence Hospital

Michael Thompson represents Providence Hospital on the DC Hospital Association's Government Relations/Financial Policy Committee (GR/FP). In this role, he assists in developing positions on legislative and financial policy matters before legislative or executive branches of the DC government. He also represents the hospital at the American Hospital Association government affairs meetings and serves on Ascension Health's Leadership Access Group. In this role he collaborates with other Government Relations leaders to advance AH's legislative agenda toward 100% access and 100% coverage. In addition to his role in Planning, Marketing and Government Relations at Providence, Michael serves as an adjunct professor in the undergraduate Health Care Administration department at the University of Maryland-University College.