

The Board on Children, Youth, and Families

BCYF 2015 Members' Biographies

Angela Diaz, MD, MPH (*chair*), is the Jean C. and James W. Crystal Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. After earning her medical degree in 1981 at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, she completed her post-doctoral training at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1985 and subsequently received a Master in Public Health from Harvard University.

Dr. Diaz is the Director of the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center, a unique program that provides comprehensive, integrated, interdisciplinary primary care, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, dental services and health education services to teens—all for free. The Center has an emphasis on wellness and prevention. Under her leadership the Center has become the largest adolescent specific health center in the U.S., serving each year more than 12,000 thousand vulnerable and disadvantaged youth, including those who are sexually exploited and trafficked. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Aid Society of New York. Dr. Diaz has been a White House Fellow, a member of the Food and Drug Administration Pediatric Advisory Committee, and a member of the National Institutes of Health State of the Science Conference on Preventing Violence and Related Health Risk Social Behaviors in Adolescents. In 2003, Dr. Diaz chaired the National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism for the Department of Health and Human Services. She was elected in 2008 as a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. In 2009, Dr. Diaz was appointed by Mayor M. Bloomberg to the New York City Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Runaway and Homeless Youth Taskforce. Dr. Diaz is active in public policy and advocacy in the U.S. and has conducted many international health projects in Asia, Central and South America, Europe and Africa. She is a frequent speaker at conferences throughout the country and around the world.

Shari Barkin, M.D., M.S.H.S. is the William K. Warren Foundation Chair and Professor of Pediatrics, Director of Pediatric Obesity Research in the Diabetes Research and Training Center, and Chief of General Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She studies family-based community centered clinical interventions to measurably reduce pediatric obesity during critical windows of childhood development. Research focuses on changing early growth trajectories in childhood, applying the ecologic model that considers the child in the context of their family, and the family in the context of their community. Studies utilize a micro- to macro-level systems conceptual model that examines the interaction between behavior, environment and genetics. She is an NIH-funded researcher in the area of injury prevention and obesity prevention and early intervention. She conducted the first intervention trial in the Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS) Network testing the effectiveness of office-based youth violence prevention, including more than 200 providers and close to 5,000 families. More recently, she has conducted interventional trials to prevent and treat childhood obesity, with attention to health disparities, working with minority populations. Currently, she is conducting a 7 year randomized controlled trial to prevent childhood obesity, the Growing Right Onto Wellness (GROW) Trial funded by NHLBI and NICHD. She received her M.D. from the University of Cincinnati, completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars fellowship in Health Services Research at UCLA.

Thomas F. Boat, M.D., is vice president for health affairs and Christian R. Holmes professor and dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati. He is also a professor in the Department of Pediatrics. A pediatric pulmonologist by training, Dr. Boat worked early in his career to define the pathophysiology of airway dysfunction and more effective therapies for chronic lung diseases of childhood, such as cystic fibrosis. More recently he has worked at local and national levels to improve research efforts, subspecialty training and clinical care delivery. He has a special interest in issues posed by children's behavioral health to pediatric care. Dr. Boat is a member of the Institute of Medicine, and recently served as chair of the IOM Committee on Accelerating Rare Diseases Research and Orphan Products Development, as well as vice chair of the BCYF Committee on Prevention of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse Among

Children, Youth, and Young Adults. He currently chairs the IOM Committee on Pediatric Studies conducted under BPCA and PREA. He received an M.D. from the University of Iowa.

W. Thomas Boyce, M.D., is Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco. He serves as Co-Director of the Child and Brain Program of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, is a member of the Institute of Medicine, and has served on Harvard University's National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. As a social epidemiologist and a developmental-behavioral pediatrician, his research addresses how genetic, neural and psychosocial processes work together to produce inequalities in childhood health and disease across different socioeconomic groups. His work has shown how psychological stress and neurobiological reactivity to aversive social contexts interact to produce disorders of both physical and mental health in populations of children. Dr. Boyce completed his baccalaureate degree in philosophy and psychology at Stanford University and an MD at Baylor College of Medicine. He then did pediatric residency training at the University of California, San Francisco and was named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Prior to his recent appointment at UCSF, he spent seven years as the BC Leadership Chair in Child Development at the University of British Columbia.

David A. Brent, M.D., is academic chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, and professor of psychiatry, pediatrics, and epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. His work has focused on the risk factors, genetics, treatment, and prevention of adolescent suicide and depression. His work has helped to clarify the role of firearms, substance abuse, and affective disorders as risk factors for youth suicide, familial and genetic aspects of suicide, and the use of cognitive behavior therapy and antidepressants for the treatment and prevention of depression and suicidal behavior. He co-founded and now directs Services for Teens at Risk (STAR), a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-funded program for suicide prevention, education of professionals, and the treatment of at-risk youth and their families. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and most recently served on the Planning Committee to Organize a Workshop on CNS Clinical Trials: Suicidality and Data Collection. He received an M.D. from Thomas Jefferson University Medical College and an M.S. Hyg. from University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health.

David Britt, M.P.A., retired from Sesame Workshop, a world leader in young children's education through media after 10 years as CEO, and 8 years as COO. His public service included the US Agency for International Development, US Overseas Private Investment Corporation and US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Britt is Board Chair of the Education Trust, which works for education equality and excellence pre-K through college, and serves on the board of the US Educational Delivery Institute, which helps state educational institutions set and deliver quality education to all students. He is a board member of the Public Goods Project, which is dedicated to promoting a culture of health in the U.S., and other public interest goals. He also serves on the board finance committee of INMED Partnerships for Children, which operates community programs for children in South America, Africa and the U.S. Britt served on the I.O.M. Committees on Food Marketing to Children, Obesity Prevention in Young Children, and Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention. He has been a consultant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on obesity prevention. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University, and later served as a Trustee. Britt earned an M.P.A. from Harvard's Kennedy School. He and his wife, Sue Cushman, live on Amelia Island, FL, and in Old Saybrook, CT.

Debbie I. Chang, M.P.H., Debbie Chang, MPH is Vice President of Policy and Prevention at Nemours Foundation where she is leveraging expertise and innovating to spread what works through national policy and practice changes with the goal of impacting the health and well-being of children nationwide. She serves as a Corporate Officer of Nemours, an operating Foundation focused on children's health and health care. Previously at Nemours, Ms. Chang was the founding Executive Director of Nemours Health & Prevention Services, an operating division devoted to improving children's health through a comprehensive multi-sector, place-based model in Delaware (DE). Strategic initiatives include spreading and scaling Nemours' early care and education learning collaborative approach to obesity prevention through an up to \$20 million cooperative agreement with the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); working with Federal partners on integrating population health and clinical care and providing strategic direction on Nemours' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Health Care Innovation Challenge award that integrates

population health and the medical home for children with asthma in 3 primary care pilot sites in DE; and collaborating with the First Lady's Let's Move! Campaign on Let's Move Child Care, a website that Nemours created and hosts. Ms. Chang has over 26 years of federal and state government and private sector experience in the health field. She has worked on a range of key health programs and issues including Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Medicare, Maternal and Child Health, national health care reform, and financing coverage for the uninsured. Ms. Chang holds a Master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of Michigan School Of Public Health and a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Patrick H. DeLeon, Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., is the distinguished professor of health care policy and research at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences with joint appointments at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine and the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing. Dr. DeLeon is former chief-of-staff to U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye whom he served for over 38 years. He also is on the faculty of the University of Hawaii School of Law, as a visiting professor. Dr. DeLeon has received more than 60 national awards for his contributions to multiple disciplines, including the fields of psychology, nursing, medicine, social work and public health. He is a national past president of the American Psychological Association and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine. He received his M.P.H. from UH Manoa, a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Purdue University, and a J.D. from Catholic University of America.

Elena Fuentes-Afflick, M.D., M.P.H., is professor of pediatrics, epidemiology, and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, Chief of Pediatrics at San Francisco General Hospital and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Her expertise is in health outcomes of Latinos, particularly the role of acculturation on health outcomes. Dr. Fuentes-Afflick has conducted research studies focused on the role of acculturation on body mass outcomes in Latina women and their children. She is also interested in the portrayal of body mass images in Latino television media, principally in telenovelas. Dr. Fuentes-Afflick is a member of the Institute of Medicine. She received her M.D. from University of Michigan and her M.P.H. in epidemiology from University of California, Berkeley.

Eugene E. García, Ph.D., is a professor emeritus at University of California, Berkeley and Arizona State University. From 1993-1995, he served as a senior officer in the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. García has published extensively in the area of language teaching and bilingual development and conducts research in the areas of effective schooling for linguistically and culturally diverse student populations. In May 2011 he received an honorary doctorate from Erikson Institute, Chicago, in recognition of his contributions to the area of child development. Dr. García has served on numerous IOM and NRC committees, most recently the BCYF Committee on Developmental Outcomes and Assessments for Young Children. He received a Ph.D. in human development from the University of Kansas.

J. David Hawkins, Ph.D., endowed professor of prevention and founding director of the Social Development Research Group in the School of Social Work at University of Washington. His research focuses on understanding and preventing child and adolescent health and behavior problems. He seeks to identify risk and protective factors for health and behavior problems across multiple domains; to understand how these factors interact in the development or prevention of problem behaviors; and to test comprehensive prevention strategies which seek to reduce risk through the enhancement of strengths and protective factors in families, schools, peer groups and communities. Dr. Hawkins is the co-developer of the "Communities That Care" prevention system, the Guiding Good Choices, Preparing for School Success, and Staying Connected with Your Teen parenting programs, and co-developer of the Social Development Model, a theory which provides a foundation for positive development and delinquency and drug abuse prevention. He was a member of the IOM Committee on Prevention of Mental Disorders that produced the report Reducing Risks for Mental Disorders: Frontiers for Preventive Intervention Research. He received a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University.

Jeffrey W. Hutchinson, M.D., is a Colonel in the U.S. Army currently serving as the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences - "America's Medical School". As a 1989 West Point graduate and UCSF alumni his military and medical career has included assignments around the world. He has practiced in every aspect of pediatric and young adult health from infant to soldier care, from training in Hawaii to running a pediatric outpatient service in Germany. Fellowship trained in Adolescent Medicine at the Triservice military program in San Antonio, he has been an advocate of education and

young adult health with publications in the Journal of Pediatrics, the Journal of Military Medicine, and the Journal of Adolescent Health. As a combat veteran and member of humanitarian and population health teams, Dr. Hutchinson has experienced the responsibilities and emotions of deployment and has the first-hand knowledge of family issues with deployment and illness. His current assignment is a calling to increase the diversity in medicine and the appreciation of the adolescent learner.

Jacqueline Jones, Ph.D., is the President and CEO of the Foundation for Child Development. She served as Senior Advisor on Early Learning to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and as the country's first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning in the US Department of Education. Prior to federal service Dr. Jones was the Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Early Childhood Education in the New Jersey State Department of Education. For over 15 years she served as a Senior Research Scientist at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton. Dr. Jones has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a full-time faculty member at the City University of New York.

Ann S. Masten, Ph.D., LP, is the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development and Distinguished McKnight University Professor in the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on understanding processes that promote competence and prevent problems in human development, with a focus on adaptive processes and pathways, developmental tasks and cascades, and resilience in the context of high cumulative risk, adversity, and trauma. She directs the Project Competence studies of risk and resilience, including studies of normative populations and high-risk young people exposed to war, natural disasters, poverty, homelessness, and migration. Dr. Masten currently serves on the U.S. National Committee of Psychology and the Governing Council of the Society for Research in Child Development (President April 2011-13; Past-President April 2013-15). She co-chairs the new IOM Forum on Investing in Young Children Globally and previously served on the BCYF Committee on the Impact of Mobility and Change on the Lives of Young Children, Schools, and Neighborhoods. She completed her Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Minnesota and her clinical psychology internship at UCLA.

Velma McBride Murry, Ph.D., is the Betts chair of education and human development in the Peabody School at Vanderbilt University. Her work has focused on the significance of context in studies of African-American families and youth, particularly the impact of racism on family functioning. This research has elucidated the dynamics of this contextual stressor in the everyday life of African Americans and the ways in which family members buffer each other from the impact of the external stressors that cascade through African-American lives. Dr. McBride Murry is PI of The Strong African American Families Program (SAAF - 2R01-MH 63043), a universal RCT prevention trial designed to deter HIV-related risk behavior among rural African American youth. She is currently testing a RCT of the Computer-Based HIV Prevention Program for Rural Africans, Pathways to African American's Success (PAAS, 5R01-MH 63043) to determine the efficacy and viability of a technology-driven, interactive family-based preventive intervention as a delivery modality for rural families. Prior to joining the Vanderbilt faculty in 2008, Dr. Murry was professor of child and family development and co-director of the Center of Family Research in the Institute for Behavioral Research at the University of Georgia. She received a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Bruce S. McEwen, Ph.D., is Alfred E. Mirsky professor at Rockefeller University and the Harold and Margaret Milliken Hatch Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology. His work focuses on structural and functional changes in the brain with implications for understanding the impact of stress on the brain, sex differences in human brain function, Alzheimer's disease, depressive illness, posttraumatic stress disorder and the aging process. He studies cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the effects of stress and sex hormones on neurogenesis, synaptogenesis and dendritic remodeling in the hippocampal region of the adult and developing brain. Dr. McEwen is a past president of the Society for Neuroscience. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine and has served on over 10 Academies committees. He is the recipient of the Gold Medal award from the Society for Biological Psychiatry, the Pasarow Award in Neuropsychiatry, the Dale Medal of the British Endocrine Society, the Goldman-Rakic Prize for Cognitive Neuroscience from the National Alliance for Research for Schizophrenia and Depression, and the Karl Spencer Lashley Award from the American Philosophical Society. He received his Ph.D. in cell biology from Rockefeller University.

Martin J. Sepúlveda, M.D., FACP, FAAP, is an IBM Fellow, IOM Member and Vice President of Health Systems and Policy Research in the Research Division of IBM Corporation. He collaborates in research with a diverse global team of computational, informatics, and other IBM scientists to advance population health improvement through health systems and health care innovation in cities . Previously, he served as IBM vice president for integrated health services and led in the areas of health policy and strategy, health benefits and clinical care program design, occupational and behavioral health, wellness, safety, and productivity for IBM globally. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Preventive Medicine, and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He was elected an honorary member of the American Academy of Family Medicine, has served on the IOM's Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice, and currently serves on the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation and the Council on Health Research for Economic Development. Dr. Sepúlveda received his M.D. and M.P.H. degrees from Harvard University. He completed residencies in internal medicine at the UCSF Hospitals and occupational/environmental medicine at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; trained in the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and completed a fellowship in internal medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Taha E. Taha, M.B.B.S., M.C.M., M.P.H., Ph.D., is Professor of Epidemiology and Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Taha is a physician with extensive training and experience in infectious diseases, community medicine, public health, and demography. He is the principal investigator of the Malawi Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) – NIH funded large consortium encompassing multiple institutions (2006-present). He has also been the principal investigator of the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN), HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) and HIVNET (1996-2006). He is extensively involved in HIV research in sub-Saharan Africa. His main interests are prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and study of the impact of HIV and other communicable diseases on child and maternal morbidity and mortality in developing countries. In addition to research, Dr. Taha has been involved in training of African scientists and development of health research capacity in several African countries.