

Speaker Biographies

Eric Aakko

Eric Aakko is the Program Coordinator of the Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership of Boulder County Public Health. He has over 15 years work experience at the state and local government level; building public-private relationships to improve health, communication, and training. He has work experience in Canada, United States, and Asia.

Eileen Auer Bennett

Eileen Auer Bennett-MBA is the State Coordinator of the Assuring Better Child Health & Development (ABCD) Project. She is a parent advisor on the Denver Options Family Support Council. Her background includes 15 years of working with families and children in early intervention. In addition to her work with families, she has an extensive background in corporate and non profit project management. Eileen's educational background includes a BS degree from the University of Colorado and a master's degree from Regis University.

Kris Barnes

Kris Barnes, in her 35th year of nursing practice, has focused mainly on community health and maternal child nursing areas. Her experience includes work in public health departments in Indiana, Washington and Colorado and as a nurse educator at academic settings in Indiana, Michigan and Washington. Most notably, while pursuing advanced graduate work at the University of Washington, Kris was mentored by Katherine Barnard and was also a member of the CD/Epi team at Seattle King County Public Health. Currently, Kris is a Nurse Home Visitor with the Nurse Family Partnership program in Boulder County.

Carsten Baumann

Carsten Baumann serves as an Evaluator for the Epidemiology, Planning and Evaluation Branch within the Prevention Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Mr. Baumann possesses more than sixteen years experience in applied social science research. He is primarily responsible for the design and implementation of an overall plan for measuring the effectiveness of the Department's Amendment 35 (tobacco tax) funded grants programs, including the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership and the Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Disease Grants Program. These programs distribute about \$50 million in grants annually. In this capacity, he oversees many of the Division's external evaluation efforts. Mr. Baumann also serves as an evaluation consultant to other

prevention programs. He has applied his skills to strategic planning, evaluation, program design and training. Mr. Baumann earned a master's degree in Political Science and Economics at the University of Mannheim, Germany.

Rita Beam

Rita Beam is Nurse Manager of Perinatal Services for Tri - County Health Department. Her career in maternal and child health began in 1972. She received her master in public health nursing from Colorado University School of Nursing. She is responsible for oversight of prenatal MCH grant activities, access to care, and the perinatal case management programs which include Prenatal Plus, Nurse Family Partnership, and Mothers First. She is a class of 2007 RIHEL fellow and a member of CPHA, COSOPHE, and PHNAC President - Elect.

Tanya Beer

In addition to managing the evaluation of The Colorado Trust's Health Professions Initiative, Tanya directs evaluations of large funding programs designed to address health disparities, build local public health partnerships, advocate for increased insurance coverage, improve outreach and enrollment in public insurance programs and promote healthy aging. She also serves on the Safety Net Monitoring System advisory committee for the Colorado Health Institute and the Household Survey advisory committee for the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance. Tanya has 10 years of experience in program evaluation in the public and nonprofit sectors. As an evaluator and team lead in the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, Tanya conducted program evaluations of the Division of Workers Compensation, Homeland Security, Administrative Law Judges, the Colorado Lottery, Ports of Entry, and the University of Colorado Foundation. Her public health experience includes conducting and evaluating health education campaigns in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and cholera prevention in sub-Saharan Africa and evaluating bio-terrorism disease preparedness for the Department of Public Health in Oklahoma.

Shelli Bischoff-Turner

Shelli Bischoff-Turner, president, founder, and senior consultant of Nonprofit Impact brings more than 30 years experience in nonprofit organizational development and management. Prior to founding her own companies, Shelli held senior positions in public sector technical assistance and nonprofit consulting organizations. More recently, Shelli has worked throughout CO to assist health promotion programs and community efforts to be sustainable.

She has been a consultant to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Pueblo City-County Health Department, and Jefferson County Department of Public Health and Environment to help them take a more strategic and integrated approach to health promotion and chronic disease prevention. Since 1988, Bischoff-Turner has been an adjunct professor at Regis University's School of Professional Studies in the undergraduate business program and the master's level nonprofit management program. Shelli has authored numerous articles on fundraising, nonprofit marketing, and organizational development. She holds a master's degree in public administration.

Rose Blair

Kirk Bol

Kirk Bol is a statistical analyst with the Vital Statistics Unit, Health Statistics Section, at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Previously he has worked as an analyst with the Colorado Central Cancer Registry and with Colorado Responds to Children with Special Needs, Colorado's population-based birth defects registry.

Mark Brittan

Gerrit Bruintjes

Gerrit Bruintjes is a senior researcher at Data Driven Enterprises, a consulting firm providing data analysis and program evaluation services. Prior to DDE he worked as a quality improvement study associate at Denver Health. He is currently working on his final thesis for the MSPH program at the University of Colorado, Health Science Center.

Lucinda Burns

Lucinda Burns is the Executive Director of Early Childhood Options in Dillon and Co-Coordinator of the Rural Resort Region Early Childhood Council, Northeast Division (Grand & Summit Counties). Lucinda is an appointed member of the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Councils Advisory Team. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance. Lucinda has a B.A. in Child Development and Human Relations from Connecticut College, and her postgraduate work is in early education from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Ned Calonge

Dr. Calonge will speak of the progress from legislation and the Public Health Summit and how these efforts are leading to a stronger public health system in Colorado.

Connie Carroll-Hopkins

Connie is the Director of the Early Childhood Health Initiatives with the Child, Adolescent and School Health (CASH) Unit of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She was recently appointed to the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Council Advisory Team and is a member of the newly formed SpecialQuest Leadership Team for Colorado's Early Head Start Program. She sits on the Medical Home Advisory team as well the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) State Team. Connie's educational background includes a BSN degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a MSN from the University of Colorado.

Thea Carruth

Thea Carruth is a CIIS Immunization Coordinator for the Western Colorado and Metro East regions. She directly supports adoption and use of CIIS in practice settings.

Melanie Chase

Since 1996, Melanie has worked with organizations in high-tech manufacturing to non-profits to government as an organization development/performance improvement consultant. She holds a Master's in public administration (M.P.A.), and a B.S. in sociology, with minor coursework in marketing. She has completed all Ph.D. coursework and is working on completing her dissertation: measuring organizational readiness for change in an organizational development program at the School of Education, Colorado State University.

Her work in organizational development encompasses: needs assessments, focus groups, survey design/analysis, curriculum development/delivery, large group facilitation and events planning, management/leadership development, team and board development, marketing and strategic planning, organizational culture change, workforce development planning, (including competency and succession planning) and program evaluation.

Melanie works half time as a Public Health & Workforce Development Consultant for the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Office of Local Liaison, since 2006. Personal clients have included: City of Fort Collins; Platte River Power Authority, Fort Collins, CO; Arizona State University; Maricopa Community College Technical Education Center; City of Mesa, AZ, Maricopa County Juvenile

Court, Phoenix, AZ, and with several professional associations and not-for-profit organizations.

Melanie served in committee leadership positions on the Arizona Organization Development Steering Committee from 2000 to 2002, and on the Board of Directors as Business Seminar Series Chair of the Enterprise Network, Phoenix's largest and oldest business networking association, from 2002 to 2004. She is a CPHA member, and also a member of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) and the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM); she is a certified professional in human resources (PHR), and a trained professional facilitator through the Institute for Cultural Affairs, American Society for Quality and others. She has resided in Colorado since the summer of 2004, enjoys the outdoors, cycling and racquetball.

Scott Christman

Alena Clark

Dr. Alena Clark has practiced as a registered dietitian in hospitals, clinics and public health organizations primarily working with children with special health needs and breastfeeding women. She also taught courses at Concordia College, Colorado State University and now at the University of Northern Colorado. During her graduate work, she completed fellowships in maternal and infant nutrition focusing on infant feeding practices. Teaching and research interests include maternal and child nutrition, breastfeeding support, nutrition for children with special health needs and using the Internet as a way to disseminate nutrition information.

Keith Cooper

Keith Cooper earned a B.A. in Human Development and Social Relations from Earlham College. He works in the Tobacco Prevention Program at Tri-County Health Department and is currently conducting a key informant interview project assessing health priorities and preferred communication channels in several ethnic communities. Prior to his work in Public Health he lived, studied and taught in Quaker communities in Richmond, IN, Wilmington, NC and Monteverde, Costa Rica. He is a die-hard baseball fan and currently resides in Denver with his wife, Laura, and cat, Asher.

Stephanie Coronel

Stephanie Coronel, MPH, CHES is a senior project manager and epidemiologist in the Prevention

Department at the Colorado Prevention Center (CPC), a non-profit academic research organization affiliated with the University of Colorado Denver. Her primary focus at the CPC is developing and evaluating patient and provider education programs aimed at cardiovascular disease prevention. Current programs include using interactive kiosk technology to improve both patient knowledge of cardiovascular risks and physician adherence to evidence-based guidelines. Ms. Coronel is a graduate of Rice University (BA, Anthropology, Music), and George Washington University (MPH, Epidemiology). She has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 2001. Ms. Coronel is currently the immediate Past President of the Colorado Society of Public Health Education, as well as a member of the Colorado Public Health Association, and the Society for Public Health Education.

Jamie Damico

Jamie is a public health nurse for the Colorado Immunization Program at CDPHE. She is the lead for Schools and Community providing consultation and educational services for Colorado schools, childcares and colleges/universities.

Bill Davenhall

Bill Davenhall has served as the Health and Human Services Solutions Manager at ESRI since 1997. Bill's experience in health and human services spans nearly three decades and includes executive leadership of hospitals, health and human service agencies, healthcare consulting and research organizations, and strategic market planning experience. Bill is a frequent author and speaker on the subject of market information and analysis, geodemographics, psychographic customer analysis, and the use of geographic information systems in the health and human services. His employers have included foundations, healthcare trade associations, hospitals, human service organizations and private research centers. Bill earned a Masters Degree in sociology with a concentration in medical behavioral science at the University of Kentucky. Bill also received a National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship (U.S.) in conjunction with his work at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Carol Dawson

Registered nurse for 37 years with experience in almost all fields of nursing, the most recent 18 years in public health. Carol was Director of Gunnison County Public Health Nursing Service from 1993 until her retirement in March 2006. She currently remains active in public health part-time as

coordinator for the West Central Public Health Partnership.

Karen DeLeeuw

Erin DeLong

Erin graduated in 2006 with a Masters degree in Biostatistics from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She has worked as an analyst and project manager for the Rocky Mountain Prevention Reserach Center since 2004.

Christine Demont-Heinrich

Christine Demont-Heinrich is a statistical analyst with the Vital Statistics Unit, Health Statistics Section, at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Christine is currently a student in the Masters of Public Health program at the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus.

Kristin Dodge

Kristin Dodge is the Prenatal Education Coordinator with the Nursing Division at the Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment. She has her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Northern Colorado with an emphasis in Corporate Health and Wellness. She has 5 years experience in Corporate Health & Wellness and 4 years of public health experience. Kristin has been a resident of Greeley, Colorado for the past 17 years.

KaraAnn Donovan

KaraAnn M. Donovan, MSPH, is an evaluator with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She has over 20 years experience in academic and public health research and is currently working towards her PhD in health services research.

Andrea Dwyer

Andrea (Andi) Dwyer coordinates the CDC Colorectal Cancer Awareness Grant- a collaborative effort with University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Andi is the Chair of the Colorectal Cancer Task Force-Media and Awareness Sub Committee. She is the Patient Navigation and Clinic Enrollment Coordinator for the Colorado Colorectal Screening program and also works in the area of Cancer Survivorship research at the University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center. She received her BS in Biology and Chemistry from Regis University. Andi has a special interest in Rural Health and access to care issues.

Jodi Drisko

Cameron Edson

Cammie Edson, MPH, CHES has been working in public health for over 10 years and is currently the Lead Health Education Specialist for Denver School-Based Health Centers. Her passion is prevention health education, working with schools and adolescents. Her experience includes public health work as a health educator in substance abuse prevention and intervention, cardiovascular disease prevention, tobacco use prevention, weight management and teen pregnancy prevention.

Mark Egbert

Mark has worked as the GIS Coordinator for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the past 13 years.

At CDPHE, Mark is responsible for coordinating the use of GIS, and for building the capacity of the department to effectively apply these technologies. He is actively involved in a number of the of the department's many GIS-related activities, and has direct responsibility for many GIS and related projects.

In addition, Mark works with a number of other agencies throughout the state to build GIS capacity and to further inter-agency cooperation.

Mark has worked with computing systems and computer mapping for more than 25 years.

Mariana Enriquez-Olmos, PhD

Mariana Enriquez-Olmos, Ph.D., is the Director of Education Research at the Center for Research Strategies. Mariana brings over 12 years research and evaluation experience including working with Latino and other minority communities focused primarily on education issues. As a Mexican native, she is bilingual in English and Spanish. Mariana has participated in numerous evaluation and research projects addressing health, education, and social issues relevant to Colorado's Latino community. Among her current and former projects are, the evaluation of the HNI in the Hanson and Clayton neighborhoods of Commerce City; the impact of the Family Resource Schools Initiative on Latino families; the Educational Opportunities for Children project in low-income communities; closing the achievement gap between black and white middle and high school students in Missouri; Colorado's adolescent violence prevention initiative; Denver Public Schools' Thinking Like a Historian project; parent involvement in Native American communities, and the Colorado Trust's After-School Initiative.

Sharry Erzinger

Sharry Erzinger, Dr.P.H., has worked nationally and internationally in public and community health programs as director, educator, evaluator and as a primary care provider (physicians' assistant). She has completed various evaluations of programs in the non-profit sector, using qualitative and quantitative methods, in concert with program participants. Recent evaluations have explored HIV/AIDS training through the PTC system, the process and outcome of undergraduate public health courses, and the outcomes of evidence based programs for older adults. Additional areas of research interest include violence prevention, immigrant/ refugee health, the situation of working street children and children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

José Esquibel

José Esquibel worked in the management of federal and state funds for behavioral health services in New Mexico for eight years before joining state government in Colorado in 2004. As Director of the Colorado Interagency Prevention Systems, Esquibel is responsible for designing an interagency system of coordination and collaboration as outlined in The Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services for Children and Youth Act passed in 2000. The Interagency Prevention Systems office was created for a more unified and efficient interagency system for the delivery of state and federally funded prevention, intervention and treatment services. Esquibel interacts with administrators of state departments, as well as higher education institutions, foundations, statewide associations, state commissions and advisory councils, the legislature and the Governor's Office in matters of interagency collaboration.

Marlene Evans

Marlene graduated from the University of Northern Colorado Nursing School in 1987. She worked at Lutheran Hospital for 2 years on a Medical-Surgical floor and at The Children's Hospital for 18 years specializing in Pediatric Intensive Care and Post Anesthesia Care. Marlene has been working as a District Nurse for Adams 12 Five Star School District for 2 years.

Rick Fatur

Rick Fatur is the Unit Manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Lead-Based Paint / CFC Programs. He started and heads the Colorado Lead Coalition which is dedicated to increasing the awareness of childhood lead poisoning through outreach activities such as presentations, distribution of educational materials

and community events. He also is the leader of the Steering Committee that recently completed the 2010 Strategic Plan: Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning In Colorado.

Susan Finzel-Aldred

Susan Finzel-Aldred has been the Environmental Coordinator at the Pueblo City-County Health Department since April 2005. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Parks Administration with a Natural Resource Conservation emphasis from Western Illinois University. Her experience in public environmental education is extensive. Susan has written, designed and implemented interpretive programs for nature centers, county parks, zoos and historical museums for the past 25 years. She has 12 years teaching science in the elementary and middle school classroom, and has planned and coordinated many large special events for non-profit organizations. She is a current member of the Colorado Association for Recycling and the National Recycling Coalition, and serves on the board of trustees of the Mountain Park Environmental Center located in the Wet Mountains of Beulah, Colorado.

Leigh Fischer

Leigh Fischer is the Program Manager for SBIRT Colorado. She has been committed to addressing health concerns among underserved populations for the past ten years, resulting in extensive experience in program development, grant writing, research and evaluation. Prior to joining the SBIRT team, she assisted on two studies in Chicago funded through the National Institutes of Health: (1) Life Support Decisions for Extremely Premature Infants, and (2) The Women's Interagency HIV Study. Through her work with Planned Parenthood of the Chicago Area, the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention and the Teen Mother Education Project of Denver Kids, Inc., Fischer has conducted numerous projects aimed at creating systems-level change. Fischer holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master of Public Health with an emphasis in behavioral sciences and health promotion from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Carol Foust

Dr. Carol Foust studied at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque where she earned a B.S. School Health Education, with a minor in Biology and an M.S. in Community Health. A Ph.D. in Health Education from Texas A&M University was completed in 1993 and an M.Ed. in Counseling from Lamar University was completed in 1996. She has made over 60 peer reviewed presentations and has

authored more than 15 peer reviewed publications including a Wellness textbook. In addition, she was the principal investigator or project member on 15 grants, the most recent focusing on Diabetes Prevention.

Kaia Gallagher, PhD

Kaia serves as the co-Principal Investigator for The Colorado Trust's Health Professions Initiative, a four-year evaluation project. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology and over 30 years of research experience in the fields of health, education and human services. Her expertise lies in the areas of strategic planning, needs assessment, performance evaluation and outcomes measurement and she has conducted national, state and local level evaluations of programs that serve high-risk, underserved and disadvantaged clients. In 2003, Kaia co-edited a book entitled Promoting Health at the Community Level, which highlights the opportunities for greater community involvement in health promotion programs. In conjunction with other CRS staff, she developed a curriculum on community-based participatory research, a strategy by which researchers partner with community stakeholders to create meaningful and sustained health initiatives.

Jan Gascoigne

Dr. Jan Gascoigne is the coordinator for the MPH practicum program at the Colorado School of Public Health. Prior to joining the School, she served as the Director of Health Promotion for The BACCHUS Network for 11 years and she was the Director of the Wellness Center at Baldwin Wallace College and taught health education at Kent State University and The University of Rhode Island. She is a sought after speaker and has been invited to participate on two CDC expert panels focusing on young adults and tobacco control. Additionally, Dr. Gascoigne is certified as a Level 1 Intrinsic Health Coach, Coach Training Alliance Life Coach, and a Wellness Mapping 360 Certified Health Coach.

Laura Ginnett

Laura Ginnett has worked in the nonprofit field for eight years. For the last five years Ms. Ginnett has been in the medical nonprofit field, currently with Hep C Connection as the Director of Community Outreach. Ms. Ginnett's medical background is with hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS. Ms. Ginnett truly values the role of nonprofit organizations to compliment the role of public health for the betterment of society. Ms. Ginnett hold a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Colorado State University and in the fall of 2008 will complete a Master of Nonprofit Management degree from Regis University.

Deborah Givray

Deborah Givray is an associate professor at the University of Northern Colorado where she serves as the graduate coordinator for the Master of Public Health program. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist and a Certified Parent Coach. Dr. Givray's research interest is in youth and adolescent health outcomes and religiosity.

Jason Glanz**Jon Gottsegen**

Jon Gottsegen has been the state's geographic information systems coordinator for over three years. His role has combined specific tasks related to establishing GIS capabilities for emergency management and homeland security in Colorado and general efforts to coordinate and leverage GIS activities to facilitate the use and efficacy of GIS in the state. Previous to coming to Colorado, he managed GIS operations for a consulting company that worked in the area of emergency and disaster preparedness planning. He has almost 25 years of experience in GIS in academic, public and private sector environments.

Mandy Graves

Mandy Graves, MPH is a Senior Professional Research Assistant at the UCD Department of Psychiatry. Currently, she is coordinating a tobacco cessation pilot study and also manages a research grant funded by the National Institute of Mental Health through the Colorado Division of Mental Health studying depression treated in primary care settings in rural Colorado. Previously, Ms. Graves was the Clinical Research Manager for the NIMH sponsored Systematic Treatment Enhancement Program for Bipolar Disorder at Massachusetts General Hospital Harvard Bipolar Research Program.

Kathleen Haas

Kathleen Haas is a CIIS Immunization Coordinator for the San Luis Valley and Western CO regions, and she works with schools. She directly supports adoption and use of CIIS in practice settings.

Michelle Hansen**Todd Hockenberry**

Todd Hockenberry worked as an intern and contractor for the Colorado Health Institute for two years before joining CHI full time as a research analyst in June 2007. As part of the policy and research unit, he provides technical expertise in

geographic information systems (GIS) and conducts data analyses on a number of projects. In 2006 Todd completed an internship with the Pan American Health Organization's Non-communicable Disease Unit in Washington, D.C. While there, he researched cardiovascular disease and its potential for addition in the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals. Todd also has worked as a GIS analyst for CommEn Space in Seattle and the National Wildlife Federation in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Todd graduated with an MPH from Oregon Health & Science University where he concentrated in epidemiology and biostatistics.

Sara Hoerlein

Sara Hoerlein is a Research Specialist for Kaiser Permanente. Her education and research background is in Cultural Anthropology. She is currently working on a study called Viva Bien that involves Latinas, diabetes management, and chronic heart disease prevention through lifestyle change. This study is conducted by Kaiser Permanente in partnership with the Oregon Research Institute.

Virginia Holland

Virginia Holland, MPH has been with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment since 2006, first as Maternal and Child Health Consultant in the Women's Health Unit and currently as the PRAMS Coordinator in the Health Statistics Section. PRAMS is the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, a population-based risk factor surveillance system designed to identify and monitor behaviors and experiences of women before, during, and after pregnancy. Virginia received her Masters of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans.

Geri Holton

Geri graduated from the University of Northern Colorado nursing school in 1979. She is an experienced pediatric nurse and has been a nurse home visitor with the Nurse Family Partnership program for 7 years.

Lisa Ingebritson

Lisa Ingebritson - RN graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in 2003. Before becoming a nurse she worked in day care for 7 years. For as long as she can remember she has loved maternal/child health, early childhood education and teaching. Currently she is working towards taking the IBCLC exam in 2009 to become a Lactation Consultant

Dawn James

Dawn James currently serves as a State Public Health Nursing Consultant for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in the Office of Local Liaison. She received her Masters Degree in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado with a specialty as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Chronic Disease prevention. She worked as an acute care nurse in a variety of hospitals prior to entering the public health field. She was a public health nurse generalist at Kit Carson County Health and Human Services and the all-hazards planner for the Northeast Region. The proud mother of three and grandmother of two, Dawn and her husband Greg reside on their family farm northeast of Burlington.

Leanne Jeffers

Leanne Jeffers is the Public Health Training Manager for the Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership. Leanne earned her B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1990, and her Master of Public Health from the University of California Los Angeles in 1995. For over 20 years, she has worked in a number of health and public health related settings (public, private and academic), and in a variety of topics including emergency preparedness and response, injury prevention, capacity building, community outreach and education, public health leadership, collaborative leadership, workforce development, innovative and alternative health promotion strategies, adolescent health, peer leadership, reproductive health and human sexuality. One of Leanne's current and primary areas of interest and study is the built environment - specifically, building the relationship between public health, land use planning and community design. Leanne is committed to bridging these fields to improve the community environment, and therefore the well being of people living in those environments.

Deidre D. Johnson

Deidre is responsible for working with the children's health community to significantly increase and expand health coverage and care for Colorado children. A Denver native, Deidre holds an A.B. in English from Princeton University and a Master's of Public and Private Management from Yale University.

Mark Johnson

Dr. Johnson is a well known leader in public health in CO and a much enjoyed moderator of panels. The last two panels were standing room only at the CPHA annual meeting.

Craig Kapral

Craig Kapral, MA is a project manager and medical anthropologist in the Prevention Department at the Colorado Prevention Center. His primary focus is developing, implementing, and evaluating patient and provider education programs aimed at preventing cardiovascular disease. Mr. Kapral is currently implementing a community-based participatory project among Latinos in Northwest Denver designed to increase awareness, build durable risk-lowering skills, and increase participation in lifestyle modification programs. Mr. Kapral is a graduate of the State University of New York at Potsdam (BA, Anthropology) and University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (MA, Medical Anthropology). Mr. Kapral served on the Colorado Society for Public Health Education Board during 2006-07 and is currently serving on the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Disparities Workgroup at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Chris Katzenmeyer**Heather Kennedy**

Heather Kennedy is a youth program specialist with the Get R!EAL program at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Ms. Kennedy is experienced in working with youth in the areas of prevention and empowerment. She is currently working with local Colorado communities on tobacco use prevention, creating comprehensive tobacco policies, and raising awareness of tobacco industry marketing tactics. Additionally, Ms. Kennedy assisted with the development and implementation of Bust Big Tobacco, a media and advocacy education program for youth in grades 6th-8th.

Kristin Kidd

Kristin Kidd is the Manager of Program Development and Evaluation for Get R!EAL, Colorado's youth tobacco control movement administered by the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Ms. Kidd has extensive experience in program planning and implementation, training, evaluation, and clinical trials. As Get R!EAL's focus has intensified around community policy, Ms. Kidd has developed a tool to guide youth coalitions in advancing local policy work. This tool not only provides guidance to coalitions but offers a way for Get R!EAL headquarters to track coalition progress and provide customized technical assistance back to the local communities. Ms. Kidd received her Master's in Anthropology from Wake Forest University.

Andy Kissel, PhD

Andy Kissel works with CDPHE since 1998. Andy has PhD in Public Health with specialization in Public Health and Epidemiology from National Cancer Research Center, Moscow. Andy is an emergency management professional with emphasis on public health aspects of preparedness and crisis response in complex emergencies. Prior to joining the Colorado Department of Public Health, Andy Kissel directed Technical Advisory Services Division (since 1981) and field delegations of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva (Switzerland), Africa, Asia, Europe and Caribbean. 1990-1998 Member (1991 - Chairman) WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Emergency Relief Operations.

Jennifer Kovarik, MPH

Jennifer Kovarik is currently the cessation specialist for the Boulder County Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership and a Peer Mentor. Her background includes policy work and health promotion with Northwest tribes, as well as several years in tobacco prevention, education and control. Main areas of interest include increasing access to and variety of cessation services, addressing disparities, and improving communication at all levels.

Marianne Koshak

Marianne manages the State Immunization program data unit and oversees the school immunization and oversampling projects. Marianne has designed the project and works effectively with local public health agencies for implementation and analysis.

Mori Krantz

Dr. Mori Krantz did his undergraduate training at Emory University and graduated from Temple University School of Medicine as an Alpha-Omega-Alpha scholar. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular medicine following completion of residency and fellowship training at the University of Colorado. He has been elected as a fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Krantz currently directs the cardiac risk reduction program and cardiac rehabilitation services at Denver Health (DH), a position he's held since 2000. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Alanna Kulchak Rahm

Alanna is a principal investigator at the Kaiser Permanente Institute of Health Research in Denver, Colorado

Pamela Kurth

Pamela Kurth is a nursing supervisor for access to care and eligibility. She has been employed by Tri-County Health Department for one year in this newly created position. She is a member of PHNAC and CPHA. She received her BSN from the University of Northern Colorado.

Eliza Lanman

After receiving a BA in Psychology from the University of Texas at Arlington, Eliza pursued a career in mental health counseling with a focus on chemically dependent youth. She went on to work with teens as an Outdoor Education Director in Eagle County. In conjunction with seeking a Masters degree in Social Science she began working for the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center in public health and addiction. Her interest in this field and her desire to continue working with the community led her to the American Lung Association of Colorado where she is now the Tobacco Control Program Manager. In this position she manages the statewide coordination of and training for the N-O-T (Not on Tobacco) teen cessation program and the ONE Step: Secondhand Smoke Involuntary Exposure Program.

Jennifer Lansing

Jennifer Lansing obtained her Master of Science in Environmental Sciences from the University of Colorado Denver in 2006. Her Master's Thesis was titled "Using Geographic Information Systems to Estimate Population Sizes of the Gray Jay". She came to work for the Colorado Department of Public Health in October of 2007 as an Environmental Protection Specialist for the CFC Program. She has also been involved in initiating the GIS effort for the Lead Program, which will help the Lead Program achieve their strategic plan goals.

Dennis Lenaway

Dr. Lenaway was formerly the epidemiologist at the Boulder Health Department. He is well known and respected nationally for his work to improve public health infrastructure around the nation.

Amber Leytem

Ms. Leytem has worked in Tobacco Prevention and Control for nearly 3 years. While her work began in eastern Iowa, she has been working with the Tobacco Education Program at Denver Public Health for the past 1 and ½ years. Ms. Leytem holds a Bachelors degree in Health Promotion from the University of Northern Iowa.

Chris Lindley, MPH

Chris Lindley holds a Masters degree in Public Health from Emory University, and earned his Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences and Biology from Linfield College. Among many diverse experiences, Chris has worked for the Carter Center as a Technical Advisor for the Guinea Worm Eradication Program in Nigeria, was employed by the Denver Public Health Department as the Operational Readiness Coordinator, and served the Denver community as a Regional Bioterrorism Planner.

Chris joined the Bioterrorism and Emergency Response Section in CDPHE in 2004, and was thereafter deployed by the Department of Defense as a Company Commander. Chris served as an overseer of preventative medicine operations in Northern Iraq for 13 months. He is currently the Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division at CDPHE, and additionally serves as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Director for Colorado, and also is a member on the Governor's Expert Epidemic Emergency Response Committee, Senior Advisory Committee for Homeland Security in Colorado, and as the state's subject matter expert on public health preparedness.

Julie Marshall

Dr. Marshall is Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health and Director of the CDC funded Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center. She has conducted epidemiologic studies of obesity and diabetes in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado since 1983. More recently her work has focused on community based prevention research related to healthy eating and physical activity in school and family settings. She is also working with community partners on ways to better integrate public health practice and practice-based research.

Mercedes Martinez

Mercedes Martinez, MPH; CHES is the Study Coordinator for America On the Move at the Center for Human Nutrition, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. Mercedes is originally from El Salvador. She completed her BS and MPH at San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. Before coming to Colorado, Mercedes did extensive work with the Latino community in the public health sector in California. As a bilingual/bicultural health educator, Mercedes uses her knowledge and expertise in the area of prevention of chronic disease and promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

Johanna Matsuda

Johanna has been employed at American Lung Association for 4 years. Three of the four years in various Tobacco Programs: the "Not On Tobacco" for teens, Secondhand Smoke for Kids, the "Tobacco Free Building Trades", "Tailgate Outreach Project" (at the construction worksites), the "Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative" in Commerce City, and now in the Five Points neighborhood.

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Krystal Morwood

Krystal Morwood is a 4 year member of the Colorado Colorectal Cancer Task Force and plays an active role in the task force's Media and Awareness Subcommittee. She is employed as the Public Awareness and Media Coordinator for the Colorado Colorectal Screening program and the Study Coordinator for the Colorectal Cancer Family Registry project at the University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center. She received her BS in Health Education and MS in Kinesiology and Health with an emphasis in Health Promotion from the University of Wyoming. She is credentialed as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and serves as a member of the Colorado Cancer Coalition, the Colorado Society for Public Health Education, the Colorado Public Health Association

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Michelle Neal earned a BS in nursing from the University of Northern Colorado and a Master's Degree in Nursing Education from Regis University. Her career has been focused in Maternal/Child nursing with underserved populations. She has worked as a nurse at various community health agencies, as well as having worked in several Colorado hospitals in the labor and delivery area. From 2000 to 2006, Michelle was a home visitor and supervisor in the NFP program. Two years ago, she joined Invest in Kids to use her experience in NFP to support nurses in improving their implementation of the program.

Susan Niermeyer

Susan Niermeyer, MD, earned her medical degree in 1979 from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed her Residency in Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1982 and a Fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, also at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in 1984. Dr. Niermeyer joined the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and The Children's Hospital in 1990. She was appointed Professor of Pediatrics in 2003.

Christine Nyquist

Ann-Christine Nyquist, MD, MSPH, earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. In 1990 she completed pediatric residency training at UCLA Medical Center and served as Chief Resident. Dr. Nyquist completed pediatric infectious diseases fellowship training at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1995. Dr. Nyquist joined the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics and The Children's Hospital in 1997 and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at UCHSC in 2000. Since 1997 she has directed the CHIP Youth Project at The Children's Hospital, a program for HIV-infected and at-risk youth; and in 2000 she was appointed Medical Director of Infection Control at The Children's Hospital.

Shana Patterson

Shana Patterson is the immediate past-president of the Denver Dietetic Association. For the last 3.5 years she has served as the Nutrition Coordinator for the Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition (COPAN) program. Along with the 5 A Day Task force, she developed the Smart Meal program,

which has also been adopted and launched by the state of Arizona. She spent 8 years in private practice specializing in weight management, obesity prevention and sports nutrition.

Jim Pearsol

Jim Pearsol manages numerous programs at ASTHO. One of those is "Understanding State Public Health". This is an extensive research project that is trying to define state public health, in a fashion that is similar to the Operational Definition of a Local Health Department, done by NACCHO. He will present on those findings and how they fit into accreditation of state public health agencies (like CDPHE). He is the former deputy of the Ohio State Dept. of Health.

Laurel Petralia, MS

On behalf of The Colorado Trust, Laurel Petralia provides leadership and management in designing and implementing initiative-based grantmaking efforts, including the Health Professions Initiative that provides funding to create and strengthen health care academic training programs and increase the number of trained health care professionals working in medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing and mental health fields in Colorado. In addition, Laurel manages the Colorado100k Lives Campaign, a national quality improvement campaign created by the Institute for Health Care Improvement. Prior to joining The Colorado Trust in 2004, Laurel served as the Affiliate Director of Cardiovascular Programs for the American Heart Association and served as Senior Manager of Prevention Programs for the Colorado Prevention Center, an affiliate of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Denver Health. Laurel has served on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Provider Education and Cardiovascular and Stroke committee.

Fernando Pineda-Reyes

Fernando has been working with several not-for-profit organizations and agencies to facilitate programs on community organizing, asset building & community development to address education, awareness & research of public health issues including environmental justice & health disparities. He is currently working in collaboration with American Lung Association on secondhand smoke, and smoking cessation from a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

He has worked with foundations, state & federal agencies such as the Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) project, Community Action for Renewable

Environment, HUD research study on Immigrant housing (COMIRB based) all of which included working directly with the community including, but not limited to the monolingual Spanish & English speaking community & low income families & children.

Fernando is the CEO of CREA Results & has a degree in Clinical Biochemistry & Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Andrea Poniers

Andrea Poniers, MSSW, has nearly fifteen years experience with chronic disease and health promotion at the state level. After nearly ten years in tobacco control at the Michigan Department of Community Health, Andrea joined the staff of CDPHE's Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition Program as evaluator and eventually program manager. In her current position as Deputy Director of the Chronic Disease Prevention Branch at CDPHE, she supervises programs for diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and healthy aging, as well as serving as the lead on the integration initiative for the department's chronic disease and health promotion programs.

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Lynn Procell

Lynn Procell has been a nurse for 30 years and has worked in the area of Pediatrics, Home Care and for the past 9 years has been employed at the Pueblo City-County Health Department. While working in Public Health, Lynn has worked as Program

Manager for Maternal and Child Health and Communicable Disease and Tuberculosis, and is currently the Associate Director of Community Health Services. Lynn's educational background includes an Associates Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Southern Colorado.

Sylvia Proud

Sylvia has twenty-one years of experience in the public sector particularly in the areas of public health, human resource management and budget administration. For the past seven years, she has served in the capacity of Deputy Director/Director of Operations and Administrative Services for the Pueblo City-County Health Department. Positions held in the past include Director of Administrative Services for the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and Budget Analyst for the Pueblo County Government.

Julianne Puckett

Julianne Puckett, BSN, RN, CRA
Julianne graduated from Regis University with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Julianne is currently working as a Public Health Nurse specializing in immunizations at Tri-County Health Department. Prior to becoming a nurse, Julianne worked for the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV Prevention and the Division of Cancer Prevention as a Clinical Research Associate. She is pursuing opportunities to provide education for adolescents regarding sexuality, violence, and healthy relationships.

Denise Retzlaff RN, MPH

Denise Retzlaff has been a Registered Nurse for over 34 years and has an MPH from the University of Northern Colorado. With over 25 years of management experience, Denise has a vast background in the health care delivery system. She has always had an interest in health education and jumped at the chance to work on a chronic disease prevention grant through the CDC at WCDPHE.

Joni Reynolds

Joni is currently the Immunization Program Director at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Joni is involved in multiple projects, committees and has held board officer position on statewide coalitions including the Colorado Public Health Association, Public Health Nurse Association of Colorado, Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition. Joni Reynolds completed her undergraduate nursing education in Greeley, Colorado at the University of Northern Colorado. She continued her studies through the University of

Colorado and graduated with my MSN in Community Health. Joni's work experience includes the past 20 years in Public Health at various local and regional and state health departments and PacifiCare of Colorado, a large HMO.

Tracey Richers Maruyama, MA

Tracey is the Health Program Administrator for the Tobacco Education Program within the Health Promotion department at Denver Public Health. Her primary activities are focused on managing the many activities of the Denver Local Health Agency (LHA) State Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (STEPP) grant. Her experience includes Denver's clean indoor air campaigns, youth prevention and advocacy, promoting effective cessation programs, media and public relations, newsletter and website development/management, promoting, advocating and implementing health policies, working on sustainability efforts, and coordination of a countywide tobacco control coalition. Tracey facilitates the Tobacco Free Hospital Forum and is also President-Elect for the Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA).

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Mr. Rickard has been working for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment since 1986, assisting the department in statistical analysis and disease surveillance. Mr. Rickard received a master's of science degree from the University of Colorado in 1987.

Brie Reimann

Brie Reimann has worked in the Prevention field with Peer Assistance Services for four years. Her primary role has been to manage and provide oversight to several different prevention focused projects. She managed a contract funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to prevent women from drinking alcohol during pregnancy and to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in the Colorado Community. Brie co-authored the SBIRT and ATR grants for the state of Colorado and currently works as the Program Director for SBIRT Colorado. Prior to coming to Peer Assistance Services, Brie worked on the start up program for the Community Development Institute in Denver to implement an English Language Learner's program at Head Start programs nation wide. Her undergraduate degree is in International Studies and Cultural Anthropology and a minor in Spanish. She hopes to attend graduate school to obtain her Master's degree in the Public Health and Policy arena.

Mette Riis

The team who developed the poster are comprised of a group of public health nurses and agencies throughout Colorado. They are all members of the Childcare and School Immunization workgroup which is facilitated by the Colorado Immunization Program.

Bill Riley

Bill Riley is a national expert on public health and quality improvement. He chairs the Public Health Accreditation Board's Evaluation Committee and is a member of the PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board). He works with local health agencies in Minnesota, providing consultation and training in quality improvement.

Kim Riley, MPH

Kim has over 15 years experience working in community health education and research focused primarily on health disparity issues in underserved communities. She is bilingual in Spanish and English, and has worked with Latino communities in the Denver area, including migrant farm workers and other patients and families served by a large community health center. Before coming to the Center for Research Strategies, Kim managed a randomized clinical study focused on self-management of chronic illness and community resource support targeted to a Spanish speaking patient population of a community health center. She brought her interest and expertise in community health to the Center for Research Strategies to conduct various evaluation projects, including an evaluation of a physical education curriculum in the Denver Public Middle Schools, an evaluation of the pilot implementation of a tobacco education and advocacy curriculum in rural and urban schools statewide, and an evaluation of an initiative funded by the Colorado Trust to examine shortages of health professionals in rural and underserved areas of Colorado. Kim has also worked with CRS researchers and community agency collaborators to conduct various community-based projects, including a community assessment of tobacco prevalence among health disparity populations in rural Southeastern Colorado, a documentary-style education video on Hepatitis C prevention for use in the correctional system, and a Small Business Innovative Research grant to develop a community-based participatory research training curriculum for mental health research in rural communities.

Nick Robles

Nick Robles is the Secondhand Smoke and Latino/a Community Health Specialist with the Tobacco

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Sara Russell Rodriguez is the Associate Director of Nursing for the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD). Before joining TCHD, Sara worked as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the CDC, was a registered nurse in emergency medicine in Baltimore, Maryland and worked with Baltimore area health agencies doing program evaluation, management and health education. Before she started her nursing career, Sara managed HIV/AIDS and reproductive health programs at a local non-governmental organization in Samoa with the United States Peace Corps.

Sarah Ruybalid

Sarah Ruybalid has been a nurse for 35 years and employed at the Pueblo City-County Health Department for 12 years. She currently serves as the Director of Community Health Services and is responsible for childhood and adult immunization services, international travel clinic, adult health and sexually transmitted disease services, the family planning program, program for children with special health care needs, the maternal child health program, and adolescent pregnancy prevention program. Sarah's expertise on immunization issues is recognized throughout the state and she assisted to develop the original Colorado Immunization Manual. Sarah is currently president of the Colorado Public Health Nursing Directors and serves as the president of Safety Committee at Pueblo City-County Health Department.

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Shannon Sainer

Shannon Sainer, MSW, has dedicated her career to adolescent reproductive and sexual health issues. After starting as a bilingual HIV/AIDS educator in Central America, she returned to the US to obtain her Masters in Social Work with a focus on

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Sarah Scully

Sarah Scully, MPH, Child Health Promotion Coordinator, Boulder County Public Health. Sarah has been in her current position for the last 10 years. She is a currently a member of the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Councils Advisory Team. Previously Sarah worked as a nutrition consultant for CDPHE in the WIC Program. She received her BS from the University of New Hampshire and her MPH from the University of California at Berkeley.

Erin Seedorf

Erin Seedorf, MPH, is a Project Manager with the University of Colorado Cancer Center at the University of Colorado Health and Sciences Center. She is currently the project lead for the Colorado Chew Tobacco Collaborative Initiative, a statewide community-based participatory project aimed at eliminating the disparity of chew/spit tobacco use in communities across Colorado. She has worked in tobacco prevention programs at the county government level, state government level, and at the national level. Erin received her master's degree from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

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Bert Singleton

Bert Singleton has over twenty years of experience building successful collaborations in the health care field, especially in substance abuse prevention. Those collaborations include Screening, Brief, Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative, Partnership for a Drug Free Colorado, I Have a Dream Colorado, and Health Charities of Colorado. In addition to substance abuse, he has also been involved in efforts to prevent domestic violence and child abuse, as well as promoting positive parenting with high risk families

Cassidy Smith, MPH

Cassidy Smith is a project manager at Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative (CCGC) where she oversees several guideline development and implementation projects, including cardiovascular disease, obesity, asthma, acute respiratory infections, and alcohol and substance use screening and brief intervention. She is President of the Colorado Society for Public Health Education. Prior to joining CCGC in 2006, Cassidy lived in Chicago where she completed her Master of Public Health degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago. While in Chicago, Cassidy worked at the Center for Stroke Research on a CDC-funded initiative to improve stroke prevention and treatment in the Great Lakes region, and spent several years working with local non-profit organizations to help connect the uninsured to health care services. She served as a volunteer director for the American Cancer Society's Smoke-Free Chicago campaign. Originally from Arkansas, Cassidy worked at the Arkansas Department of Health on projects to help rural areas develop community-based public health interventions and worked at the University of Arkansas as an advisor to international students.

Jeff Stoll

Jeff Stoll has worked at both the state and local public health agency level. His career has shown a strong commitment to public health improvement. He serves on the Standards Committee of the Public Health Accreditation Board.

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Lee Thielen

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Lee Thielen is a national expert on public health agency accreditation and assessment. She chairs the Multi-State Learning Collaborative of 16 states called Leading States in Quality Improvement. She has assembled the panel. She is not a speaker.

Martha Tenney

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Deborah Thomas is an Associate Professor of Geography and Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, where she is also affiliated faculty with the Doctoral Program in Health and Behavior Sciences. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina in 1999, specializing in hazards and health geography, and has fifteen years of experience working with geographic information systems (GIS) in a variety of social science application areas, including hazard management, crime analysis, and health. Her research interests focus on the use of technologies in support of hazards management and issues of vulnerability as they relate to both natural and human-induced hazards and applications of GIS to public health.

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Vickie Thomson is the director of the newborn hearing and newborn metabolic screening programs. She is a clinical audiologist and started on of the first newborn hearing screening programs in Colorado. Vickie serves on the ABCD state advisory team as well as the Medical Home advisory team. She has a masters degree from the University of Northern Colorado and doctoral degree from the University of Colorado.

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Rickey Tolliver has been working at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the past 8 years. He is currently the BRFSS coordinator for Colorado. His experience includes working in the Birth Defects Registry, Environmental Health Studies, and the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program as an analyst and epidemiologist. Rickey has a Master's of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health.

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Holly Wolf**Johnn Young**

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risk for STD/HIV. Before going to CDPHE, Johnn was a Director of Prevention Services with a local community AIDS service organization in the prevention department where he conducted workshops, performed community outreach and prevention education in the Metro Denver area. Johnn has published numerous newspaper articles and has appeared on TV and radio programs. He enjoys performing community outreach and working with diverse communities. Johnn likes to think of himself as an advocate for those without a voice.

Kathy Zavela Tyson

Kathy has over 25 years of experience in education, research, program development and evaluation, including the design, management and evaluation of school and community-based adolescent prevention programs, particularly in community-school based partnerships. In her current role, she is a member of the CRS Evaluation Team for The Colorado Trust Health Professions Initiative as well as other state-funded programs. Kathy worked as a professor at the University of Northern Colorado for 18 years, enjoys helping students and grant writing, and designed the USDHHS SAMHSA-funded Colorado Youth Leadership Project, an evidence-based, national prevention promising program. Kathy She also served as an Evaluation Consultant for the Colorado Kids Ignore Drugs program. She helped plan the new Colorado School of Public Health and is Professor Emerita in Community Health at the University of Northern Colorado.

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Jeff Zayach is a leader in the environmental health community as well as serving on numerous statewide boards and task forces. He serves on the Assessment Committee of the Public Health Accreditation Board.

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Wendy Zieker has been employed at the EPCDHE for 2 years. She moved back to Colorado in 2006 after spending 5 years in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Her nursing experience includes Infection Control Employee Health manager for Oregon State Hospital and psychiatric experience including the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo. She is enjoying being in the sunshine again.