

**Promoting What Works:  
A Symposium of Approaches for Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents  
May 18, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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Washington, D.C.**

**Welcome  
Session Biographies**

**Wanda K. Jones, Dr.P.H.**

**Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Dr. Wanda Jones is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She was appointed to the position in November 2009. As principal Deputy ASH, Dr. Jones actively participates in the Department's efforts concerning global health, disaster recovery, Healthy People 2010 (and 2020), and a range of other issues managed within ASH.

Dr. Jones has long been recognized for her leadership in the federal and state public health communities. From February 1998 until December 2009, Dr. Jones was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) and the Director of the Office on Women's Health, also within ASH. In that capacity, Dr. Jones emphasized the elimination of health disparities, addressing HIV/AIDS, supporting women with disabilities and helping women have better access to healthcare services and programs.

During that same time, the HHS Coordinating Committee on Women's Health, led by Dr. Jones, supported initiatives to address women's health issues such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, lupus, breastfeeding and mental health. Prior to joining OWH, she served as the Associate Director for Women's Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

A Penn State graduate in medical technology, she has worked in an inner city blood bank and its hematology laboratory; in a small town hospital as its night shift technologist and then as its microbiologist; and for a state public health laboratory as a laboratory improvement consultant. She obtained her doctorate in Public Health Laboratory Practice from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Jones joined CDC in 1987 as an HIV laboratory trainer. In 1990, she became the Assistant Director for Science in the Office of the Associate Director for HIV/AIDS, where she was active in policy issues related to HIV laboratory testing, women and AIDS, HIV vaccine development and health care workers.

**Alicia Richmond Scott, M.S.W.**

**Director, Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, Office of Population Affairs  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Alicia Richmond Scott, M.S.W. is the Director for the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, in the Office of Population Affairs, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is responsible for the management and administrative operations of the Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Program, Title XX of the Public Health Service Act. The AFL program has funded demonstration grants serving pregnant and parenting adolescents and their families since

1981. Ms. Scott has more than 15 years of experience in the field of adolescent health. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Howard University. Ms. Scott is committed to identifying innovative, quality programs with strong evaluations to improve health, educational and relational outcomes for adolescents and their families.

**Reesa Webb, M.S.**

**Project Director, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.**

Ms. Webb has 30 years of health care experience. She has her Masters in Biometry and has completed the University of Colorado's Graduate Program in Health Care Financial Management. Ms. Webb began her career working in the federal and state health planning programs. Throughout her career she has continued her commitment to public health and has worked extensively with many U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies and offices, including the Office of Population Affairs (OPA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), the Office of Performance Review (OPR), the Division of Shortage Designation (DSD), the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP). Ms. Webb has also worked with state and local health agencies, including health departments, community health centers, hospitals, physicians' practices, family planning clinics, long term care facilities and community based coalitions in both rural and urban areas to improve their ability to deliver high quality, accessible, cost effective health care. Ms. Webb has assisted these agencies and organizations in successfully meeting the health care needs and challenges of their communities.