

## KEYNOTE/PLENARY SPEAKERS

**Vincent Covello, Ph.D.** is the founder and Director of the Center for Risk Communication. Over the past twenty-five years, he has held numerous positions in academia and government, including Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences and Clinical Medicine at Columbia University. Prior to his joining the faculty at Columbia, Dr. Covello was a senior scientist at the White House Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C., a Study Director at the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences and the Director of the Risk Assessment Program at the National Science Foundation. Dr. Covello received his doctorate from Columbia University and his B.A. with honors and M.A. from Cambridge University in England. He is on the editorial board of several journals and is the Past President of the Society for Risk analysis, a professional association with over 2,500 members. Dr. Covello has authored or edited over 25 books and over 75 published articles on risk assessment, management, and communication. 🌀

**Barbara Flis, BIS**, Founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids, insists that every citizen in the community has the power to make a difference. Her experience includes serving on an expert panel for the American Academy of Pediatrics to write guidelines for Family and Community Involvement in Health, Mental Health and Safety in Schools; being named Chair of the Schools Committee for the Michigan Surgeon General's Michigan Steps Up Campaign; Michigan and Indiana Core Team member for the American Cancer Society Coordinated School Health Leadership Training Institute; and most recently being appointed by Michigan's Governor Jennifer Granholm to coordinate the Talk Early & Talk Often initiative which is designed to help parents gain knowledge and skills to talk to their middle school children about abstinence and sexuality. 🌀

**Brick Lancaster, MA, CHES** is a national leader in health education and health promotion with over 35 years of experience as a local six-county rural public health educator, state health promotion and education director (Michigan and Arizona), local public health administrator, visiting university faculty member and federal level health education and health promotion specialist. Brick is currently the Chief of the Program Services Branch in the Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Brick is also the International Union of Health Promotion and Education Vice President for the North American Region. He is the Past President of the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education and has served as the Vice President and Secretary of the Society for Public Health Education. 🌀

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**Gloria Bourdon, BS, MA, EdS** is currently the Director of Health, Safety, & Nutrition Services at the Genesee Intermediate School District. Prior to her position as Director, she worked as a Coordinator in this office for over 10 years. Under her leadership, the office is responsible for Safe and Drug Free Schools program, and several K-12 programs including the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education, HIV/AIDS Education and Sexuality Education, School Health Services and Dental Education, and much more. Before working in the area of school health, Gloria taught child development, parenting, nutrition, family life education, food technology, and biology for 10 years in two Michigan school districts. Presently, Gloria serves on a number of local coalitions and committees related to the health and well-being of children and families and is she recipient of numerous local and state special honors and awards. 🌀

**Bettina Campbell, LMSW** is the founder and Executive Director of YOUR Center, a faith-based HIV prevention community organization. She has 16 years experience working with HIV and related sexuality issues, with diverse populations, and 25 years working with youth and adolescents. YOUR Center's most recent project, YOUR Blessed Health, focuses on training pastors' spouses and other religious leaders to provide HIV/STI educational and skills building workshops to their congregants. Bettina received her MSW from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and is a licensed social worker. Bettina is also a certified HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Counselor with the State of Michigan. 🌀

**Laurie DeDecker, RN** has been a nurse since 1985. In 1995 she began working in colon cancer genetics and received cancer genetics training through Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. She developed and coordinated the Ferguson Inherited Colon Cancer Registry and provided colon cancer risk assessment services from 1995 - 2000. She also coordinated a nationally recognized, community based, colon cancer screening program as well as a GI clinic for the underserved. From 2002 - 2006 she served as a Cancer Genetics Consultant and was involved in many aspects of cancer genetics at the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). She also helped to develop, and facilitated, the Michigan Cancer Genetics Alliance (MCGA). She has been collaborating with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM) and Native American Cancer Research (NACR) since 2004 in an effort to explore and address cancer disparities for Native Americans in Michigan. 🌀

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**Steven Donn, MD, FAAP** is the Director of the Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine, completed his residency at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and a Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan. He received his faculty appointment in July 1981. Dr. Donn's clinical interests are high-technology respiratory support, neonatal neurologic problems, hyperammonemia and neonatal transport. ☺

**Kym Duursma** has worked at Planned Parenthood Centers of West Michigan for 15 years as an educator. Kym has worked with people in substance abuse treatment centers, jails, work release programs, and juvenile detention centers. Kym was also the director of Windfire, a social support group for G.L.B.T. youth for 10 years. Kym volunteers at both Clean Works, a needle exchange program in Grand Rapids and PLus, the new G.L.B.T. youth group. ☺

**Selvy Hall** is an advocate for HIV prevention efforts. Her commitment began in 1990 when she was diagnosed with HIV. Selvy was motivated and encouraged to spread the message about HIV/AIDS to a diverse group of people, and her mission has been to educate the community about the importance of taking the necessary measures to avoid becoming HIV positive and to advocate for those living with HIV. Selvy is the recipient of the 2005 Sojourner Truth Award, Michigan HIV Care Partnership and Leadership in Care Award and the ASTHA 2000 Vision Award, among others. ☺

**Lisa Hainstock, RS** graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1989, with a BS in Environmental/ Occupational Hygiene, and was employed as an environmental health specialist with the Delta-Menominee District Health Department for eight years. She then worked at Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as a regional consultant in the non-community Public Water Supply program for four years, and moved to the Michigan Department of Agriculture in 2002 as a food safety specialist with the Food Safety Planning and Response Unit. ☺

**Mary Lee Hultin, MS, RS** is a Toxicologist with the Michigan DEQ, Air Quality Division. Mary Lee serves as a statewide technical specialist on children's environmental health in air quality and asthma for the state's air toxics program. She has 24 years of experience in the field of environmental toxicology with the past 14 in air quality. ☺


**Deborah Kohn** is on staff with the Flint Community Schools as a Comprehensive School Health Education Coordinator, State certified HIV and Sexuality trainer, Interim Sex Ed. Supervisor and currently serving in the Health Services Department as Coordinated School Health Program Specialist. Her role in these areas has afforded her opportunities to write grants, create and implement curriculum, participate in research benefiting the needs of urban school children and continue advocating for improved health and wellness for students and staff. ☺


**Kathryn E. Macomber, MPH** has been a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Epidemiologist with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Epidemiology since 2002. She conducts data analysis, data management, and creates reports of STD morbidity in the state to help direct prevention efforts. Ms. Macomber is also am the epidemiology coordinator for a surveillance project for drug-resistant gonorrhea and works extensively with syphilis behavioral data from Detroit as well as chlamydia and gonorrhea screening data. Ms. Macomber has a BS in Microbiology and a MPH in hospital and molecular epidemiology, both from the University of Michigan. ☺


**June Murphy, DO** is the staff perinatologist at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan. She received her medical training at Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Genesys Regional Medical Center in 1999. Dr. Murphy also completed a 3-year fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Yale University's School of Medicine. From there she worked at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as a physician consultant on a pregnancy, infection and nutrition project. ☺


**Brian Nolan, MD** is the Chief of Staff at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. He also serves as the Director of Pediatric Critical Care, Vice Chairman for the Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director for Maternal/Child Home Care for Hurley Medical Center. Dr. Nolan received his medical training at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, coming to Hurley Medical Center in 1976 for his Pediatric Residency. He completed pediatric intensive care and neonatal/perinatal fellowships at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Nolan has been a steadfast child advocate in the Flint area for many years working on issues related to drug-exposed infants, childhood asthma, nutrition, and obesity. ☺


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**Kate Patton, BS** is a Health Educator at the Genesee County Health Department in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education. Ms. Patton is currently pursuing a Master's of Public Administration with an emphasis in Health Management through Western Michigan University. Her broad experience has included working in health education, wellness, and fitness areas, including hospital, extended care facility, university, and non-profit settings. Ms. Patton is also working in the Ortho/Neuro Inpatient Rehab office at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint. 


**Robyn Polacek** received her Bachelor of Science degree from Spring Arbor College. She is currently pursuing her Master of Applied Science degree from University of Michigan. Robyn is a Health Educator at Mott Children's Health Center. In her role at Mott Children's Health Center she conducts health promotion activities and presentations at schools, faith-based organizations and other community settings. She is responsible for conducting women's health sessions at several school-based health clinics in the community. She has facilitated the "Way To Go Kids" program for several years. 

**Ebony Sandusky, MPH** has been working in the area of reproductive and sexual health for over ten years. She received her MPH from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, concentrating in Health Behavior and Health Education and Reproductive and Women's Health. She is currently working on research focusing on the role of HIV education materials on African-American mother-child communication. Much of her public health and community work has focused on reproductive and sexual health and female youth work. Her public health research and practice interests include reproductive and sexual health interventions for African Americans, macro-level influences on sexual and reproductive protective and risk behaviors, Black women and reproductive and sexual health disparities. 

**Molly A. Shor, MPA** is the newly-appointed Program Director for the Crim Fitness Foundation. In this role, Molly is responsible for all youth programming including the CrimKids school site partnerships, running clubs and the CrimKids Classic in addition to adult programs such as the CrimFit and the Crim Training Program. For the past 15 years Molly has worked in the nonprofit field and is an avid supporter of personal wellness and physical fitness. She earned her BA in International Relations from Michigan State University and a MPA from the University of Pittsburgh. She has held numerous senior management positions with local and national organizations and has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University. 

**Martha Stanbury, MSPH** is the Manager of the Chemical Terrorism and Emergencies Preparedness Section, Division of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Her Section is responsible for planning and response to the public health aspects of chemical emergencies. 

**Stephen Tackitt, RS, MPH, DAAS** is the Health Officer for the Barry-Eaton District Health Department. Prior to his position at Barry-Eaton he was the Director of the Environmental Health Division at the Wayne County Health Department. He has served as president of the Michigan Environmental Health Association, the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators, the National Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators and the National Environmental Health Association. He is the past Chair of the Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program and serves on the Council of Public Health Consultants, NSF, International. Steve received the LaRue L. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Environmental Health Association as well as the V. Harry Adrounie Founders Award from the Michigan Association for Local Environmental Health Administrators. He is a Registered Sanitarian and a Diplomat in the American Academy of Sanitarians. 

**Trissa Torres, MD, MSPH, FACPM** is Medical Director of Health and Disease Management at Genesys Health System in Flint, Michigan. At Genesys Dr. Torres also serves as Faculty, Family Practice Residency Program, Medical Director, Genesys Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention and Genesys Diabetes Learning Center and Nutrition Center, and is Medical Advisor to Genesys Athletic Club. Dr. Torres is Board Certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. She is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Family Practice at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine. Throughout her career, her program development and research interests have focused on promoting healthy lifestyles to prevent and manage chronic disease, particularly in vulnerable populations. She has extensive experience in integrating behavior change principles into health care delivery models. 

**Diane Vack, BS** has worked in Sexual Reproductive Health with Planned Parenthood of East Central Michigan in Flint, Michigan for seven years and has been working with teens for over 10 years. She was also a Director of Religious Education for seven years. Ms. Vack worked at Whaley Children's Center, Durant Tuuri Mott Teen Center and with the Genesee County Schools Systems. 