



Investing in Children's Health and Well-being

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

KATHRYN SANTORO, MA is Director of Programming at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to transforming health care through evidence and collaboration. Ms. Santoro currently leads NIHCM's programs to highlight market and policy innovations, including webinars and Capitol Hill briefings, and directs the organization's journalism and population health programs.

Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master's degree in Public Policy from George Washington University with a focus on women's health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master's degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women's and children's policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

Dr. Kelleher is Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health and ADS/Chlapaty Endowed Chair for Innovation in Pediatric Practice in the Colleges of Medicine and Public Health at The Ohio State University. He is also Vice President of Community Health at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He is a pediatrician and health services researcher focused on improving and measuring the quality of pediatric care for high risk children affected by social determinants of health, violence, neglect, alcohol, drug use or mental disorders. He has been continuously funded by NIH since shortly after completing his training in 1990 and is now the PI on projects from NIMH, AHRQ, and CMS/CMMI. He is involved in strategy development for the Nationwide Children's Healthy Neighborhood, Healthy Family zone focusing on neighborhood leaders, community agencies and related partnerships to improve housing, employment, schools and safety on the Near South Side of Columbus.

Dr. Amy Green, (she/her) is Vice President of Research at The Trevor Project and a licensed clinical psychologist. Her team supports the organization's life-saving work by using data and research findings to advance its crisis services and peer support programs, as well as advocacy and education initiatives. Under Dr. Green's leadership, the research team produces innovative research that brings new clinical implications to the field of suicidology and LGBTQ mental health. In addition to leading The Trevor Project's annual National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health, her team publishes

multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts and reports each year, plus monthly research briefs that help inform the work of LGBTQ youth-serving agencies and mental health organizations.

Erika Kirby is the Executive Director at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation. Erika is a graduate of the University of Dayton and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She received her bachelor's of Science from the University of Dayton, in Dayton Ohio, in Nutrition/Pre-medicine, and completed a dietetic internship at the Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland Ohio.

Erika joined the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation in 2013 as a Senior Research Analyst and Grants Manager. She supported the development and execution of the Foundation's vision and mission of improving the health of South Carolinians, particularly for the economically disadvantaged, by developing partnerships and collaborations with local and state-wide health organizations, and managing and evaluating grant projects. She previously worked as a division director at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, providing strategic direction and leadership of a program to address nutrition and physical activity and related chronic health conditions in South Carolina. During this time, she built partnerships and collaborations to create spaces and places supporting healthy eating and active living.

She is a member of the 2018 class of Leadership South Carolina. Erika is involved with local, state and national efforts on health issues such as mental health, adolescent health, safety net provider networks and childhood obesity; and she contributes to advancing strategic grant-making and partnerships to improve health.