

## Presenter Bios

**Dr. Annie Andrews** is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University and a hospitalist at Children's National Hospital. She is a gun violence prevention advocate and researcher and Senior Advisor at Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action. After running for Congress in 2022, Dr. Andrews founded our nation's only PAC for kids, Their Future PAC, which aims to help elect leaders who are willing to put kids first.

**Dr. Alsan Bellard** serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Community of Hope, a federally qualified health center in Washington, DC. He has been serving in Health Care Leadership since 2005, previously serving as the Medical Director of the Children's Health Center at THEARC and as the Health Services Administrator for DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services. He is also Board Certified in General Pediatrics and received his MD from Louisiana State University School of Medicine, and MBA in Medical Services Management from John Hopkins' Carey School of Business.

**Dr. Binny Chokshi** - Dr. Binny Chokshi is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She trained to become a general pediatrician at Children's National, with a focus on community health. Her clinical time is currently within the Adolescent and Young Adult Clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Dr. Chokshi's research and education interests are focused on understanding the impact of early life stressors on health across the life course. To mitigate the effects of trauma and stress on children, Dr. Chokshi advocates for a trauma-informed approach to healthcare and has developed a variety of published curricula on this topic. In a prior role at Children's National Hospital, Dr. Chokshi was the co-medical director of the Healthy Generations Teen-Tot Clinic and an active Clinical Public Health Mentor at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Currently, within the Division of Military Child and Family Research, Dr. Chokshi examines how military specific factors may impact child and family health. Her research topic areas include food insecurity, mental health, adolescent health, and maternal and child health. Dr. Chokshi has a vested interest in medical education and completed a Masters in Education at the George Washington University School of Education and Human Development. At USUHS, she leads a reflective practice session on trauma-informed care during the pediatric clerkship and is also a coach for medical students.

**Dr. Monika Goyal MD, MSCE** is the inaugural endowed chair for Women in Science and Medicine (WISH) and Associate Division Chief for Academic Affairs and Research at Children's National Hospital. She is a tenured Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at George Washington University and leads an NIH-funded research program, ADAPT- Addressing Disparities through Advocacy, Prevention, and Technology. Dr. Goyal is a nationally renowned equity science scholar, having published more than 130 peer-reviewed manuscripts and securing more than \$25 million in NIH funding. Dr. Goyal's research program focuses on identifying and

addressing inequities in health care to achieve health equity for all children. This work has focused on adolescent sexual health, pain management, and firearm injuries in youth. Her research has been highlighted in major news outlets such as The New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, NBC Nightly News, CNN, and NPR. Dr. Goyal is also actively involved in mentoring students, trainees, and faculty, and has a strong interest in faculty development, especially as it relates to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

**Elizabeth Davis:** As the Government Affairs Manager for Washington, DC at Children's National Hospital, Elizabeth participates in the strategic planning and implementation of legislative activity on behalf of Children's National in the D.C. Council and the Executive Office of the Mayor. She monitors local legislation and regulations and engages with government stakeholders to ensure that children are kept in the forefront of the development of policies and regulations.

**Devin Mazziotti** is the senior advocacy communications associate based in the AAP Washington, DC office. In her role, Devin oversees grassroots advocacy efforts to mobilize pediatricians to take action on timely child health issues, supports pediatricians engaging in media on federal child health policy topics and trains pediatricians to be effective child health advocates.

**Dan DeBrakeleer** is the chapter advocacy communications specialist based in the AAP Washington, DC office. Dan works closely with district and chapter leaders to develop advocacy communications across many children's health issues, using both traditional and social media.

**Elizabeth (Libby) Ireson** is a general pediatrician at Children's National Columbia Heights and a General Academic Pediatrics (GAP) fellow. She completed residency and chief residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 2022. As a GAP fellow, Dr. Ireson is involved in research, advocacy, and health policy work. Her advocacy work has included national campaigns on magnet ingestion and firearm safety, development of local firearm safety legislative partnerships, and civic engagement training.

**Lenore Jarvis, MD, MEd, FAAP,** is a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Children's National Hospital (CNH) and Associate Professor of Pediatrics for The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, DC. She serves as the Director of Advocacy and Health Policy for the Division of Emergency Medicine and Child Health Advocacy Institute Affiliate Faculty for CNH. She has held leadership positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) since 2006, including President of the DC Chapter of the AAP, and is the current District III Vice Chair. Dr. Jarvis is a Program Director for the Academic Pediatric Association's Health Policy Scholar's Program. She also serves on the DC Mayor Bowser's Perinatal Mental Health Taskforce and Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

**Dr. Mary Revenis**, MD, FAAP is a neonatologist at Children’s National Hospital. She is the Chair of the DC AAP Fetus and Newborn Committee and works with the CDC community and DC Health as a participant for DC Infant Mortality Reviews, Perinatal HIV Reviews, and DC Perinatal QI. Her passions are nutrition, immunizations, newborn screens, safe sleep, and perinatally acquired infections.

**Dr. Amanda Stewart** MD, MPH, FAAP (she/her) joined Children’s National as a pediatric emergency medicine physician in June 2023 from Boston Children’s Hospital, where she completed her pediatrics residency, PEM fellowship, as well as an Advocacy and Public Policy fellowship that she designed and subsequently led. She also served as the Lead Physician for Clinician Advocacy in the Boston Children’s Hospital Office of Government Relations from 2018-2023. Her research is focused on child and family homelessness and other health-related social needs. She has been involved in legislative advocacy around housing instability, healthcare access for immigrant children, and other policy solutions to address adverse social determinants of health for children and families.

**LaDon Love** is the Executive Director of SPACES In Action/SIA, a grassroots membership-based organization that works with Black, brown, and immigrant families to expand healthcare access, tax justice, investments in the childcare sector, and fight for climate justice. She has over two decades of organizing, policy, and facilitation experience.

**Tayo Belle:** As Deputy Director of the School Justice Project (SJP), Tayo supervises all programmatic areas of SJP’s work. Tayo’s systemic work aims to mitigate the consequences of the juvenile and criminal justice systems by using special education laws to promote education during incarceration. Tayo serves as lead counsel in *Charles H. v. District of Columbia*, a class action lawsuit challenging the denial of education to students incarcerated at the DC Jail during the COVID-19 pandemic, and advocates in local legislative and policy efforts to impact change.

## **Workshops:**

### **How to Write an Op-ed and Get it Published - Dr. Jarvis & Dr. Iverson**

Objectives:

1. Begin to create a tailored message to communicate effectively.
2. Apply advocacy skills required to write an op-ed or editorial letter.
3. Describe the process to have written advocacy approved by DC AAP.

### **Crafting an Effective Advocacy Message - Devin Mazziotti & Dan DeBrakeleer**

Attendees will learn the basics of crafting effective advocacy messages that resonate with your audience. From building your Message Map to distilling your message into a

concise elevator pitch, this session will cover the tools you need to hone a compelling child health advocacy message.

**How to get more involved in AAP advocacy - Dr. Stewart & Dr. Revenis**

In this session, participants will learn how to influence policy at the American Academy of Pediatrics (and other professional societies) through resolution writing. Presenters will discuss the resolution process, keys to drafting a high-quality resolution, as well as lessons learned from their own experience with submitting both successful and unsuccessful resolutions. Come join us to learn this unique advocacy skill!

**The Legislative Landscape - Elizabeth Davis**

This breakout session aims to discuss the legislative landscape in the District of Columbia. Specifically, this session will highlight recent DC Council's efforts to improve health care access for children and adolescents in Council Period 25. During this interactive session, attendees will also learn how to get involved with advocacy.