Plenary Speaker Bios

Julie Sweetland, PhD
Senior Advisor, FrameWorks Institute

Dr. Julie Sweetland is a sociolinguist and a senior advisor at the FrameWorks Institute, a nonprofit that equips change-makers to lead productive public conversations on scientific and social issues. FrameWorks’ unique approach to communications research shapes public discourse across the nation and around the world. Their impact was recognized in 2015 with the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, otherwise known as the “organizational genius grant.” Since joining FrameWorks in 2012, Dr. Sweetland has co-constructed and led strategic reframing initiatives on a range of social, environmental, and health issues. Her skill in translating framing research into communication strategy has helped advocates, policymakers, and scientists drive social change. Dr. Sweetland is a graduate of Georgetown University and completed her MA and PhD in linguistics at Stanford University.

Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP
Associate Administrator of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Michael Warren is the Associate Administrator of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). MCHB’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of America’s mothers, children, and families. Its Title V Maternal and Child Health Services program serves 93% of all pregnant women, 98% of infants, and 60% of all children, including those with special health care needs.

Before assuming his current role as MCHB’s Associate Administrator, Dr. Warren served in various roles at the Tennessee Department of Health, including Deputy Commissioner for Population Health, Assistant Commissioner for Family Health and Wellness, and Director of Maternal and Child Health. Prior to joining the Department of Health, he served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt and as Medical Director in the Governor’s Office of Children’s Care Coordination.

Dr. Warren graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors in Psychology from Wake Forest University and earned his medical degree from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed his pediatrics residency, Chief Residency, and fellowship in Academic General Pediatrics at Vanderbilt, where he also obtained a Master's in Public Health. He is a board-certified pediatrician and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Warren has served as President of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), the national professional organization for maternal and child health professionals. He was also appointed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM).
Meg Sullivan, MD, MPH, FAAP
Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Meg Sullivan, MD, MPH, FAAP is a Board-certified Pediatrician with extensive experience in public health, health equity, reproductive health, global health, infectious disease prevention and control, and emergency response. Dr Sullivan currently serves as a Counselor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for multiple agencies including the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Prior to this role, she most recently served as the Chief Medical Officer for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the agency within HHS that lead's the nation’s medical and public health preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for disasters and public health emergencies.

Prior to joining ASPR, she served as the Medical Director at the Mecklenburg County Health Department where she provided medical leadership for all health department programs as well as the COVID-19 response. Previously, Dr. Sullivan has worked at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Washington, DC, and as the Medical Director of an organization in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Dr. Sullivan completed medical school at the University of California, San Diego and her residency at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. She received a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Elizabeth Cox, MD, PhD, FAAP
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow
U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee-Majority

Elizabeth Cox MD, PhD, FAAP is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow with the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and a tenured professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She is actively involved in policy and advocacy efforts to improve health and well-being for children and families. Her motivation for this work is rooted in her experiences growing up in rural West Virginia.

Dr. Cox is a nationally recognized expert in stakeholder-engaged health research. She conducts systems-level research that leverages the voices of children and families to deliver safer, higher quality health care. For example, she led efforts to develop an evidence-based checklist intervention that enhances patient safety by promoting family-centered rounding in children's hospitals. She also served three years as an advisor on the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's panel on Improving Health Care Systems. As the associate director of the UW Primary Care Research Post-doctoral Fellowship, she is invested in growing the clinician-scientist workforce that will discover new knowledge to meet our nation’s evolving health challenges.

Cox received her BS in chemistry and her medical degree from West Virginia University, in Morgantown, WV. She completed her pediatric residency and a doctorate in Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, in Madison, WI. She is board certified in pediatrics and worked as a traveling physician in over 80 different US locations, including Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Indian Health Service, before joining the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health's general pediatric faculty in 2007.

CDR Shaanan Meyerstein, MD, MPH, FAAP
Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Shaanan Meyerstein, MD, MPH, FAAP is a general pediatrician and Commander in the US Public Health Service/Commissioned Corps. Since 2016, Dr Meyerstein has served as a Medical Officer for the Unaccompanied Children’s (UC) Program in the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). He is currently the Team Lead for Medical Services in the Division of Health for Unaccompanied Children (DHUC). In this role, Dr. Meyerstein helps to provide technical medical consultation and quality oversight for ORR’s grantees across the country to ensure appropriate delivery of health care services to Unaccompanied Children (UC) within ORR care. Additionally, he helps with efforts to coordinate continuity of care for UC with complex medical needs who are reunifying with family members throughout the nation. Concurrently, outside of his government position, Dr. Meyerstein has worked as a pediatric Clinical Associate in the Emergency Department at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C since 2014.
Dr. Meyerstein completed his undergraduate degree at Columbia University in New York, and received a doctorate in medicine from the Ben-Gurion University Medical School for International Health in Beer Sheva, Israel. He completed a residency in Pediatrics at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York, as well as a Master of Public Health at Hofstra University. Subsequently, he spent a year in Botswana with the Baylor International Pediatric HIV Initiative (BIPAI).

Shaanan and his wife Rachel, a registered dietician specializing in Eating Disorders and disordered body image, live in Washington DC. They have three children: Nessa (7), Zoe (5), and Aiden (2).

Admiral Rachel Levine, MD, FAAP
Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Admiral Rachel L. Levine serves as the 17th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after being nominated by President Joe Biden and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2021. As Assistant Secretary for Health, ADM Rachel Levine fights every day to improve the health and well-being of all Americans. She's working to help our nation overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build a stronger foundation for a healthier future - one in which every American can attain their full health potential. ADM Levine also is the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, one of the eight uniformed services.

After graduating from Harvard College and Tulane University School of Medicine, ADM Levine completed her training in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. As a physician, she focused on the intersection between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults. ADM Levine was a Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. Her previous posts included: Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics, and Chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

In 2015, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf nominated ADM Levine to be Pennsylvania’s Physician General and she was subsequently unanimously confirmed by Pennsylvania’s state Senate. In March of 2018, ADM Levine was named Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Health. During her time in state government, ADM Levine worked to address Pennsylvania's opioid crisis, focus attention on maternal health and improve immunization rates among children. Her decision to issue a standing order for the anti-overdose drug, Naloxone, saved thousands of lives by allowing law enforcement to carry the drug and Pennsylvanians to purchase it without a prescription from their doctor.

ADM Levine is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and the Academy for Eating Disorders. She was also the President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. In addition to her recent posts in medicine and government, ADM Levine is an accomplished speaker and author of numerous publications on the opioid crisis, adolescent medicine, eating disorders, and LGBT medicine.

Nusheen Ameenuddin, MD, MPH, FAAP
Chair, AAP Council on Communications and Media

Dr. Nusheen Ameenuddin is currently an Assistant Professor and Consultant (tenured staff physician) in the Division of Community Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Previously, she was a pediatrician at MeritCare Clinic and a full-time active medical staff in pediatrics at North Country Regional Hospital, Bemidji, MN. She is most passionate about advocating for underserved populations and immigrant populations who face significant barriers to healthcare, including language, health literacy and transportation.

In response to the recent measles outbreak in Minnesota, Dr. Ameenuddin participated in a vaccine education outreach as part of a joint effort between the Minnesota Department of Health and the state's chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, traveling to Somali mosques to educate and vaccinate. These efforts halted the spread of measles before any deaths occurred. She has also taken to social media with the #KeepKidsCovered Twitter video campaign she helped spearhead in response to efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Dr. Ameenuddin received her medical degree in 2002 and her MPH degree in 1998.
from the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS. She completed a residency in pediatric and adolescent medicine at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Mayo Clinic, in 2005.

**Jenny Radesky, MD, FAAP**
Vice Chair, AAP Council on Communications and Media

**Dr. Jenny Radesky** is Director of the Division of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan Medical School. Her research examines the use of mobile and interactive technology by parents and young children and how this relates to self-regulation and parent-child interaction. Clinically, her work focuses on autism, ADHD, and advocacy. She has authored American Academy of Pediatrics policy statements on digital media use in early childhood including *Media and Young Minds* and *Digital Advertising to Children*. She has two children, 9 and 13 years old, who keep her laughing and humble about media use! Dr. Radesky is excited to bring together her clinical, research, and knowledge experience to the Center's work. You can follow her on Twitter @jennyradesky.

**Representative Kim Schrier, MD, FAAP (D-Wash.)**

Congresswoman Kim Schrier, MD represents Washington's 8th Congressional District, which includes much of King, Pierce, Kittitas, Chelan, and Snohomish Counties, and a small portion of Douglas County.

Prior to being elected to Congress on November 6, 2018, Kim spent her career as a pediatrician in Issaquah, working with children across the Puget Sound region and helping families navigate the health care system. In Congress, Kim uses this expertise to inform her work on issues that improve the lives, health, and wellbeing of children.

As the first pediatrician in Congress, Kim brings a critical voice to issues related to health care. Through her own experience as a patient living with Type 1 diabetes, Kim understands the very real fear of health care costs and access for people living with pre-existing conditions. And as a physician who has worked in a broken health care system, Kim understands what changes need to be made to make it work better for both patients and providers.

Kim's experience as a pediatrician gives her a unique understanding of the needs and struggles facing 8th District families. She lives in Sammamish with her husband, David, and son, Sam.

**Representative Yadira Caraveo, MD, FAAP (D-Colo.)**

Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo, M.D. represents Colorado's 8th Congressional District, composed of most of Adams County, a large portion of Weld County, and a portion of Larimer County. Prior to her election to Congress in 2022, Rep. Caraveo served families across the North Denver metro area as a pediatrician. As one of the few Spanish speaking pediatricians in the area, Rep. Caraveo spent nearly a decade treating families and children from Denver up to Greeley.

As a pediatrician, Rep. Caraveo saw the struggles that families across the North Denver Metro area encounter every day — problems that she couldn't fix as their doctor. Low wages, the high cost of housing, and expensive medication combined to make the American Dream that she and her family had achieved slip more and more out of reach for Colorado's working families. One day, after getting off the phone with an insurance company that was delaying care for her patient, Rep. Caraveo decided she had had enough, and ran for the state legislature to make life better for the working families she saw in clinic every day.

In the state legislature, Rep. Caraveo worked across the aisle to take on special interests and advocate for the needs of Colorado families. When Colorado's 8th Congressional District was drawn following the 2020 census, Rep. Caraveo decided to step up and run for Congress to fight for families from Commerce City to Greeley at the federal level.

As a pediatrician, Rep. Caraveo's knowledge of the healthcare system helps her advocate for ways to lower healthcare costs and increase access to healthcare for Coloradans. As the daughter of immigrants, Rep. Caraveo knows how much work it takes to achieve the American Dream and is dedicated to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to pursue that dream. Rep. Caraveo lives in Thornton, CO just 10 minutes away from her parents, who still live in her childhood home. She spends her free time with her mom and dad, her four siblings, and their children.