



2015 CHILD HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND CARE SUMMIT:

Building Powerful Partnerships

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Nadine Burke Harris, MD, MPH

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is the founder and CEO of the Center for Youth Wellness (CYW). She has earned international attention for her innovative approach to addressing adverse childhood experiences as a risk factor for adult disease such as heart disease and cancer. Her work has demonstrated that it's time to reassess the relationship between poverty, child development, and health, and how the practical applications of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study can improve health outcomes.



Dowell Myers, Ph.D.

Dowell Myers is a professor of policy, planning, and demography at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, where he also directs the USC PopDynamics Research Group. Professor Myers is an interdisciplinary scholar well known for his research on the interaction between demographics and many aspects of public policy. His work emphasizes the current generational transition underway between the aging baby boomers, who are beginning to retire, and a younger, more diverse generation that is now being educated to replace them in the work force, among the taxpayers, and in the housing market. He is a leading authority on the California population, whose racial, immigrant, and political changes precede the nation's by two decades or more. Dr. Myers is the author of the award-winning book *Immigrants and Boomers: Forging a New Social Contract for the Future of America*. Myers holds his Ph.D. from MIT and a Master of City Planning from UC Berkeley.



Neera Tanden

President, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

Neera Tanden is the President of the Center for American Progress. Ms. Tanden previously was senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, advising Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and working on President Obama's health reform team to develop and pass the Affordable Care Act. Prior to that, Tanden was the director of domestic policy for the Obama-Biden campaign, managing all domestic policy proposals. She served as policy director for the first Hillary Clinton presidential campaign, and was associate director for domestic policy and Senior Advisor to the First Lady in the Clinton administration.



Ross A. Thompson, Ph.D.

Dr. Ross Thompson, a developmental psychologist, studies early parent-child relationships, the development of emotion understanding and regulation, conscience development, prosocial motivation, and the growth of self-understanding in young children. He is broadly concerned with the development of constructive social motivation early in life. Recent studies have examined, for example, how the content and structure of early parent-child conversation shapes young children's developing understanding of emotion, morality, and self. Dr. Thompson also works on the applications of developmental research to public policy concerns, including school readiness and its development, early childhood investments, child abuse prevention, families in divorce, and early mental health. He has written in a large variety of public and policy forums about these topics.