



Immigrant Families in America Today: How Fear and Toxic Stress Are Affecting Daily Life, Well-Being, and Health

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Panelist Biographies

Samantha Artiga

Samantha Artiga serves as Director of the Disparities Policy Project at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Associate Director for the Foundation's Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Ms. Artiga leads research and policy analysis to provide greater insight into healthcare disparities affecting underserved groups and strategies to promote equity in health care. In addition, she serves as a national expert on Medicaid and CHIP and directs work on eligibility policy at the federal and state level and outreach and enrollment as well as on and coverage and access for vulnerable populations, including homeless individuals and immigrants.

Lanre Omojokun Falusi, MD, FAAP

Olanrewaju (Lanre) Falusi, MD, FAAP is a pediatrician and the Associate Medical Director of Municipal and Regional Affairs at the Child Health Advocacy Institute of Children's National Health System. In this role, Dr. Falusi's priorities include caring for a largely Central American patient population; creating advocacy and community health curricula for medical students and residents; educating and collaborating with lawmakers and community agencies regarding child health; and participating in a trauma and resilience initiative within the primary care clinics. Dr. Falusi is also the Assistant Program Director for the Community Health Track of Children's National's Pediatric Residency Program, training residents to become leaders in policy, advocacy, and community healthcare delivery. Dr. Falusi is the Immediate Past President of the DC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (DC AAP) and is currently a member of national AAP's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. With the influx of unaccompanied immigrant children into the DC area in 2014, Dr. Falusi was part of a group of pediatricians who created the DC AAP Immigrant Health Committee to support healthcare providers and community advocates who care for this vulnerable population. Dr. Falusi has spoken at national

conferences and in the media on the topics of urban poverty, immigrant health, and social determinants of health, and she regularly provides testimony on local and national levels to promote child health and well-being.

Jenny Rejeske,

Jenny Rejeske, Senior Health Policy Analyst at National Immigration Law Center, leads the National Immigration Law Center's team working to defend, protect and improve low-income immigrants' access to affordable health care. NILC works in partnership with national policy and advocacy groups, community-based organizations, health care providers, legal and social services agencies and government officials. Prior to joining NILC, she directed the health advocacy program at the New York Immigration Coalition. Jenny started her health-related career working at community health centers in New York City and Estes Park, CO. She earned her M.S. in Nonprofit Management from Milano the New School for Management and Urban Policy.

Diane Rowland

Diane Rowland, Executive Vice President at the Foundation, is a nationally recognized health policy expert with a distinguished career in public policy and research focusing on health insurance coverage, access to care, and health financing for low-income, elderly, and disabled populations. From 1991-2016, she served as Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, now the Kaiser Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured. Dr. Rowland oversees the Foundation's health policy analytic work on Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance, HIV and global health policy, women's Health Policy, and disparities. A noted authority on Medicare, Medicaid, and health policy, she testifies frequently and has published widely on these issues. From 2009-2015, Dr. Rowland served as the inaugural Chair of the congressionally-authorized Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) established to advise Congress on issues related to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Dr. Rowland is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and holds a Doctor of Science degree (Sc.D.) from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University.