

**Minneapolis Healthy Start Community Action Network (CAN)
Directory
(2014-2019)**



Minneapolis Healthy Start CAN aims to support the Healthy Start program and provide guidance to Healthy Start staff and contracted partners (HCMC Mother Baby Program, MVNA, North-Point Health and Wellness, and The Family Partnership). CAN engages health professionals and Healthy Start participants in dialogues on the social determinants of health and ways to improve them. CAN strategies aim to foster healthy family development, promote parent leadership, and focus on system and policy changes to improve birth outcomes for families in Minneapolis. CAN will align its work with Mayor Betsy Hodges Cradle to K policy recommendation.

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CAN Chair



African American Babies Coalition, Director

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Description: Ms. Bilal-Roby works on educating the community on how trauma affects healthy brain development in children. She is a member of CAN mental health action team.

Members



The Family Partnership (TFP) Parent Advisory Group liaison

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Description: Mr. Bence directs health improvement and clinical initiatives in support of clinical quality goals in collaboration with internal and external constituents. He represents Medica at county, regional & state meetings related to community health issues. He is a member of CAN fatherhood and employment action team.



Focus on Fathers-Father Advocate

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Description: Mr. Carney is a Father Advocate with The Family Partnership. He is a member of CAN fatherhood and employment action team.

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MN Sudden Infant Death Center

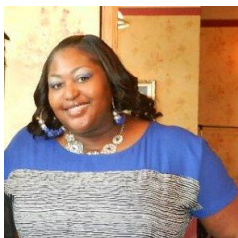
Director

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Description: Ms. Fernbach's work focuses on sudden infant deaths as well as how parents and caregivers can ensure a safe sleep environment for infants. She participates in CAN safe sleep action team.



**Ramsey County Department of Public Health
Health Educator,**

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Description: Ms. Harris co-facilitates the Club Mom program. A monthly support group that provides Parent Health Education for mothers who are raising children ages 0-5 years with a goal to reduce the infant mortality rates within the African American community. She is a member of CAN fatherhood and employment action team.

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Center for Fathering, Registration Coordinator

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Description: Ms. Howard works with North Minneapolis Rotary Club, Infant Mortality in the African American community as well as Urban Ventures, Center for Fathering in south Minneapolis. She is a member of CAN fatherhood and employment action team.



North Point Health and Wellness

Name: Carmita McGlory

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Description: Ms. McGlory works with the Care Coordination team at North Point, specifically OB patient coordination through Minneapolis Healthy Start. She is a member of CAN mental health and housing action teams.



Wellshare International

Program Manager

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Description: Ms. Mitchell is interested in helping planning for healthy pregnancies and assisting all families to have access to more comprehensive resources and care that is culturally sensitive. She participates in CAN safe sleep action team.



Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency, Clinical Director of Family Health

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Description: Ms. Mueller is a Minnesota Visiting Nurse providing comprehensive public health nursing and case management services for pregnant and parenting families. She is a member of CAN safe sleep action team.

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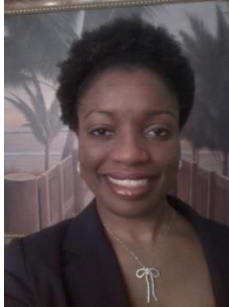
Case Manager

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Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health, Family Health Division-MCH Outreach

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Description: Ms. Ralston works with the Ramsey County Public Health Department with the Club Mom program on population based services related to community health. She is a member of CAN safe sleep and mental health action teams.



Executive Director and Consultant: Restoration Incorporated | Culturally Competent Consulting

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Way to Grow, Program Director

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Administrative Director/Health Systems Navigator/CPE Cultural Wellness Center

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Description: Ms. Sekhr-Ra is involved with Mental Health action team. She is the Administrative Director/Health Systems Navigator at the Cultural Wellness Center. She is a Coordinator for the MN Birthing Project, part of the MN Cultural Birth Workers.



Certified Prenatal Educator (CPE), Certified Lactation Educator (CLE) Childbirth Educator (CBE), Certified Doula (CD)

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Vice president, Early Education

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Government Market Solutions Partner Relations Consultant

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Description: Ms. Vang is a county liaison for the 7 metro counties for all Blue Plus products; MSHO/MSO+/PMAP and MinnesotaCare. She is interested in learning about the communities she serve and how we can better serve our members in the City of Minneapolis. Understanding what is important to the community is the first step in being an active partner in this. She would like to offer her knowledge and experiences to the group as we work together to make a positive impact on areas identified.

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Aide to City Council Chair Barbara Johnson

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Certified Prenatal Educator (CPE), Certified Lactation Educator (CLE) Childbirth Educator (CBE), Certified Doula (CD)

Name: Sonja Watley

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Description: Ms. Watley is a certified Doula (Birth and Postpartum), Perinatal Educator and Breastfeeding Educator. In addition, Sonja is certified in newborn resuscitation, midwife assistance and formerly owned a home daycare. She is also a CAN member.

Hennepin County Health Care for the Homeless Director

Name: Stephanie Abel

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Description: Ms. Abel is a manager of Integrated Care for Hennepin County Public Health. She oversees Health Care for the Homeless. She is a member of CAN housing action team.

Nursing Supervisor, Hennepin Co Public Health

Name: Jane Auger

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Description: Ms. Auger provides early childhood services at Hennepin County by supporting young families from pregnancy through kindergarten. Currently, she is working with the CAN mental health action team on developing a training for community providers around the impact of trauma on children and adults and how to provide services to reduce re-traumatizing individuals.

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Office to End Homelessness, Heading Home Hennepin

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MDH Community & Family Health

Title V Representative and Infant Mortality and Multicultural Health

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Description: Ms. Chiezah is an Infant Mortality Consultant at the Minnesota Department of Health. She provides statewide leadership around infant mortality reduction and to reduce racial/ethnic disparities in infant mortality rates. Currently, she participates in CAN safe sleep action team.

Project Director, MN Trauma Informed Care Learning Collaborative / Planner Principal – Women Services Lead

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Description: Ms. Dallas works to improve the quality of care for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders.

Neighborhood Healthsource

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Health Partners

Program Manager

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Psychiatric Social Worker at Mother Baby Day Hospital

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NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center

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Description: Ms. Knudsen is a member of CAN mental health action team.

Twin Cities RISE!

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Description: Mr. Osgood trains for job skills and job placement program that supports individuals in finding survival to gold standard employment. He is a member of CAN fatherhood and employment action team.

HCH Clinic Manager- Health Care for the Homeless

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Description: Ms. Petroskas works with 11 different shelters and drop-in centers in Minneapolis to address health concerns, provide treatment and medications, coordinate health care services, provide health education, and coordinate access to health and social services in the community.

Children's Hospitals & Clinics

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Goodwill Agency/Father Advocate

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Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness

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Minneapolis Health Department Staff



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Director

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Maternal & Child Health Coordinator

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City of Minneapolis health commissioner

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