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Invited Speaker Biographies



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Audrey Rowe is the Administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, DC. FNS provides children and needy families with better access to food and a more healthful diet through its 15 nutrition assistance programs and nutrition education efforts. She brings to the federal government over 20 years of experience in human services policy development, program design, and marketing, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations, low-income women, children, and youth.

Since taking over the FNS, Rowe has helped institute menu changes in school lunches that emphasize healthier foods and has promoted summer lunch programs for needy students. Most recently, Rowe served as Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs at FNS, leading the effort to pass the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Her leadership has included roles as Human Resources Administrator in New Haven, CT, and Social Services Commissioner for the State of Connecticut and the District of Columbia. In addition, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the National Urban League. In private industry, Ms. Rowe served as Senior Vice President and Managing Director for the Children and Family Services division for Affiliated Computer Service (ACS), formerly Lockheed Martin IMS.

Ms. Rowe is a graduate of Federal City College and was a Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government Institute of Politics at Harvard University.



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Tracy Wareing Evans is the Executive Director of American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), a bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing human service agencies through their top-level leadership. They also have 10 affiliate organizations, including the American Association of SNAP Directors (AASD). Building on the expertise and experience of the APHSA membership, Wareing Evans is leading the Association's efforts to drive transformation of the health and human services system in the United States to a more sustainable path that is both effective and cost efficient.

She is a strong advocate for strengthening public-private partnerships to advance the collective impact of both sectors on the human services field. Wareing Evans has a long history in high-level policy development and public administration. Prior to joining APHSA, Wareing Evans served as a senior adviser to U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Before moving to Washington, DC, in 2009, Wareing Evans lived in Arizona and served as Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security, an integrated human service agency. In that role, she oversaw protective services for children and adults; cash assistance and supplemental nutrition assistance; Medicaid eligibility determinations; workforce and employment supports; and unemployment. Prior to her cabinet appointment, she served in multiple senior policy and legal advisor roles in the State of Arizona. She has also served as the lead counsel in the Arizona Attorney General's office, representing child protective services. Wareing Evans began her career in private practice at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson, LLP in Phoenix.



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George A. Jones is the Chief Executive Officer of Bread for the City (BFC), where he is responsible for managing all administrative, financial, and programmatic aspects of the organization and its 100 full-time staff. Mr. Jones has led BFC's growth from a \$1.2 million operation in 1996 to a \$10.6 million operation in 2014. Under his leadership, BFC has been recognized for excellence by Johnson & Johnson, the District of Columbia government, the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (DC), DC Bar Pro Bono Program, and the District of Columbia Primary Care Association. The agency was also a two-time finalist and one-time winner for the Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management.

In 2015, Georgetown University recognized Mr. Jones as a local leader working to solve some of the city's most pressing challenges, and honored him with the John Thompson, Jr. Legacy of a Dream Award. Mr. Jones was appointed to the Access to Justice Commission in 2014 and was selected to be a member of one of Mayor Muriel Bowser's transition committees on poverty and homelessness in DC. From 1999 to 2007, Mr. Jones served as Chairman of the Board of the DC Primary Care Association (DCPCA). He currently serves as the DCPCA's Vice Chairman, serves on the Center for Nonprofit Advancement Board, and is on the Board of the Capital Area Food Bank. Mr. Jones is a 2011 winner of the Center for Non-Profit Advancement's Gelman, Rosenberg, & Freedman EXCEL Award. In addition, Mr. Jones was recognized by Mayor Anthony Williams for 10 Years of Dedicated Service in April 2006, and received the Haynes Rice Award from the DC Hospital Association in 2011. Mr. Jones holds a B.A. in Psychology from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia.