

Biographical Information on Contributors to

A-B-C-1-2-3 Healthy Kids in Tennessee:

Let's Eat Well, Play, and Be Aware Every Day

Cynthia Chafin, M.Ed., MCHES, has worked in the field of public and community health since 1992. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Middle Tennessee State University and a master's degree in health promotion and education from Vanderbilt University. Cindy facilitates work of the Tennessee Cancer Coalition through Middle Tennessee State University's Adam's Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services and the Center for Health and Human Services. Working with coalitions and team building, including the Tennessee Cancer Coalition, has been a major component of her public health career. Maternal child health has always been an interest; and with recent health reports on the status of our young children in the United States and in Tennessee, healthy living and lifestyle issues for children have become areas of interest to her.

Elizabeth Holbrook, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Roanoke College in Virginia. A recent graduate from Middle Tennessee State University, Liz has developed a number of programs through the Center for Physical Activity and Health in Youth, serving as the director of the *KIDSTEP* initiative and co-creator of the *A-B-C-1-2-3 Healthy Kids in Tennessee Active Play Module*. Her experience as a measurement specialist and exercise scientist have allowed her to develop novel methods for promoting physical activity in youth with sensory and physical disabilities, and she is published in the areas of objective physical activity monitoring and health promotion for persons with visual impairment. Liz is an avid distance runner and the 2009 recipient of AAHPERD's Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship.

Malcolm S. Bevel is a 2011 Master of Science in Public Health graduate of Meharry Medical College. Originally from Iowa, he earned his bachelor's degree in biology pre-medicine from Prairie View A&M University in 2009 in Texas. He takes great pride and humility in giving back to the community in any possible. His experience in the health field includes being an intern at the Public Health

Department of Black Hawk County in Waterloo, research on PPARs and MMPs in type 1 diabetes mellitus, being the first intern for the Tennessee Cancer Coalition (TCC), and a data entry operator on quantitative breast cancer research at Meharry Medical College. He is also a member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), a passionate poet, and a former member of the 2010 and 2011 MMC intramural basketball championship team.

Debbie H. Morgan, Ph.D., recently served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Middle Tennessee State University. An elementary school physical education specialist with over 25 years of teaching experience, Dr. Morgan has taught elementary and secondary physical education in public and private schools. Dr. Morgan conducts workshops and provides in-service training for elementary and early childhood teachers throughout the United States. Her passion is to motivate teachers and students to be physically active and to equip teachers to provide fun-filled, high-quality physical education programs for their students.

Don W. Morgan, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Morgan's background is in exercise physiology, and he is the director of the Center for Physical Activity and Health in Youth, a university/community partnership aimed at promoting physical activity and improving the fitness of Tennessee youth.

Jo Edwards, Ed.D., is holder of the Adam's Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services and director of Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Health and Human Services. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, a master's degree from the University of Memphis, and her doctorate from the University of Florida in Gainesville. Dr. Edwards is a certified health education specialist and a medical imaging specialist. She is active in tobacco issues in her local area and in the state of Tennessee. Active professionally in health education and in allied health education, she has served on many state, local, and national committees and boards. She is published and is on three national and international editorial review boards for professional journals. Dr. Edwards' international experience includes consulting in Europe, the Middle East, and South Africa.

Janet Colson, Ph.D., RD, is a professor in the Department of Human Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Colson has been active in child nutrition and health programs at the local, state, and national levels. She served as state co-chair for Tennessee's Action for Healthy Kids for four years, coordinated several district and state conferences and programs on school health and nutrition, and has spoken to national audiences on the topic.

Jennifer Louis is president of Candlelighters/American Childhood Cancer Organization of Middle Tennessee, a Tennessee team leader for CureSearch Children's Oncology Group, and chair of the Tennessee Cancer Coalition childhood resources committee. When Jennifer's son ended treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in August 2002, he was 15 years old, and they both made a pact to do everything possible to eliminate suffering and death due to childhood cancer. This has included (a) meeting with members of Congress in Washington, D.C., to advocate for increased funds for research; (b) developing the Tennessee Childhood Cancer Action Team to unify efforts and collaborate on projects such as a statewide calendar of events recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; (c) presenting programs to K-12 school staff to raise awareness of childhood cancer; and (d) identifying community partners to support a survivorship program to address the effects of treatment.

Mary Winslow, MSW, LCSW, is the patient services manager for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Tennessee Chapter. Mary has worked toward developing programs to improve quality of life for patients and families facing blood cancer. She is a member of the Childhood Cancer Action Team for the Tennessee Cancer Coalition.

Alecia Malin Fair, Dr.P.H., is a Research Services Consultant II and Program Manager of Comparative Effectiveness Research for the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational research and CTSA Consortium Coordinating Center, and formerly an assistant professor of surgery at Meharry Medical College with secondary appointment as an assistant professor at the Vanderbilt University Department of Medicine and the Institute for Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Fair received her Dr.P.H. in health promotion and education from the University of South Carolina and completed her postdoctoral fellowship in cancer epidemiology, funded by the Department of Defense, at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Fair's research focuses on lifestyle epidemiology and health services research factors related to breast cancer risk. She has been involved with the Tennessee

Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition since 2003 currently serving as the state Co-chair and as the Co-chair of the lifestyles/ environment resource committee and as a member of the Middle Tennessee Childhood Action Team. In addition to presenting at national and international conferences, Dr. Fair has published in many journals and publications.

Davie C. Jamison, MSSW, is a retired school social worker, breast cancer survivor. She volunteers for Sisters Network, American Cancer Society, and the Middle Tennessee Cancer Coalition's Childhood Action Team.

Pam Isom, MPH, RN, is manager of the Tennessee Department of Health cancer control program. Her duties include overseeing the activities of the Tennessee Cancer Control Coalition. Pam has a background in public health and served for many years as director of a local health department in some of Tennessee's rural counties.

Leslie R. Boone, MPH, is a translational research coordinator for the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research in Nashville. Ms. Boone is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana at New Orleans. She completed her graduate work at the Grace Crum Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. She has published articles on racial and ethnic disparities in the receipt of cardiac care and women's health research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Ms. Boone's academic and personal interests are in women's health, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) research, health equity research, and health policy. Her continuing and present research focus is on the social determinants of health status for populations experiencing chronic disease.

Yuri Quintana, Ph.D., serves as director, education and informatics, international outreach program, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Dr. Quintana has led the development of several international online projects including *www.Cure4Kids.org*, an online pediatric cancer education website used by thousands of health professionals in 164 countries; *Pond4Kids*, an online system used for international pediatric cancer protocol research; *Consult4Kids*, a web-based system used by health professionals for clinical consultations; and *Cure4Kids for Kids*, a community outreach education program to educate children and communities about cancer and healthy living. The chair of four

international conferences on medical informatics, Quintana earned an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering and computer science, and master's and doctoral degrees in systems design engineering, all from the University of Waterloo. Quintana is currently focused on the development of innovative Internet technologies that empower communities of health care professionals and consumers to communicate, learn, and collaborate on a worldwide basis.

Aubrey Van Kirk, B.S., serves as coordinator for cancer education outreach at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. The focus of his work is Cure4Kids for Kids, a free, school-based education program that teaches students, teachers, and parents about cells, cancer, healthy living, and careers in science and health-related fields. Originally from New Jersey, Van Kirk graduated from Bates College in Maine with a bachelor's degree in biological chemistry and later volunteered in Ambato, Ecuador, teaching English at a public university. It was in Ecuador that she discovered her passion for public health education. Before joining St. Jude, Van Kirk taught ninth grade biology and led the community service program at Hutchison School in Memphis.

Sarah Kraye is a management and IT consultant. In memory of her mother, she volunteers her services to the Nashville chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.