

SESSION #1 PRESENTERS



David A. Hansell, JD was appointed Commissioner of the NYC Administration for Children’s Services in February 2017. Commissioner Hansell has committed his career to serving vulnerable communities and expanding opportunity. An accomplished manager, he has decades of experience in social services work across the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Over the course of his career, he has served as a consultant to non-profit, government, and philanthropic organizations on a diverse array of health and social services policy and advocacy issues, most recently as Head of KPMG’s Human & Social Services Centre of Excellence. From 2009-2011, he served as

Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). At HHS, Commissioner Hansell helped oversee a division with an approximately \$50 billion annual budget, with responsibilities including child welfare, economic support, early childhood education, and special population programs. He has also served in prior governmental positions in New York City and New York State.

Commissioner Hansell is a graduate of Yale Law School and Haverford College.



Michele Maye, MSW is the Executive Director of the NYC Infant Safe Sleep Initiative based at ACS, and is responsible for a coordinated, citywide strategy that builds awareness and understanding of the dangers of unsafe infant sleep practices. As the agency’s lead on Safe Sleep matters, she oversees events, campaigns, materials development, and training curricula that informs parents, caregivers, professionals, and community stakeholders about sleep-related risks for babies. She leads a dedicated team of outreach coordinators working to establish strategic partnerships that bring Safe Sleep messaging to diverse communities in all five boroughs.

Michele’s 32-year child welfare career began at the ACS Brooklyn Borough Office, where she progressed from casework and supervisory positions. Later she joined the Accountability Review Panel in the ACS Office of Quality Improvement as a case reviewer, where she evaluated case practice in child fatality, serious injury, and repeat maltreatment cases, and made quality improvement recommendations.

Michele received her Masters in Clinical Social Work from New York University and holds a BS degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University.



Martine Hackett, PhD, MPH is an associate professor in the Department of Health Professions at Hofstra University and the Director of the Master of Public Health Program. Her research and community-based work is focused on maternal child health, suburban health equity, and the intersection of health and housing. She is also the co-founder of the Birth Justice Warriors, an organization committed to eliminating black maternal and infant mortality in Nassau County.

Martine previously served as a deputy director at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Bureau of Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health and also had a decade of experience as a television producer.

She has a BFA in film and television from New York University; a MPH from Hunter College; a Ph.D. in sociology from the CUNY Graduate Center; and a Certificate in Thanatology -- the study of death, dying and bereavement.
