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**Speaker Bios** (alphabetical order)

**Carole Allen, MD, FAAP, American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors, District I**

**Carole E. Allen, MD, FAAP**, practiced pediatrics in Massachusetts for 37 years in 3 different settings before her retirement in 2011.

Her advocacy has centered especially on tobacco use control and prevention and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) families and youth. She has served the AAP as Massachusetts Chapter president, a member of the Committee on State Government Affairs, and currently as a member of the Board of Directors.

In 2012, Dr. Allen was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick to be a Commissioner on the Health Policy Commission, which was established under MGL chapter 224 to address the rising cost of health care. In that capacity, she hopes to highlight the importance of engaging in prevention activities, addressing social determinants of health, and investing in healthy children and families.

**Ileana Arias, PhD, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Ileana Arias, PhD**, serves as principal deputy director for CDC. In this role, she serves as the principal advisor to the director on all CDC scientific and programmatic activities.

Before becoming principal deputy director, Dr. Arias was the director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, where she worked to prevent injuries and violence, and reduce their consequences.

She began her career as a research associate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and then joined the University of Georgia in Athens as an assistant professor. Prior to joining CDC in 2000, Dr. Arias was the director of clinical training and professor of clinical psychology at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Arias holds a BA from Barnard College, and an MA and PhD, both in psychology, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

**Jay E. Berkelhamer, MD, FAAP, Past President (2006-2007), American Academy of Pediatrics**

**Jay E. Berkelhamer, MD, FAAP**, is an adjunct professor of pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine, adjunct professor of pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine, and a retired general pediatrician. He is a past president of the AAP, the Academic Pediatric Association, and the Chicago Pediatric Society.

Dr. Berkelhamer served as the chief medical officer and chief academic officer at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He was also chair of pediatrics at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit prior to his move to Atlanta in 1999. He attended the University of Michigan and trained in pediatrics at the University of Chicago.

He is a member of the standing committee of the International Pediatric Association and chairs its advocacy subcommittee. He currently chairs the Babies Born Healthy Network for the Atlanta Metropolitan United Way and serves on the Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students Board of Directors. Dr. Berkelhamer is a board member of the National Reach Out and Read Center and a trustee of America's Promise Alliance.

**Robert W. Block, MD, FAAP, Past President (2010-2011), American Academy of Pediatrics**

**Robert Block, MD, FAAP**, is a professor of pediatrics and immediate past Daniel C. Plunket chair, Department of Pediatrics, The University of Oklahoma (OU) School of Community Medicine in Tulsa. He is a past president of the AAP.

Dr. Block received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He has been a member of the OU College of Medicine faculty since 1975. As a faculty member, Dr. Block has been nominated for the Aesculapian teaching award six times, winning on three occasions. Dr. Block has been awarded the prestigious Stanton L. Young Master Teacher Award, a University of Oklahoma Presidential Professorship, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award, the Ray Helfer Society Award in recognition of his work in the field of child abuse, and the Award for Outstanding Service to Maltreated Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2001 and subsequently, he has been named one of the "Best Doctors in America." He was appointed the first chair of the newly formed subboard on child abuse pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) from 2006-2009, and continues serving on the subboard. He holds certificate #1 from the ABP in child abuse pediatrics.

Dr. Block is a diplomate of the ABP, a fellow of the AAP, a past president of the Oklahoma AAP Chapter, and former member and chair of the Academy's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. He is a former member and chair of the United States' Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines. Dr. Block is the immediate past president and current board chair of the Academy on Violence and Abuse, the relatively new national organization focused on increasing health care professionals' education and academic research on the health effects of violence and abuse.

Dr. Block was appointed Oklahoma's first chief child abuse examiner in 1989, and he served in that capacity until October 2011. He was a past chair and member of the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board from 1992 through September 2011. He has been a member of the medical team for the Tulsa Children's Justice Center, and served as a past president and member of the board of directors for the Child Abuse Network, Inc. He is now an emeritus director. Dr. Block has authored several papers and a textbook, and has delivered over 2,000 public presentations. Dr. Block is married to Sharon Block, a retired Science teacher and RN. They have two married daughters, Erika Mays, and Andrea Wooldridge, and two wonderful grandchildren.

### **Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), U.S. Representative**

**Congresswoman Katherine Clark** represents the 5th Congressional District of Massachusetts. Clark, her husband Rod and their three boys Addison, Jared and Nathaniel live in Melrose. The boys attend public schools and both sets of grandparents help keep the whole operation in motion.

Clark's introduction to public service came at an early age, as she learned about her grandmother working at a machine shop to support the troops during World War II. She never expected to run for office but when she was asked to run for her local school committee, she did it because she believed she could make a difference. Clark's commitment to helping her community and helping hardworking families succeed led her to take on leadership roles in the community including service as general counsel for the Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services, chief of the Policy Division for the Massachusetts Attorney General and prosecutor. She was elected in March 2008 to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and was elected to the State Senate in November 2010.

In the state legislature, Clark focused on improving the lives of the families she serves through both constituent service and by focusing on issues that affect families each and every day. Her commitment to public service is driven by the idea that, despite the roadblocks, we are always moving forward towards a more perfect union.

On Dec. 10, 2013, Clark was sent to Washington by the people of Massachusetts' 5th Congressional District to be their voice as Congress debates the most critical issues of our time. Clark believes that Congress can and must do better by the hardworking families of Massachusetts. In Congress, Clark is working on the issues that everyday class families talk about at their kitchen tables every night – good jobs, excellent schools for our kids, gun safety, and keeping our promises to our seniors and veterans.

### **Elizabeth Doggett, PhD, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education**

**Libby Doggett, PhD**, brings to her new position at the department a lifetime of experience in early learning, Head Start, and child care for children with and without disabilities. Recently, Dr. Doggett was the director of the Pew Charitable Trusts Home Visiting campaign, where she oversaw a robust research agenda and worked with advocates in target states to build political and public understanding and support for data-driven investments that align with federal

guidance. Prior to that, Dr. Doggett directed Pre-K Now, a 10-year campaign to advance high-quality, voluntary pre-kindergarten for all three- and four-year-olds in states across the country. Dr. Doggett also worked for the National Head Start Association, directing their HeadsUp! reading program to improve literacy instruction in early learning classrooms across the country.

In her home state of Texas, Dr. Doggett ran a home visiting program for infants and toddlers with disabilities living in the Texas hill country, after which she served as the executive director of the Arc of Texas, an advocacy group for children with developmental disabilities. Dr. Doggett began her career as a bilingual first grade teacher at Ortega Elementary School in Austin. Dr. Doggett is returning to the department where in the nineties she served as executive director of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities and their families.

Doggett holds a doctorate from the University of Texas in early childhood special education. During her undergraduate years at the University of Texas, she met her husband Lloyd Doggett, currently a U.S. representative from Texas and a senior member on the Ways & Means Committee. The Doggetts have two daughters, Lisa and Cathy, and three granddaughters, Ella, Clara and Zayla.

#### **Robert H. Dugger, PhD, Advisory Board Chairman, Ready Nation**

**Robert H. Dugger, PhD**, is a venture capital investor, board vice-chairman of EarthWater Technologies Inc. and EarthWater Resources LLC, a retired partner in the hedge fund Tudor Investment Corporation, and former board chair of Grumeti Reserves Ltd, a Tanzania wildlife conservation company whose tourism operations are managed by Singita and were ranked by *Travel + Leisure* magazine as the best in the world in 2011 and 2012.

Dr. Dugger's main interest is early child development and building business support for state and federal prenatal to age-five investment in children. He co-founded ReadyNation to do this work, and in recognition, Dr. Dugger was the first recipient of The Reiner Award for Outstanding Advocacy on Behalf of Very Young Children, sponsored by ZERO TO THREE. This award was presented to him for work that "has engaged and inspired a multitude of uncommon champions for babies and broadened the scope and possibility for positive action on behalf of young children."

Dr. Dugger began his career at the Federal Reserve Board in 1972, and in the 1980s served on the staffs of the House and Senate banking committees and the American Bankers Association. From 1992 to 2008, Dr. Dugger was a partner in Tudor Investment Corporation.

To improve the quality of economic research and analysis, Dr. Dugger helped organize the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) in 2009 and serves on its governing board and its advisory board. Together with James Heckman, University of Chicago professor and Nobel Prize winner, and Steven Durlauf, University of Wisconsin, Dr. Dugger heads INET's Global Working Group on Human Capital and Economic Opportunity.

Dr. Dugger received his BA from Davidson College and his PhD in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Federal Reserve Dissertation Fellowship.

**Andrew Garner, MD, PhD, FAAP, Chair, AAP Early Brain & Child Development Leadership Work Group**

**Andrew Garner, MD, PhD, FAAP**, is a primary care pediatrician with the University Hospital Medical Practices and Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

A vocal advocate for investments in families with young children, Dr. Garner is active in the AAP, both at the chapter level, as well as nationally. He is vice president and president-elect for the Ohio AAP Chapter and is the chair of the AAP Early Brain and Child Development Leadership Work Group, as well as a member of the AAP Epigenetics and Poverty and Child Health Leadership Work Groups, two other AAP strategic priority areas.

He also served as a member of the national AAP Committee on the Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health. In addition to his medical degree in pediatrics, Dr. Garner also holds a doctorate in neuroscience, both from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

**Mark Greenberg, JD, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Mark Greenberg, JD**, is the acting assistant secretary for the Administration for Children and Families. He also serves as both the principal deputy assistant secretary and the acting commissioner for the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Before joining HHS, Greenberg directed the Georgetown University Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy, a joint initiative of the Georgetown University Law Center and the Georgetown Public Policy Institute.

In addition, he was a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). He previously served as the executive director of CAP's Task Force on Poverty and as CLASP's director of policy. During his career, Greenberg has written extensively on issues relating to federal and state welfare reform efforts; workforce policy issues affecting low-income families; child care and early education policy; tax policy; poverty measurement; and a range of other low-income issues. In addition, he frequently provided technical assistance to state and local governments regarding poverty reduction strategies.

Prior to coming to Washington, Greenberg worked at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Florida and the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles. Greenberg is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

**Sandra G. Hassink, MD, FAAP, President-Elect, American Academy of Pediatrics**

**Sandra G. Hassink, MD, FAAP**, is president-elect of the AAP and has spent her professional career caring and advocating for children. She has testified before Congress on childhood

obesity and has served as faculty for “Be Our Voice” advocacy training and the AAP’s legislative conference. She has served as chapter vice president, chapter president and National Nominating Committee representative, district vice chair and district chair for AAP District III. She is the chair of the Governor’s Council for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Delaware.

Dr. Hassink is the director Nemours Pediatric Obesity Initiative and is actively seeing patients in the weight management clinic she began in 1988. She has authored numerous articles, two AAP books, “A Parent’s Guide to Childhood Obesity,” “Pediatric Obesity: Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Strategies for Primary Care,” as well as “Clinical Guide to Pediatric Weight Management.” Dr. Hassink is co-principal investigator for the Healthy Active Living for Families project, developing messaging around healthy, active living with and for parents and families of children under five years old.

She serves as chair of the Advisory Committee for the AAP Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight. Dr. Hassink is co-chair of the Academic Pediatric Association obesity special interest group and was national faculty on the Healthy Weight Collaborative. She is a member of her hospital institutional review board, chair of the hospital ethics committee, and vice chair of the Delaware state ethics committee. She earned her MS in pastoral care and counseling in 2000. Dr. Hassink has been married for 39 years to her husband Bill and they have three grown children.

**Larke N. Huang, PhD, Senior Advisor, Administrator’s Office of Policy Planning and Innovation, and Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Larke Nahme Huang, PhD**, a licensed clinical-community psychologist and a senior advisor in the Administrator’s Office of Policy Planning and Innovation at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this position, she provides leadership on national policy for mental health and substance use issues for children, adolescents and families, and leads the administrator’s strategic initiative on trauma and justice. She is also the director of SAMHSA’s Office of Behavioral Health Equity, which was legislated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). In 2009, she did a six-month leadership exchange at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she was the senior advisor on mental health.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Huang has worked at the interface of practice, research and policy. She has assumed multiple leadership roles dedicated to improving the lives of children, families and communities. She has been a community mental health practitioner, a faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley and Georgetown University, and a research director at the American Institutes for Research. She has worked with states and communities to build systems of care for children with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. She has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, evaluated community-based programs, and authored books and articles on behavioral health.

Recent publications include: “Children of Color: Psychological Interventions with Culturally Diverse Youth;” “Transforming Mental Health Care for Children and Their Families;” “Advancing Efforts to Improve Children’s Mental Health in America: A Commentary;” “The Influence of Race and Ethnicity on Psychiatric Diagnoses and Clinical Characteristics of Children and Adolescents in Children’s Service;” and “Co-Occurring Disorders of Adolescents in Primary Care: Closing the Gaps.”

In 2003, Dr. Huang served as an appointed commissioner on the President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. She was a member of the Carter Center Mental Health Board, the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Committee on Children, Youth and Families, the Advisory Committee for the APA Minority Fellowship Program, and a founding board member of the National Asian American/Pacific Islander Mental Health Association, and the National Alliance of Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Associations.

Dr. Huang recently received the following honors: The American Psychological Association, Nicholas Hobbs Award for Children’s Mental Health, 2013; Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest, American Psychological Association, 2007; Dr. James Jones Lifetime Achievement Award, APA, 2007; Outstanding Psychologist of the Year, National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI), 2005; Presidential Citation, APA, 2011 and 2004; Distinguished Contributions Award, Asian American Psychological Association, 2004; Champion for Children’s Mental Health Needs, Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, 2003.

She received her doctorate from Yale University.

**Perri Klass, MD, FAAP, Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics, New York University; National Medical Director, Reach Out and Read**

**Perri Klass, MD, FAAP**, is professor of journalism and pediatrics at New York University, where she is director of the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. She attended Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital. She has received numerous awards for her work as a pediatrician and educator, including the 2007 American Academy of Pediatrics Education Award, which recognizes her educational contributions that have had a broad and positive impact on the health and well-being of children, and the 2011 Alvarez Award from the American Medical Writers Association.

Dr. Klass has written extensively about medicine, children, literacy and knitting. Her nonfiction includes “Every Mother is a Daughter: the Neverending Quest for Success, Inner Peace, and a Really Clean Kitchen,” which she coauthored with her mother, and “Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit In,” which she coauthored with Eileen Costello, MD. She is also the author of two books about medical training, “A Not Entirely Benign Procedure: Four Years as a Medical Student,” and “Baby Doctor: A Pediatrician's Training,” which were reissued in updated editions in 2010. Her most recent books are “Treatment Kind and Fair: Letters to a Young Doctor,” and “The Mercy Rule,” a novel, which appeared in 2008. For five years, she wrote the monthly “18 and Under” column for the science section of the *New York Times*.

Dr. Klass is the national medical director of Reach Out and Read (ROR). She ran the ROR National Center from its inception through 2006, during which time the program grew from a single site to a national program with thousands of sites serving millions of children. Through her work at the ROR National Center she has trained thousands of medical providers in the ROR strategies of early literacy promotion. She has spoken extensively on behalf of ROR, including participating in panels at the White House Conference on Global Literacy in September 2006, and at the UNESCO Literacy Conferences in Qatar and Mali in 2007, in addition to presentations at many hospitals and academic medical centers across the United States.

**James S. Marks, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

**James S. Marks, MD, MPH**, senior vice president, directs the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Portfolio Group, which includes work to catalyze demand for healthy places and practices, building bridges between health and health care, vulnerable populations and health-related disparity reduction.

Prior to joining RWJF in 2004, Dr. Marks retired as assistant surgeon general after serving as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for almost a decade. Throughout his tenure at CDC, Dr. Marks developed and advanced systematic ways to prevent and detect diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes, reduce tobacco use, and address the nation's growing epidemic of obesity.

A national leader in public health who has been an advocate of strengthening public health systems and services for more than 35 years, Dr. Marks has received numerous federal, state, and private awards, including the U.S. Public Health Service Distinguished Service Award, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' Pump Handle Award, the Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Directors' Award for Excellence, the American Cancer Society's Distinguished Service Award, and the National Arthritis Foundation's Special Award of Appreciation. In 2004, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine. He is an emeritus member of the board of directors of C-Change, whose members are the nation's key cancer leaders from government, business, and nonprofit sectors. He has published extensively in the areas of maternal and child health, health promotion and chronic disease prevention, and has served on many government and nonprofit committees devoted to improving the public's health.

Marks received an MD from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He trained as a pediatrician at the University of California at San Francisco, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Yale University, where he received his MPH. He and his wife, Judi, a retired high school guidance counselor, live in Princeton and have two children, both pursuing careers in medicine.

**Thomas K. McInerny, MD, FAAP, Immediate Past President, American Academy of Pediatrics**

**Thomas K. McInerny, MD, FAAP**, has been a primary care pediatrician in private practice in Rochester, NY, for 40 years and is professor and associate chair for clinical affairs in the

Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School and did his pediatric residency training at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

He has held many elected and appointed positions in the AAP, including president of NY Chapter I, District II; treasurer and member, District II Board; member and chair, Pediatric Research in Office Settings Steering Committee; member and chair, Chapter Forum Committee; member and chair, Committee on Child Health Financing; member, Private Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee, Access to Care Subcommittee, Immunization Advisory Team; and is currently a member of the Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management, the Section on Administration and Practice Management, the Council on Clinical Information Technology, the Council on Children with Disabilities, and the Council on Community Pediatrics.

Dr. McInerney is editor-in-chief of the "AAP Textbook of Pediatric Care" and Pediatric Care Online. He served on the Task Force on Mental Health, which developed the AAP Mental Health Toolkit and was one of the authors of the EQIPP module on the medical home. He is a member of the American Pediatric Society, the Academic Pediatric Association, and a Certified Physician Executive and Fellow of the American College of Physician Executives. He served on the Board of Directors and was chief medical officer of the Rochester Community Individual Practice Association serving 500,000 patients.

### **James M. Perrin, MD, FAAP, President, American Academy of Pediatrics**

**Jim Perrin, MD, FAAP**, is a primary care pediatrician with a lifetime of policy work and advocacy for children and adolescents, especially with chronic conditions in Boston, Mass. Professor of pediatrics at Harvard, he heads the Division of General Pediatrics at the MassGeneral Hospital (MGH) for Children. He also founded and directed the MGH Center for Child and Adolescent Health Policy. A graduate of Harvard and Case Western Reserve Medical School, he completed residency and fellowship at Rochester. He worked for two years in Washington on rural primary care and migrant health. He developed and ran a rural community health center in upstate New York before moving to Vanderbilt and later MGH to develop divisions of general pediatrics in both sites. His research examines day-to-day issues of pediatrics: asthma, otitis media, children's hospitalization, health insurance, and chronic illness and disabilities. He now heads the Clinical Coordinating Center for the national Autism Treatment Network to improve care for autism and other developmental disorders.

Jim has a strong record of AAP service, having chaired the Committee on Children with Disabilities and co-chaired the committee that developed practice guidelines for ADHD and a group to implement them. He has also served on the Task Force on Mental Health and the Committees on Federal Government Affairs and Genetics. Dr. Perrin was president of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association and founded its journal, *Academic Pediatrics*.

He enjoys time with his wife, Ellen, also a pediatrician; both love traveling, hiking, biking, and time with children and grandchildren in North Carolina and Maine.

**Jack P. Shonkoff, MD, FAAP, Director, Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University**

**Jack P. Shonkoff, MD, FAAP**, is a Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor of Child Health and Development at the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is also a professor of pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Boston Children’s Hospital, and the director of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University. Dr. Shonkoff currently serves as chair of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, a multi-university collaboration comprising leading scholars in neuroscience, psychology, pediatrics, and economics, whose mission is to bring credible science to bear on public policy affecting young children. In 2011, he launched the Frontiers of Innovation initiative, a multi-sectoral collaboration committed to achieving breakthrough outcomes for young children facing adversity.

Dr. Shonkoff has received multiple professional honors, including elected membership to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the C. Anderson Aldrich Award in Child Development from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Distinguished Contributions to Social Policy Award from the Society for Research in Child Development.

Under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, he served as chair of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and chaired a blue-ribbon committee that produced the landmark report, “From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development.” He has been a visiting professor or delivered named lectureships at more than 30 universities in the United States and around the world, and has authored more than 150 publications, including nine books.

**Esta Soler, President, Futures Without Violence**

**Esta Soler**, one of the world’s foremost experts on violence against women and children, is a pioneer who founded Futures Without Violence over 30 years ago and transformed it into one of the world’s leading violence prevention agencies. With offices in San Francisco, Boston, and Washington, D.C., Futures Without Violence has set the pace for innovative educational programs, public education campaigns, policy development, and leadership training designed to prevent and end violence against women and children worldwide.

Under Soler’s direction, Futures Without Violence, then Family Violence Prevention Fund, was a driving force behind passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994—the nation’s first comprehensive federal response to the violence that plagues families and communities. Congress reauthorized and expanded the law in 2000, 2005, and 2013. Now, she is spearheading efforts to pass the International Violence Against Women Act to prevent gender-based violence on a global scale.

Soler is an advisory board member to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, a joint initiative between Duke University and University of California-Los Angeles, and until recently was a trustee for the Blue Shield of California Foundation. She has been a consultant and advisor to numerous public and private agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, the Soros Justice Fellowship Program, the Ford Foundation/Harvard University Innovations in American Government initiative, the Aspen Institute, and more.

Soler's many awards include a Kellogg Foundation National Leadership Fellowship, a Koret Israel Prize, and a University of California Public Health Heroes Award. She is also the recipient of the Leadership Award from the Coro Center for Civic Leadership and the Mathew O. Tobriner Public Service Award from the Employment Law Center in San Francisco for pioneering work on behalf of women and children. Soler holds an honorary doctorate from Simmons College in Boston.