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**Dr. Chanda Nicole Holsey** is a Health Education and Maternal and Child Health specialist. She is also the Founder of Healthy Aims for Little Ones and their Families (HALO for Families), a public health organization that focuses on meeting the unique physical health, mental health, and social needs of children and their families. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology where she graduated with honors at San Diego State University. She also received a Master of Public Health in Behavioral Science and Health Education from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a Doctor of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Additionally, Dr. Holsey is a certified asthma educator (AE-C).

**Dr. Holsey** currently serves as the Scientific Section Administrator for the Internal Medicine and Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Scientific Sections of the National Medical Association. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University and in the Department of Health Science at Nova Southeastern University. She also has faculty appointments with the University of Phoenix, Ashford University, and Walden University. Formerly, she was the Director of Community Research and Pediatric Asthma Camp Program Services for the American Lung Association of Georgia. She was employed by the ALA for over seven years. In her role, she acted as the Principal Investigator for Project ASPIRE, a research program conducted jointly by the ALA and the Emory University School of Medicine in accordance to principles of community-based participatory research. She designed and pilot-tested a home-based family intervention that integrated individually tailored asthma education with strategies to reduce the impact of caregiver and family stress on asthma management. Dr. Holsey also provided direction for the development, implementation, and evaluation of the ALA's summer resident asthma camp, Camp Breathe Easy (CBE), a camp for children with moderate to severe persistent asthma. Through the key components of medical supervision, autonomy, peer support, and health education, children who attended CBE increased the knowledge level of their condition, as well as developed greater self-esteem and medical coping skills.

**Dr. Holsey** also serves as an independent consultant for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start (OHS), where she provides on-site review of Head Start programs nationwide and in US territories specializing as an Integrated Service Reviewer II. In this role, she is responsible for completing the Health, Nutritional Services, and Safe Environments and Transportation sections of the OHS Monitoring Protocol. In order to effectively do this, she has to comprehend and apply federal regulations and have a working, in-depth knowledge of Head

Start performance standards to discern whether the intent of the performance standards are being met by the Head Start program. In addition, she serves or has served as a consultant and/or grant reviewer for various organizations to include but not limited to: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, San Diego State University, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Science Applications International Corporation. She is an active reviewer for Sage Publications, Research Methods, Evaluation & Statistics where she reviews upcoming university course text books relevant to her field of study. Dr. Holsey also serves as a regular peer manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Asthma*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, and *Journal of Asthma and Allergy Education*. She served as a reviewer for the special 2006-2007 issue of the *American Journal of Health Studies (AJHS)* devoted to the "Community Voices" project. She has several publications and professional presentations in the area of asthma management, pediatric asthma, maternal and child health, chronic disease prevention, health disparities research, and health education.

**Dr. Holsey** holds a membership in the American Public Health Association, MCH Section, where she sits on the Child Health Section's Child Care Committee. She is also a member of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Directors of Health Promotions and Education, the National Head Start Association, and the Zero to Three Policy Network. She is a Stakeholder and Standards reviewer for the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education. While in Atlanta, Dr. Holsey served on the Curriculum Committee for the Morehouse School of Medicine Institute of Public Health and on the Community Advisory Board for Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Current and former leadership roles include serving as the Recording Secretary for the Caucus of Emory Black Alumni Executive Board, Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University Alumni Board Member, Board Member for the Association of Asthma Educators, and the Chairman for the Partnership for Community Action, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Health Services Advisory Committee.

**Dr. Holsey** was the inaugural recipient of the Association of Asthma Educators Humanitarian and Outstanding Asthma Community Service Award in 2009. She also received the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Award for the years of 2007-2009. She was the 2004 recipient of the Rollins School of Public Health Alumni Association Board's Matthew Lee Girvin Young Alumni of the Year Award for exemplifying selfless dedication to the field of public health and making significant contributions toward improving the lives and health of others. She was also presented the Educator of the Quarter Award in recognition of the asthma education work she has done with the American Lung Association's Camp Breathe Easy children's asthma camp program. This award was presented to her by Senator Steen Miles and the Advisory Board for Georgia's Senate District 43 in July 2005. In November 2005, she was honored as one of eleven Head Start 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Success Stories by the federal Head Start Bureau. Dr. Holsey was profiled in the "Up and Comers" section of Atlanta Woman Magazine, where she was spotlighted as a rising star (i.e., woman to watch) between the ages of 25-35 in the Greater Atlanta area. Finally in July 2006, she received a Community Service Award from the Chris Draft (NFL Linebacker for the Carolina Panthers) Family Foundation.

**Dr. Holsey** has a heart and passionate fervor for serving young children, and the indigent and underserved. Her personal motto is to “*walk with wisdom*”. During her rare down time, she enjoys reading, mentoring teens and young health professionals, white water rafting, attending professional football games, and traveling both nationally and internationally. Dr. Holsey is married to Petty Officer Eric Demond Holsey of the US Navy, and is the mother of a beautiful daughter, Savannah Nicole.