



## Why A Strong Public Sector is Important to Philanthropy June 5, 2012 ♦ Webinar

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### Patrick Bresette



Patrick Bresette is the Director of Programs at Public Works. He joined the program in 2004 and since that time has played a leadership role in both the intellectual development of the program and its field work around the country. Mr. Bresette manages the presence of Public Works in the field, developing working relationships with key national, state and local partners and designing and conducting presentations, workshops, trainings and consultations. Over the past seven years he has conducted hundreds of workshops in over two dozen states with a diverse set of audiences and partners. Patrick joined Public Works after thirteen years as Associate Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, Texas and before that as a legislative aide in the Texas House of Representatives. He brings with him a broad understanding of how to work with and within the public sector for positive social change. Patrick has an M.P.A. from the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas at Austin and a B.F.A in Sculpture from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

### Mimi Garcia



Mimi Garcia is the Director of Healthcare Organizing for Engage Texas and coordinates the Texas Well and Healthy campaign. Ms. Garcia has over seven years organizing experience in Washington, DC, Texas and Massachusetts. She has worked as a community organizer, in the labor movement, with the interfaith justice movement and has coordinated statewide grassroots campaigns in Texas. She joined the staff of Engage Texas in July 2011. Ms. Garcia holds a BA in Sociology and Feminist Studies from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX, an MPP in Social Policy from the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University, and an MA in Jewish Professional Leadership from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA.

### Jann Jackson



Jann Jackson is a Senior Associate for Policy Reform and Advocacy at The Annie E. Casey Foundation. She provides funding and policy support to the national network of KIDS COUNT and child advocacy organizations in America. Before joining the Foundation Ms. Jackson served as Executive Director of Maryland's Advocates for Children and Youth for 11 years, promoting major state policy and funding advances in the areas of early care, K-12 education, health, child welfare, juvenile justice, youth development and sustainable funding for children's services. She has over 30 years' experience in direct service, data-based advocacy, policy, government relations, strategic communication, and community mobilization on behalf of vulnerable children and families

### Osula Rushing



Osula Evadne Rushing is the program director at Grantmakers in Health (GIH) and is responsible for GIH's work on issues related to health reform, maternal and child health, and the social determinants of health. Prior to joining GIH, Ms. Rushing was a policy analyst for The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, where her work focused on race, ethnicity, and health care. She has also held positions with The Boston Foundation, where she helped to develop the Boston Indicators Project; and Education Development Center, where she coordinated a national hate crime prevention and response project. Ms. Rushing holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Spelman College and a master's degree in health and social behavior from the Harvard School of Public Health.



## **Christine Sinatra**



Christine Sinatra is the Communications Director at Texans Care for Children. She handles media relations, website development, and other communications. Before joining Texans Care in 2008, Ms. Sinatra was a communications consultant for nonprofit organizations, communications director for the California School-Age Consortium, a daily newspaper reporter in the Bay Area, and a teacher in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Central Africa. She holds bachelor's degrees from the University of Texas in journalism and English and received her Masters of Public Affairs from UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.