

## Bio for Carrie K. Shapiro-Mendoza, PhD, MPH

Dr. Carrie K. Shapiro-Mendoza received a Ph.D. in Epidemiology and an MPH from the School of Public Health at University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She also has a B.S. in Professional Nursing from the University of Vermont. Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza's public health career began in 1988 as a clinical research nurse at the National Institutes of Health and then served as an Air Force nurse, a Peace Corps volunteer rural health nurse, and a research coordinator for border health research projects in Texas and Mexico. Currently, Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza is the Senior Scientist in the Maternal and Infant Health Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She joined CDC in 2003 where she began her work on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID). Since that time, she has established herself as a nationally-recognized leader in the field, and advanced a national initiative to improve death scene investigation for the accurate detection and consistent reporting of SUID. This initiative has included development and dissemination of standardized SUID investigation and reporting forms, national training programs of coroners, medical examiners, and first responders, and development of a state-based SUID Case Registry and classification system. She has achieved this work by building large and complex national coalitions that have brought endless visibility and action to this infant health agenda. In addition, she currently serves as a federal liaison to the Task Force on SIDS for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza was the recipient of the 2007 National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Award for Effective Practice at the National Level where she was primarily recognized for her leading role in developing and implementing CDC's National Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Initiative. The Initiative has advanced both research and programs to better understand and reduce SIDS and other infant deaths. Dr. Shapiro-Mendoza's research and professional interests includes SIDS, other sudden unexpected infant deaths, preterm birth, and Zika.