

Alicia Beatty, MA

Alicia Beatty has spent her entire adult life, both professionally and personally, actively engaged in social change issues. She has been an advocate and spokesperson for causes designed to improve the quality of life for all people and most specifically for women and people of color.

Ms. Beatty is the founding Director of the Circle of Care. Founded in 1990, The Circle is Philadelphia's only consortium dedicated to providing health care and social services to women, children, adolescents and their families who are infected/affected by HIV/AIDS. During Alicia's tenure as Director, The Circle has grown from an 800,000 budget serving 200 families to a three million dollar project with over 1100 families in its service system.

Ms. Beatty has focused much of her energy on assuring that HIV positive consumers have a voice at all levels of The Circle of Care. She established the consumer arm of the Circle, Project Empower in 1994. It has since become a model, that is replicated throughout the nation.

Ms. Beatty has been a part of many significant milestones in the history of AIDS in Philadelphia, beginning with BEBASHI where she was Vice President of the Board of Directors. She was one of the founding members of both The Philadelphia AIDS Consortium and The Philadelphia EMA HIV Commission.

Ms. Beatty was the first African American Director of a Ryan White Title IV Project. She has participated at all levels of national program planning and development including: Office of National AIDS Policy, Population Resource Center, Global Health Council and The Kaiser Family Foundation.

Most recently, Ms. Beatty has had an opportunity to work internationally. As a consultant for the Mailman School of Public Health, she trains health care providers in Zimbabwe and South Africa on Prevention of HIV from Mother To Child.

Ms. Beatty has represented The Circle of Care as a keynote speaker, discussant and facilitator on numerous occasions. She has served as guest lecturer and faculty for Community College, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Cheyney University, Eastern University, and The School District of Philadelphia.

Ms. Beatty brings her personal and professional best to this work. Ms. Beatty is committed to finding solutions to health disparities as they affect women and African Americans. She plans to remain committed to this work until it's over!