

**Keri Norris, PhD – Atlanta, GA**



Prior to coming to The FDHA she worked at the Centers for Disease Control for seven years and held positions as a health scientist, evaluator and epidemiologist. She has also served on the advisory council for the CDC's University School of Public Health Research and Medicine. She has extensive and specific experience in the areas of eliminating health disparities for vulnerable populations in the United States. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at several institutions of higher learning such as the University of South Carolina, Agnes Scott College, Spelman College and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Norris holds a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies from Agnes Scott College, a Masters of Public Health in Health Administration, Management and Policy from Morehouse School of Medicine's Master of Public Health Program, and a certificate of graduate study in Gender and Women's Studies from University of South Carolina. She earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Health Promotion, Education and Behavior from the University of South Carolina. She has earned numerous awards including: induction into Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Outstanding Alumni Service Award - Morehouse School of Medicine (2015), Agnes Scott College (2017, Outstanding Young Alumnae), Who's Who in Black Atlanta (2017), 2018 Woman of Excellence Award.

Dr. Norris is also a motivational speaker and author. Her book "The Other Side of Thru" (pen name Payne Nickerson) focuses on the challenges of poverty, childhood sexual abuse, intimate partner violence and survival. She spends a great deal of her time as an advocate for underserved communities and performing community service. She is a board member at Good Samaritan Health Center Atlanta, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Haven of Light International. She is a 2017 graduate of Leadership DeKalb and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She resides in Atlanta and has an adult son and a grandson.

**"I am honored to be named an Inspiring Mother of Georgia by Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Georgia. This award is humbling because I am truly doing what I sincerely love and that's advocating for others, serving communities and working towards equity for all."**

From her Nomination: *"She is unique because she brings her own experiences into her work and community service. This personal connection makes her passionate about her work with domestic violence survivors and those in underserved communities. Despite having such a demanding career, she finds time to continue her work in the communities that need her most."*