

**ARTURO BRITO, MD, MPH**

*Chief Medical Officer*

Dr. Arturo Brito joined The Children's Health Fund as Chief Medical Officer in January 2006. As CMO, Dr. Brito is responsible for the development, promotion, and implementation of best-practices for CHF's national network as well as building on 20 years of organizational expertise in which CHF's initiatives and programs have proven themselves as models of effective, intensive primary care for children and their families. Dr. Brito also oversees Operation Assist—CHF's disaster preparedness and advocacy branch that led a pediatric primary care response in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and which today supports three comprehensive, mobile, pediatric medical homes and community support and resiliency units in the Gulf Coast region. Operation Assist also collaborates with the National Center for Disaster Preparedness, part of Columbia-Mailman School of Public Health, to prepare other national network sites to respond to future disasters and public health emergencies.

Dr. Brito has dedicated his career to the advancement of community pediatrics and effective, evidence-based care for underserved, high-risk communities. After completing his medical training, Dr. Brito embarked on a two year tenure with the Indian Health Service in the Yukon-Kuskokwim River Delta in western Alaska serving an almost exclusively Yu'pik Eskimo population. In 1994, Dr. Brito joined the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine faculty and served as the Medical Director and primary clinician for CHF's South Florida Children's Health Project for 11 years. In addition to his work developing and implementing an innovative model of care for underserved, at-risk pediatric populations in Miami-Dade County, Arturo led several residency training curriculum initiatives dedicated to preparing the next generation of community pediatricians and advocates. He previously served on the Anne E. Dyson Foundation Community Pediatrics Training Initiative Board of Directors whose aim was to improve the curricula and training of residents in Community Pediatrics and patient advocacy.

Beyond his work as a clinician, advocate and teacher, Arturo has dedicated part of his academic career to the promotion of ethical practices in human-subjects research, particularly aspects of ethical research that effect disadvantaged populations. He has served on the National Bioethics Advisory Committee, a presidential commission that advised and published on the ethical, legal, social and policy issues related to human subjects research, and the National Children's Study Ethics Working Group.