

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PRESENTERS

Karen Crow, MEd., is the Coordinator of Family-Centered Care Initiatives at St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, since 2003. She and her husband were very active in their premature daughter's care 12 years ago. As a result of their experiences as parents in an extended NICU stay, they were invited to participate in various forums for staff, residents, and medical school students. As participants in the hospital's first "Families As Partners Conference", an annual family-centered care educational conference, they demonstrated the value of the family voice in creating change in the pediatric health care setting. As a result, Karen's position was created to initiate and enhance the family-centered care philosophy throughout the hospital. She is staff liaison to the Family Advisory Council and Family-Centered Care Initiatives committee and has presented at several local, national, and international conferences about these successful programs at SLCH that have been enhanced by family participation and family-centered care.