



National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality

Biographical Data Form

*Please complete and return the following
Denise Dougherty*

Education (include basic preparation through highest degree held)			
Degree	Institution (Name, City, State)	Major Area of Study	Year
Ph.D.	Boston University, Boston, MA	Social Psychology	1987
BA	Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY	Psychology	1977

Use the space below to provide a brief bio describing professional experience or areas of expertise related to involvement in continuing education and particular role, e.g., planner, presenter, administrator, etc.

Denise Dougherty, Ph.D. is Senior Advisor, Child Health and Quality Improvement, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her two main professional interests are improving children's health care and developing innovative and rigorous methods for quality improvement implementation research for all populations and settings. Dr. Dougherty has led the planning for important meetings on the science of quality improvement implementation and is the AHRQ project officer for the new Institute of Medicine Forum on the Science of Healthcare Quality Improvement and Implementation, co-funded by AHRQ, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Veterans Administration. She has published widely on children's healthcare issues and leads AHRQ's Child Health Advisory Group. Prior to working at AHRQ, Dr. Dougherty led the Program on Education and Human Resources at the congressional Office of Technology Assessment, and wrote reports for Congress on a variety of public policy topics, including adolescent health, children's mental health, AIDS/HIV, blood policy and technology, and Indian health. Before getting her Ph.D. in social psychology from Boston University, Dr. Dougherty was a municipal finance analyst on Wall Street. Dr. Dougherty represents AHRQ on a number of private and public sector committees, including the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders and Genetic Diseases in Newborns and Children, the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Research, the American Academy of Pediatrics Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management, and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute's National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Coordinating Committee and its Guidelines Implementation Panel. She has reviewed articles for numerous journals. She is married and the mother of a grown daughter and grandmother of two delightful grandchildren