

GERRI L. MATTSON, MD, FAAP, MSPH
Senior Medical Director

SUMMARY

Dr. Mattson has worked for more than 18 years in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. She is currently serving as the senior medical director in the Division of Child and Family Well-Being in NC DHHS. She completed an internship and residency in pediatrics at Emory School of Medicine and a Master of Science in Public Health in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr. Mattson has served in several key roles in state and national efforts related to perinatal health, early childhood and development, mental health, children and youth with special health care needs, immunizations, and social determinants of health. She is active in the state chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Public Health Association (APHA), and American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Mattson has maintained her clinical skills which has given her the opportunity to practice medicine for more than 20 years in a variety of pediatric health care settings and currently in a local county health department.

EDUCATION

- North Carolina Medical Society Leadership College, Raleigh, NC, 2008-2009
- Master of Science in Public Health, University of North Carolina (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health, Chapel Hill, NC, 2004
- Internship and Residency in Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 1993-1996
- Doctor of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, 1989-1993
- Summer Fellowship, Environmental Health, Preventive Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, 1990
- Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 1985-1989

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSING

- Currently certified in BLS/AED for Health Care Providers
- Board Certified in Pediatrics since 1996
- Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) since 1996
- Active license to practice medicine in North Carolina since 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NC Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child and Family Well-Being
Raleigh, NC
Senior Medical Director

06/2022-present

- Provide pediatric medical expertise, leadership, and support (including clinical management strategies related to physical, mental, behavioral, relational, oral and developmental health) to DCFW staff and programs across the state (i.e, Early Intervention Part C, WIC, CACFP, Food and Nutrition Services, and Title V)
- Promote the consistent use of evidence-based strategies and best practices across DCFW as well as coordinate medical initiatives to improve program efficacy, increase access to care, and enhance the well-being of children and families
- Collaborate and link DCFW programs and efforts with Division of Public Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, Division of Health Benefits (Medicaid), Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and other state agencies

NC Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health
Raleigh, NC

08/05 – 5/31/2022

State Pediatric Medical Consultant

- Provided child health recommendations, technical assistance, training, and data related to women's and children's health for the Division of Public Health and other divisions and programs within the NC Department of Health and Human Services programs
- Facilitated collaboration and communication among Title V programs, and state tobacco quit line (QuitlineNC) and with a variety of health professional agencies. These agencies include but are not limited to: NC Pediatric Society (NC Pediatric Chapter), NC Academy of Family Physicians, NC Medical Society, academic medical centers and hospitals, Area Health Education Centers, NC's Medicaid and CHIP programs, NC Physician Advisory Group, Community Care of NC, UNC School of Public Health, NC Public Health Association, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Department of Public Instruction, and other health care related agencies.
- Developed and facilitated development of multiple publications/materials, presentations, and processes for health care providers and professionals on a wide variety of issues related to MCH Bureau and NC Public Health priorities for children and youth

NC Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health, Children and Youth Branch
Raleigh, NC

03/05 – 08/05

Interim State Pediatric Medical Consultant

Worked part time to provide medical expertise to the Branch about child health issues. Served as the interim state asthma program consultant

- Clinically reviewed patient charts and developed policy for Purchase of Medical Care Services for Children's Special Health Services Program, Adult Cystic Fibrosis and Sickle Cell Programs and the Special Needs Plan under NC State Child Health Insurance Program
- Managed the EPA Tools for Schools Grant and the CDC State asthma program planning grant
- Worked with the NC Asthma Alliance to help with planning meetings and the state conference

Franklin County Health Department
Louisburg, NC

02/05

Locum Tenens Pediatrician (Local Health Department)

Provided outpatient comprehensive well and acute care coverage once a week for the Child Health clinic at a rural health department with a large Medicaid and uninsured Hispanic population

ABC Pediatrics of Angier
Angier, NC

12/04-06/05

Part Time Staff Pediatrician

Provided comprehensive well and acute care in an outpatient private practice with a large Medicaid and Hispanic in a rural community for children from birth to 21 years of age once a week

Injury and Violence Prevention Branch in the North Carolina Division of Public Health
Raleigh, NC

05/04-03/05

Public Health Program Coordinator

Help to lead a strategic planning process with the Branch Head and staff to create a state plan for injury and violence prevention

- Collaborated with multiple key people and stakeholder organizations outside and inside of the state working in injury and violence prevention
- Conducted an assessment of state capacity for injury and violence prevention
- Developed an environmental analysis survey tool to assess capacity in drowning prevention

Womack Army Medical Center
Fort Bragg, NC

06/2003-09/2003

Locums Tenens Pediatrician

Provided outpatient coverage in a pediatric clinic on a part time basis on a military base.

- Provided comprehensive sick and well child health care, anticipatory guidance, and preventive counseling in general pediatrics in an outpatient hospital-based setting to patients ages birth to 21

ABC Pediatrics
Dunn and Angier, NC

09/1999-12/2002

Staff Pediatrician

Joined a rural private practice with a large Medicaid population.

- Provided comprehensive well and acute care with anticipatory guidance to general pediatric patients in outpatient and inpatient settings ages birth to 21 years which included pediatric consultation, overnight call coverage, and coverage of the nursery and pediatric wards
- Supervised physician assistants (PA) and mentored PA students

Indian Health Service at Northern Navajo Medical Center
Shiprock, NM

07/1996-07/1999

Staff Pediatrician

US Public Health Service, Lieutenant Commander, Indian Health Service

Joined as a U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officer at a hospital-based practice

- Provided comprehensive health care and guidance to general pediatric patients at well and sick visits in outpatient and inpatient settings and provided overnight call coverage
- Co-chaired the child protection team for hospital service area for three years
- Mentored medical students and residents rotating in the pediatric service
- Founded a Reach Out and Read literacy program at the hospital

ASSOCIATIONS, COUNCILS, SECTIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS

2021-present	Co-Chair of the NC Medical Society Ethics and Judicial Affairs Committee
2020-2022	APHA MCH Section Governing Councilor
2019-present	Executive Committee Member of the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics
2018-2020	Member of the National Advisory Committee of the Practical Playbook
2017-2021	Co-Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP) Prevention & Public Health Special Interest Group
2016-2022	Member of the Technical Assistance Project Advisory Committee for the AAP Screening Technical Assistance Resource (STAR) Center
2012-present	Chair of Women's and Children's Health Section, NC Public Health Association
2012-2018	Appointed Member of the AAP Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health
2013-present	Member of the AAP Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine
2008-present	Member of the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS)
2005-present	Member of the North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPS)
1996-present	Member of the AAP Council on Children with Disabilities and COCP

HONORS

2022	Effective Practice Award, Maternal and Health Section, American Public Health Association
2022	Governor's Award for Excellence
2019	Distinguished Service Award, North Carolina Public Health Association (NCPHA)
2018	President's Community Service Award and Wake County One Award
2018	David J. Tayloe, Jr Community Services Award in Pediatrics (NC Pediatric Society)
2018	CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award for North Carolina
2012	AAP Award for Outstanding Service
2012	Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society at the Gillings School of Global Public Health
2009	Women's and Children's Excellence Award, Women's and Children's Health Section, NCPHA
1993	Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Medical College of Virginia

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-2020	Adjunct Professor UNC Charlotte, Clinical Expert for Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
2008-present	Adjunct Associate Professor in the UNC Department of Maternal and Child Health, Gillings School of Global Public Health
1997-1999	Adjunct Community Faculty, Columbia University School of Medicine while serving as US Public Health Service pediatrician in the IHS in Shiprock, New Mexico

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Capital Regional Advisory Committee	
State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT) member	2010 – 2018
Medical Reserve Corps member	2018 – present

Volunteer Pediatrician – Part Time	2006 – present
Wake County Human Services Sunnybrook Road Raleigh, NC	
Assist with primary pediatric care to large Hispanic population in a local county health department.	

Co-Chair of the NC Medical Society Leadership College	2013-present
Guide and coach physicians and physician assistants in practice and in training across the state in a one-year program to develop and practice important leadership skills in this complex health care environment.	

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