

# Advancing the Progress and Promise of the National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Prevention Listening Lesson

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## Katie Keith, White House Gender Policy Council



Currently, Keith serves as the deputy assistant to the president and deputy director of the White House Gender Policy Council. In her role, she oversees the Council's domestic policy portfolio, including issues related to health, economic security, and education. Prior to her service, Keith was also an associate research professor at Georgetown University's Center on Health Insurance Reforms and provides "Following the ACA" rapid response analysis for Health Affairs where she is a contributing editor. She is an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she teaches a course on the Affordable Care Act. Keith is a co-founder of

Out2Enroll, a national initiative to connect LGBTQ+ people with coverage options, and an appointed consumer representative to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Her analysis has been featured in national and state media outlets across the country, and her publications have appeared in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Health Affairs, and the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, among others. Keith served as faculty at the Center on Health Insurance Reforms, advised nonprofit and foundation clients on ways to secure state and federal health care priorities, and served as both an AmeriCorps program director in Las Vegas and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana. Keith received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, her Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, and her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.

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## Karma Cottman, Ujima Inc.



Karma Cottman, Chief Executive Officer. In addition to leading the Ujima team, Karma has significant partnerships with international, national, and local programs; legislative officials; and state and local government agencies. Before founding Ujima Inc., Karma led the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence for a decade. She was also the Vice President of Policy and Emerging Issues at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) where she directed the agency's policy agenda and supervised NNEDV's state coalition and housing technical assistance projects where she worked closely with national policy partners to strengthen federal legislation to

effectively respond to the needs of survivors of domestic violence and with federal agencies to enhance local, state, and national programming. Since 1994, Karma, a Washington D.C. native, has worked with numerous national partners to address emerging issues within system responses and community-based services and the disparate impacts of racial bias on communities. Karma served as the Co-Director of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Rural Diversity Initiative where she assisted with the development of a community assessment tool used to identify service gaps in numerous

local Florida communities. Karma previously served on the Board of Library Trustees for the DC Public Library and the Policy Partnership for Communities of Color.

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## Rosie Hidalgo



Rosie Hidalgo joined the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) as its Director in July 2023, after serving as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence at the White House Gender Policy Council. She previously worked at OVW as Deputy Director for Policy in the Obama-Biden Administration, during which time Rosie was detailed to the Office of the Vice President, working with the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women.

Rosie has worked in the movement to end gender-based violence for over 30 years as a public interest attorney and as a national policy advocate. At the outset of her career, she provided direct civil legal services through non-profit organizations in New York and Virginia. Prior to her work at the White House, she was the Senior Director of Public Policy for Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities (now Esperanza United), a national resource center with a focus on providing training, research, and policy advocacy to prevent and end domestic violence and sexual assault. Rosie also served on the Biden Foundation's Advisory Council for Ending Violence Against Women and on the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The daughter of immigrants from Cuba, Rosie spent a total of 10 years as an adult living in three different countries in Latin America, including the Dominican Republic, where she helped establish and coordinate a community-based domestic violence prevention and intervention network and worked as a consultant for the World Bank on social services reforms.

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## Phyllis Nolon



Phyllis Holditch Nolon, PhD, is the senior advisor for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in the Office of the Director of the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Dr. Nolon is a senior subject matter expert on ACEs and intimate partner violence (IPV). In this role, she coordinates the DVP's work relating to the prevention of ACEs and collaborates with both internal and external partners on advancing the field of ACEs prevention and response. She responds to high-level information requests from the legislative and executive branches of government and the media relating to ACEs and IPV.

Dr. Nolon graduated with high distinction with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Virginia. She received her master's and doctorate of philosophy degrees in community psychology from Georgia State University. After serving as a postdoctoral fellow in DVP for one year, she joined as a behavioral scientist in 2006. She has published multiple peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and government documents on violence prevention.

She received her Bachelor's degree in Government and International Relations from Georgetown University and her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar.

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## Lynn Rosenthal



Lynn Rosenthal was appointed Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Population Affairs in July 2024. She brings experience in health care and gender equity to this position. Lynn also serves as the Director of Sexual and Gender-based Violence at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where she leads the Department's work to implement the National Plan to End Gender-based Violence and related initiatives.

Prior to her work at HHS, Lynn most recently served as President of the Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus Ohio, a multi-service organization providing child advocacy, maternal health care, and domestic violence services. In 2021, Lynn was appointed by Secretary Austin to chair then Independent Review Commission on Sexual Harassment and Assault in the U.S. Military where she led the development of landmark recommendations on military justice and prevention of sexual assault. From 2009 to 2015, Lynn was the the first-ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women and a senior advisor to then-Vice President Biden.

Early in her career, Lynn served for fifteen years in reproductive health care as a health educator, community organizer, and clinic administrator in Florida. Lynn holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Florida State University and a Master of Public Administration from Ohio University.