

Health Research & Educational Trust

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Frances S. Margolin is Senior Director, Operations and Applied Research, at the Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET), the research affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA). In that role she is responsible for internal operations of the organization, including finances and standard support functions and is liaison to other units within the AHA. She supports the President of HRET in strategic development and organizational management and serves as part of the senior management team. She is also responsible for development of an agenda focusing on community health and hospital-community relationships. This agenda includes research, leadership development, education, and an individual membership group, the Association for Community Health Improvement.

Currently she is co-Principal Investigator on a four-year Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention designed to help hospitals in the effort to completely eliminate perinatal HIV transmission. She is also heading up a new research team across units of the AHA studying governance of nonprofit hospitals and health care systems.

Previously she was Director of Community Health Programs and led the second phase of the Community Care Network Demonstration Program. This national demonstration supported the work of eight public-private partnerships across the country, all of which focused on improving the health of the community. In that role, she conceptualized and led the creation of a series of practical tools, the capstone of which was a comprehensive guide to creating and sustaining community health partnerships. She joined HRET in the spring of 1997 as CCN Research Manager, implementing the CCN evaluation project under the direction of its principal investigators.

Prior to coming to HRET, Ms. Margolin worked as assistant director in charge of research and training at two social science research centers at the National Opinion Research Center and the University of Chicago. The research centers focused on demography and on demography and economics of aging. Her own research has broadly looked at unintentional limitations to access to health care, and she has substantial prior experience in textbook and professional publishing, much of it focusing on special education, speech and language pathology, neuropsychology, and achievement testing.

Ms. Margolin has an M.A. in Public Policy, with certification in Health Administration and Policy, from the Harris School at the University of Chicago, and a B.A. from Smith College.