

Pamela Young is a professional social worker who devoted her career to the facilitation of the health and well-being of women and their children, especially those living in poverty.

As the Director of Community Initiatives for the LifeBridge Health System, she developed and administered programs designed to reduce the effects of social determinants of health on patients and their families and to extend the system's outreach into its communities. Understanding that inequity in health status is related to systemic and structural inequality in our society and its institutions, she founded and directed LifeBridge's Health Equity initiative to enhance the capacity of the health care system to respond to those disparities both within the hospital and in its communities.

Following retirement from LifeBridge Health, she became a Faculty Field Liaison at the University of Maryland's School of Social Work. There she works with students and their practicum agencies to enhance the educational partnership that enables emerging social workers to gain practice experience with guidance from experienced licensed professional social workers. Additionally, she facilitates a seminar for those students which focuses on understanding the effects of structural oppression on those who they serve in their practicum.

As a volunteer she has served on the boards of various Baltimore human service organizations. As a volunteer at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, she has coordinated the Pomeroy historic marker program in recognition of Maryland women's suffrage activists. She also coordinates a course for a Baltimore lifelong learning program on *Maryland Women of Achievement*, featuring MWHC volunteer researchers and Board members as well as experts from partner organizations.

Dr. Young holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago and a doctorate in human development from the Fielding Graduate University.