

Presenter Biographies

Marti Macchi, MEd., M.P.H.

As the Senior Consultant for Diabetes with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Ms. Macchi oversees all diabetes-related projects and initiatives. Prior to joining NACDD, Ms. Macchi served as the Director of Special Studies for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment where she was responsible for state initiatives involving policy, systems and environmental change approaches aimed at diabetes prevention and control, heart disease and stroke prevention, arthritis, physical activity, nutrition and obesity prevention. Additionally, Ms. Macchi's career experience has focused on disease prevention, health promotion and community wellness initiatives in both the clinical and community settings. She has supervised a large staff of clinicians focusing on obesity treatment, cardiac and stroke rehabilitation, diabetes management, physical and occupational therapy and various other health promotion programs.

Marti, a California native currently resides in Scottsdale, AZ and holds a Masters of Education in Exercise Science from Wichita State University and a Masters of Public Health from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Therese Renn, RN, CDE

Theresa Renn is a Registered Nurse and Certified Diabetes Educator with over 20 years of experience in the field of diabetes. She began her career in diabetes at the Kentucky Diabetes Foundation, an organization that was an integral part of the statewide program in the early '80s. She then moved on to become one of the members of the local health department "Diabetes Teams" performing patient education, professional education and community coordination activities in an eight county region of the state; as well as administering a Continuing Education/Staff Development program for the District health department (3 clinics and 4 home health sites). She served in that capacity for six years before assuming her present position in 1996.

Currently, she manages of the KY Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (KDPCP) within the Department for Public Health where she coordinates the CDC Diabetes Grant and related activities. She been a Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) since 1992. She is active at the state and National level with the central Kentucky chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, (where she has held several offices including President); and the Diabetes Council of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (where she served a three year term including Chair.)