

Patricia Temple Gabbe, MS, MD, MPH

George W. Paulson, MD, Scholar-in-Residence
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In July 2008, Dr. Patricia Gabbe returned to Columbus and positions at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University Health Plans. In 2010 she founded the OSU Moms2B program and remained as co-director until retirement in 2021 when she was appointed Ohio State Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine. Currently she is a George Paulson Scholar-in-Residence at the OSU Medical Heritage Center.

Dr. Gabbe graduated from Mills College in 1964. She received her Master of Science and Medical Degree from Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. She completed her pediatric residency at Boston City Hospital, now the Boston Medical Center and earned a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University. She taught and practiced general pediatrics for 36 years while on the faculty of Boston University, the University of California at the San Francisco General Hospital, The Ohio State University, the University of Washington, and Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Gabbe has 15 years of experience as a Medical Director including both Medicaid and academic health plans from 1986 to 2001. In Seattle she partnered with Seattle-King County Department of Health to start a Nurse Family Partnership replication, Best Beginnings. In 2001, she joined the pediatric faculty at Vanderbilt and became the Medical Advisor for Nurses for Newborns of Tennessee.

After returning to Ohio, she joined the Governor's Task force on Infant Mortality and became a founding member of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality. In 2015, Governor John Kasich appointed Dr. Gabbe to the Ohio Commission on Infant Mortality and in 2019, Governor Mike DeWine appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Home Visitation. Her lifelong focus has been to improve the health and wellbeing of infants, children, and their families.

For her work founding Moms2B to improve pregnancy outcomes and reduce Black-White disparities in infant mortality she has received many community awards including:

Fire and Focus; the YWCA Women of Achievement; Bridge Builder Award from the Center for Healthy Families; Columbus CEO Health Innovator Award for Moms2B; The Ohio State University Public Health School Award for Moms2B; Columbus Kappa Foundation Community Health Hero Award for Moms2B; Social Justice Award from PrimaryOne Federally Qualified Health Centers; the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics William Cotton, Pediatrician Advocacy Award, and the OSU Community Engaged Scholar Award.

She is married to Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, Emeritus CEO the Ohio State Health System, former Dean, Vanderbilt College of Medicine, and a leading Obstetrician-Gynecologist. Together they have raised four children and enjoy two grandchildren.