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Diana Montoya-Williams (she/her/ella) is a faculty member at PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania and an attending neonatologist in CHOP's division of Neonatology.

Dr. Montoya-Williams has long been interested in the drivers of racial and ethnic disparities in infant health outcomes such as preterm birth, low birth weight and infant mortality. Her recent work has explored the impact of paid family leave and prenatal risk screening on such adverse birth outcomes. She aims to continue to study drivers of poor birth outcomes among minority women, while also exploring factors that may make some women resilient to them. Finally, she has a special interest in immigration policy and how it affects Hispanic women's perinatal and infant health outcomes.

Dr. Montoya-Williams received her medical degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons and completed her residency in pediatrics and her fellowship in neonatology at the University of Florida. While at the University of Florida, she founded the Immigrant Families Mobile Outreach Clinic which brought together numerous local stakeholders and resources to offer mobile health care to immigrant and migrant working families in the Alachua County area. She received the Audrey Lincourt Schiebler Award for Excellence in Child Advocacy for her work in the community. Dr. Montoya-Williams is also in the Immigrant Special Interest Group of the American Academy of Pediatrics and engages in legislative advocacy frequently to further the interests and health of all children in this country.



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