

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON PRIMARY CARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
SPEAKER BIO

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Ms. O'Brien joined the California Primary Care Association (CPCA) in 2001 and represents 650 community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) on key federal and state issues. She has been active in the policy areas of emergency preparedness planning and mental health services as it relates to CCHCs. She is a member of the California Joint Advisory Committee, the California Preparedness Education Network Advisory Committee, and the Medical and the Public Health Preparedness and Response Strategic Planning Committee. Through her technical assistance and advocacy, CA CCHCs secured more than \$20 million in emergency preparedness funding, training, and equipment. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has selected California Emergency Operations Plan developed by CPCA as the national model for all health centers to use nationwide.

Prior to joining CPCA, her most notable accomplishment was as a child support advocate that led a legislative, grassroots, and media advocacy effort to create the California Department of Child Support Services that streamlined the collection and distribution of child support payments to millions of California's children.

Ms. O'Brien is pursuing a Masters of Public Affairs degree with a concentration of Disaster/Emergency Management with an expected graduation date of December 2008.