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Ron Benham is Director, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the state Title V Director. He became Bureau Director in 2009. Prior to becoming Bureau Director, he was and remains the state Director/Part C Coordinator for the Massachusetts Early Intervention system currently cumulatively serving more than 40,000 infants and toddlers and their families. In addition to being the Title V Director, he is also the Director of the Division for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs overseeing programs such as Care Coordination, Newborn Hearing Screening, Pediatric Palliative Care and the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Funds. The Women Infant and Children nutrition program also resides within the Bureau managed by Mr. Benham and provides “good food and a whole lot more” to over 120,000 pregnant women and families on an on-going monthly basis

Mr. Benham received his B.S. from the University of the Ozarks and M. Div. and M. Ed. graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Massachusetts respectively. His professional experience includes over thirty years in public health, early care and special health needs positions at the state and local level. For more than thirty years, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has employed Mr. Benham in a number of positions associated with services to very young children with developmental delays and their families. In FY02 and FY03, Mr. Benham served as a Zero-to-Three Mid-Career Fellow.