



Allison Bovell-Ammon – Bio

Allison Bovell-Ammon is the Director of Policy Strategy for Children's HealthWatch at Boston Medical Center. In this role, Allison leads the federal policy work of Children's HealthWatch as well as health care systems integration to address social risk factors among patients and families locally and nationally. In policy her role, Allison leads advocacy and communications strategies to grow and develop federal legislative and national relationships for maximizing the impact of Children's HealthWatch to inform policies that improve child and family health. This includes working with diverse organizations through coalitions such as the Healthy Families EITC Coalition led by Children's HealthWatch.

In addition to policy work, Allison works on multiple projects addressing housing instability and homelessness among patients and families at Boston Medical Center. She co-leads, with Dr. Sandel, *Housing Prescriptions as Health Care for Families*, an innovative project connecting high-health care utilizing families experiencing housing instability with health, housing, legal, and financial services tailored to improve housing stability and health. She also coordinates the Metro Housing Boston co-location site at Boston Medical Center and facilitates partner relationships for *Housing Prescriptions as Health Care for Medically Complex Adults*.

Allison is currently the co-chair of the Boston/Quincy Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance.

Previously, Allison was the Boston-Site Coordinator for Children's HealthWatch where she supervised data collection in the Boston Medical Center Emergency Department before transitioning to the Headquarters team as the Research, Policy and Communications Coordinator.

Before joining Children's HealthWatch, Allison worked on the Primary Care Enrichment Program (PEP) research study at Boston University, which is a longitudinal study that explores the effects of in-utero substance exposure on the development of children. Allison has also previously worked and volunteered with several direct-service non-profit organizations.

Allison received her BA magna cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College and Master of Divinity summa cum laude from Boston University School of Theology.