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Janet Collins, PhD assumed the role of Director, DNPAO in March 2013. The Division provides national leadership on nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention through policy and guideline development, surveillance, epidemiological and behavioral research, intervention development, technical assistance to states and communities, training and education, communication, and partnership development. Prior to joining DNPAO, Dr. Collins served on CDC's executive leadership team as Associate Director for Program in the Office of the Director where she provided agency wide leadership on program strategy, performance measurement and evaluation. Dr. Collins also served for five years as Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) where she directed a diverse portfolio of programmatic and scientific initiatives in chronic disease prevention and control. In addition to her work at CDC, Dr. Collins is on the National Board of Directors for the YMCA of the USA. Dr. Collins has published widely in the area of chronic disease prevention and control. Her recent publications focus on policy interventions including reducing childhood obesity through policy change and using health impact assessment to influence public health policy. Dr. Collins is a behavioral scientist with a PhD in educational psychology from Stanford University and a master's degree in clinical psychology from San Diego State University.