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After earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ohio State University, she began her career in public health as a public health nurse with the Ohio Department of Health in the childhood lead poisoning prevention program. Ms. Smith has worked as a Health Communication Specialist with CDC since 1998 and has applied her knowledge of health and risk communication to several important communication activities at CDC related to environmental health and emergency response, including leading the Environmental Health Nursing Initiative and co-leading CDC's Joint Information Center during responses to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.