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As the Director of Communication for the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Ann provides leadership about using communication and promotes policies and initiatives that aim to reduce the burden of infectious disease. She is a passionate advocate for increasing vaccine confidence, and has worked hard over many years to build a portfolio in this area and to encourage others to do so as well. Ann frequently works with stakeholders to collaborate, coordinate, and innovate to improve vaccine uptake and has served as the Acting Designated Federal Official for the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) for the last several years. NVAC recommends ways to achieve the optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through vaccine development, and provides direction to prevent adverse reactions to vaccines. She previously worked at the FDA and the CDC and spent two years in the U.S. Peace Corps, working for the Jamaican Ministry of Health and the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department.