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Ms. Harris joined ISD after a long tenure in the CDC's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) as the Senior Public Health Advisor in the Office of the Director, where she led numerous programs and activities to advance health equity and women's health issues across the nation through CDC's science and programs, including efforts to increase CDC's capacity to leverage its diverse workforce and engage stakeholders. Benita has been with the CDC for 32 years.