

STAFF BIO



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CHIEF PROGRAM AND INNOVATION OFFICER

Brandon Talley is chief program and innovation officer, leading a team to develop and promote the CDC Foundation's state of the art program strategies and innovations. In addition to driving bold innovations, he is charged with promoting strong cohesion among both internal and external teams to increase scale and deepen the Foundation's impact and support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) mission. In this role, he also leads the Foundation's strategy in support of CDC's Data Modernization. He previously served as vice president for noninfectious disease programs, and he serves on the CDC Foundation's C-Suite and Executive Teams.

Talley joined the CDC Foundation in 2007 as an intern. He has led a range of impactful programs throughout his tenure. He spent nearly a decade helping build a global tobacco control monitoring system that aims to improve tobacco control policies around the world, protecting billions of lives from the disease and death attributable to tobacco. During the Zika epidemic of 2016–2017, he also launched the CDC Foundation's first standalone emergency response unit, which was key to the success of various responses like opioids and COVID-19.

More recently, his team implemented dozens of programs/projects that protect the public's health: reducing maternal mortality; preventing veteran suicides; reducing the inequitable burden of non-infectious disease, which are often the leading causes of death in the United States and abroad; and supporting community-based organizations that work to assure the prosperity of friends, families, neighbors and businesses. He also leads the Foundation's efforts to modernize public health data through promoting scalable changes to technology, policy and workforce that create a future-ready, holistic, real-time health data system that serves the needs of practitioners, people, communities and diverse sectors.

In addition to his work at the CDC Foundation, Talley was the inaugural board chair for the Georgia State University School of Public Health Alumni Board of Directors and currently serves on both the Alumni Board and school's Board of Advisors. Talley is a 2018 honoree for Georgia State University's inaugural 40 under 40 alumni. He also serves on various national committees, taskforces and workgroups that work to advance public health modernization in the United States and world.

Talley has a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MPH from Georgia State University. A PhD candidate at Georgia State University, his current research focuses on tobacco and marijuana use among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered youth and young adults.