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Sinsi Hernández-Cancio is the Director of Health Equity at Families USA, where she leads the organization's efforts to advance health equity and reduce disparities in health care access and quality. She works on building a thriving and vocal health equity movement to protect the gains of the Affordable Care Act and leverage health care and delivery system transformation to reduce disparities. She is a member of the Addressing Disparities Advisory Panel for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Strategy Advisory Committee, a participant in the Allies Reaching for Community Health Equity effort, and a Public Voices Fellow with The OpEd Project.



Ms. Hernández-Cancio has worked in the field of health policy for over 15 years and has a longstanding commitment to advancing social justice and fighting for the rights of people of color, especially vulnerable women and children. She started her career as a women's human and civil rights lawyer with a Georgetown University Law Center's Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship at the Women's Rights Project of Human Rights Watch. Later, she advised and represented two Puerto Rican governors on federal health and human services policies in Washington, DC, and was a senior health policy analyst for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and National Campaign Coordinator for SEIU's Healthcare Equality Project. Bilingual and bicultural, she speaks across the country on health care and health equity, and has extensive experience in both English and Spanish national media, including Politico, Univision, Telemundo, CNN en Español, and Radio Bilingüe.

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Ms. Hernández-Cancio earned an A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Hays Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fellow. She currently lives in Fairfax, VA with her husband and son.