

George Askew

Dr. George Askew is a board certified pediatrician and nationally recognized social entrepreneur and child advocate. George brings critical experience in securing greater social justice for young children to his position at VOICES.

In 2007, George served as President and CEO of Jumpstart for Young Children, a Boston-based non-profit dedicated to assuring all children enter school ready to succeed. In 2003 he founded Docs For Tots, a nonprofit dedicated to encouraging more doctors to fulfill their important role as active advocates for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on the national, state and local levels. Under his leadership as Executive Director from 2003-2007 the organization developed a network of nearly 900 children's doctors who committed to increasing their civic engagement on behalf of young children. In 2005, in recognition of his initiative, vision, and national impact, George was one of 14 social entrepreneurs from the U.S. and Canada inducted into the International Ashoka Fellowship. Prior to launching Docs For Tots he was a Fellow in the Soros Open Society Institute, Medicine as a Profession, Advocacy Fellowship for Physicians, working with ZERO TO THREE (National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families) in Washington, D.C. In 2001-2002, George (he himself a Head Start graduate) was Chief of the Health and Disabilities Services Branch of the Head Start Bureau (HSB) and Medical Advisor to the Commissioner for the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, George is a graduate of Harvard University, from which he earned a B.A. in Psychology and Social Relations with an emphasis on child development, and Case Western Reserve University, where he earned his M.D.