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Karen M. Hendricks holds a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law (1979) and an A.B. from Mount Holyoke College (1976). On July 1, 2009, Karen began a new chapter in her career when she joined the staff of the Trust For America's Health (TFAH) as the Director of Policy Development. In this capacity, as a member of the senior management team, she is responsible for the development of TFAH's major new policy initiatives.

For over 17 years, Karen was an Assistant Director in the Department of Federal Affairs for the American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition to those activities, she was responsible for the legislative activities for five pediatric academic research and adolescent medicine societies (Academic Pediatric Association, American Pediatric Society; Society for Pediatric Research, Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, and the Society for Adolescent Medicine). In May 2008, Karen was the recipient of the Thomas A. Hazinski Distinguished Service Award by the Society for Pediatric Research.

From 2000 - 2003 Karen served, as the president of the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College and in that role was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the College. In 2008, Karen once again served as a member of the search committee for a new Alumnae Association executive director. Karen received the Alumnae Medal of Honor in 2003 and the Alumnae Association's Mary Lyon Distinguished Young Alumnae Award in 1990.

Karen is currently a member of the national board of directors of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Fund. The Hole in the Wall is a camp founded in 1984 by Paul Newman for children with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions. She served as chair of its Governance Task Force. Karen is a founding member of the board of directors of the national Nurse - Family Partnership, a home visitation program and serves on three committees - public policy, governance, and marketing & communications.