

Susan N. Dreyfus

Susan N. Dreyfus is president and CEO of the national organization, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities.

Prior to joining the Alliance on Jan. 3, 2012, Dreyfus was Secretary for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. She was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire in May 2009 and served as a member of the Governor's Executive Cabinet. She had responsibility for Medicaid, aging and long-term care, child welfare, behavioral health care, juvenile justice, economic assistance, and other human services.

Dreyfus previously served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for both the Alliance and Families International from 2003-2007.

In 1996 she was appointed by the Gov. Tommy G. Thompson Administration in Wisconsin to be the first administrator of the Division of Children and Family Services. Her responsibilities included child welfare, child care quality and licensing, youth development and an array of emergency assistance and other community programs.

Dreyfus is a member of Leadership 18, a coalition of CEOs from the largest and most respected nonprofit organizations in America. She is an elected member of the Leadership 18 Executive Committee. She is also a member of the American Public Human Services Association, Generations United, National Human Services Assembly, and International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers Boards of Directors, and the ANDRUS Sanctuary Institute Advisory Board.

She is part of the 12-member National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, being appointed by John Boehner, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Representative from Ohio's 8th congressional district.

Dreyfus enjoys reading the biographies of the United States presidents, being with her family—especially her three grandchildren—and she has completed four marathons.