



**Padma Arvind, MS, PhD, MBA**, brings more than 25 years of executive leadership in workforce development, public health, and healthcare workforce innovation to her new role as the Executive Director of Lata Atul Shah Community Health Center with Health Camp of New Jersey – a NJ non-profit 501 © 3 since 1998.

Management professional and an immunologist by training, Dr. Arvind holds an MS with Distinction from JIPMER (Pondicherry, India), a PhD in Molecular Immunology from AIIMS (India), and an MBA in Strategic Planning & Marketing from Rutgers University, along with a Certificate in Leading and Managing People from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

She is the architect of the nation's first federally recognized Community Health Worker (CHW) Registered Apprenticeship standard, a landmark contribution to building accessible, non-traditional career pathways in healthcare, and developed the first CADC (Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor) apprenticeship standard, opening behavioral health pathways nationally. Her work has shaped national workforce frameworks adopted by the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Arvind's national leadership has been recognized by two presidential administrations: she was named an Apprenticeship Ambassador by the Biden White House and an Apprenticeship LEADER under President Obama's Upskill USA Initiative. Most recently, she directed the USDOL Intermediary on Expansion of Registered Apprenticeship program contract with the net. America leading federal grant strategy and workforce credentialing initiatives. Earlier in her career, she served as Public Health Planner for the Middlesex County Public Health Department and as Executive Director of Rutgers University's Talent Development Center, where she scaled programs serving thousands of residents and incumbent workers while managing multimillion-dollar public health and workforce portfolios.