

Vicki Breitbart

I have been a sexual and reproductive justice activist for more than 50 years. In the 70s, my work as an educator and community activist focused on society's obligation to provide equal opportunities for those who wanted to have children and raise them in an equitable and just society. My more recent work and activism has centered around the provision of comprehensive women-centered health services as a human right. I served as an evaluation consultant for the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) community engagement campaign on birth justice, and the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee. Previously, I was the Deputy Director of the Office of Women's Health at the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation, where I supported all of the city hospital programs for substance-using women and pregnant adolescents. I developed the Women's Healthline, a public information system for the NYCDOHMH, and served as program management officer at the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, where I managed the 300-staff initiative to reduce infant mortality in the city. Working with community and government partners, I helped found the first hospital-based bereavement program in NYC for families experiencing perinatal loss, and established the [Brooklyn Perinatal Network](#). I also worked at Planned Parenthood of New York City for 15 years, most recently as Vice President of the Department of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, which I helped to create.

I was the director of the Health Advocacy graduate program at Sarah Lawrence College, and have taught at CUNY School of Public Health, the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and the NYU Silver School of Social Work. My publications include books on education and articles on reproductive health and intimate partner violence for peer-reviewed journals. I was elected President of the [Public Health Association of NYC](#) in 2010, and served as chair of the [National Abortion Federation's](#) board. Presently, I'm a member of the [Reproductive Health Access Project](#) board, and volunteer with the [Doula Project](#). As an activist, I recognize that this work has a rich and dynamic past and must have a vibrant, inclusive, and forceful future. I have had many opportunities to support and mentor generations of women and have promoted CLPP as the vehicle to inspire young women for social justice. Now more than ever, we need to intensify our activism to build a strong movement of women fighting for sexual and reproductive justice. I see CLPP as a powerful force to make this happen.