

Peggy Welch

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Peggy has been married to David Welch since 1979. Their son is married to Rejni Chopra Welch, and they are the parents of three children. David and Peggy are active members of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana.

Professional Profile

- An energetic and accomplished public policy leader with 14 years of service as state legislator combined with 18 years of clinical nursing practice and 2 years in Indiana's executive branch.
- Proven record of moving forward public policy through: tenacious work; honest and accurate communication; collaboration and cooperation with all stakeholders; respect for diverse perspectives and views; active listening; and trustworthy negotiating.
- Excellent skills in communicating with numerous audiences, including public, private, and media.
- Recognized for high standards of integrity, professionalism, transparency, and responsive leadership.

Professional Experience

- Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Chief Advocacy Officer, April 2016 to current
- Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, July 2014 to April 2016
- Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, Executive Director, January 2013 to July 2014
- Indiana General Assembly, State Representative, November 1998 to November 2012:
 - Served on standing committees of: Ways and Means; Public Health; Government Reduction; State Budget
 - Interim Study Committees: Health Finance Commission; Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight; Military Base Planning Commission
 - Focused efforts on issues affecting: healthcare; taxes; budget; and safety.
- Indiana University Bloomington School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2011 and Fall 2012

- Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital, Registered Nurse, 1995 to November 2013. May to November 2013, floor nurse at Hospice House; April 1996 to May 2013, floor nurse, oncology unit; June 1995 to October 1996, floor nurse, critical care units; January to December 1997, part-time physician extender for two cardiovascular surgeons
- Indiana University Department of Theatre and Drama, August 1991 to August 1994: Graduate Secretary
- Monroe County Community School Corporation, January 1991 to May 1991: Substitute Teacher
- Lamaze of Bloomington, Inc., October 1983 to December 1994: Certified Childbirth Educator
- Monroe County Probation Department, October 1983 to December 1990: First Director of the Monroe County Community Corrections Program and probation officer
- Monroe County Community School Corporation, August 1981 to April 1982: Substitute Teacher
- United States Senator Thad Cochran, January 1979 to July 1981: Legislative Assistant, Washington, D.C.
- United States Representative Thad Cochran, May 1977 to January 1979: Special Projects Coordinator and Caseworker, Washington, D.C.

Current Activities

- Salvation Army, Bloomington Advisory Board
- Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast Advisory Board
- EDGE Mentoring
- Indiana Department of Correction PLUS Board of Advisors (PLUS is faith and character-based program for inmates)

Relevant Past Activities

- Indiana Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force
- National Conference of State Legislatures: Executive Committee; Chair of Health Committee; President of Women's Legislative Network
- Advisory Boards for Indiana University Bloomington School of Nursing and Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington Nursing Programs
- Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) State Advisory Roundtable
- Monroe County ACHIEVE Advisory Board (CDC and YMCAs of USA healthy community initiative)
- Bell Trace Community Advisory Committee
- Harrison College Board of Trustees
- Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, Executive Advisory Council, Indiana Chapter

- Indiana First Lady's Luncheon Planning Committee
- Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials, Advisory Board
- American Heart Association Executive Leadership Team, Monroe County

Recognitions

Fourteen years as a legislator brought numerous recognitions and honors, including:

- Sagamore of the Wabash January 2107, Governor Mike Pence
- Indiana University Office of Women's Affairs "Woman of Vision" Award
- Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce "Women Excel Bloomington" Award
- National Coalition for Capital Small Business Champion
- Indiana State Nurses Association Nyland Public Policy Award
- Indiana State Medical Society Legislator of the Year
- Great Lakes American Cancer Society Excalibur Award, inaugural recipient
- Indiana Home and Hospice Welch Scholarship
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Service Award
- American Heart Association Heart of Indiana Award
- Indiana Chamber of Commerce Small Business Champion
- Indiana Safe Kids Coalition Child Safety Advocate Award
- Ivy Tech Community College's 2000 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Education

- Mississippi College, May 1977, Bachelor of Science, Education
- Ivy Tech Community College, May 1995, Associate Science in Nursing