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Paula has been a strong public health leader in Wisconsin and has provided input and support for programs across the division for more than 10 years. Paula was born, raised, and educated in Wisconsin, and her public health experience has focused on exploring and strategizing ways to embed health equity and empowerment concepts into public health practice, policies, and scholarship. Most recently, Paula was the director for the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) group. Under her leadership, the MATCH group has refined its efforts to work with partners to evolve practice, focus priorities, and shift power to support collective action on root causes of health and equity.



Prior to joining the Population Health Institute, Paula served in a variety of roles, including:

- Health Promotion State Specialist at the University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension.
- Assistant Director at the University of Wisconsin Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies.
- Transform Wisconsin Health Equity Coordinator at the Wisconsin Clearinghouse for Prevention Resources.
- University of Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellow at the Division of Public Health.

Through her tenure at these organizations, she has led and developed community-engaged research projects, statewide health equity efforts and cross-sector alliances, and provided training and technical assistance to affect the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health to advance health equity. Paula has her Master of Public Health degree and Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.