

## Nicole Bloom, MA, PMP

### Project Director



Nicole Bloom is a Project Director with ANSIRH for teams addressing public health approaches to abortion, evaluation of abortion restrictions, and drug and alcohol pregnancy policy studies. Nicole is a whole-systems thinker and innovator with experience managing technology, people, projects, and programs to facilitate critical interdisciplinary conversations toward a healthier, more equitable and sustainable future. Prior to joining ANSIRH, Nicole was the founding director of the Coordinating Center for the Osher Collaborative for Integrative Medicine, which includes seven

Osher Centers in the U.S. and Sweden. Nicole, a certified Project Management Professional, previously served as executive administrator for the Chair and Research Programs for the UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences. Nicole graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Engineering and Applied Science and Wharton Business School, with dual degrees in mechanical engineering and organizational behavior management. An inventor with more than 20 patents, she designed and developed medical devices and diagnostics at startups and at IDEO product development. Nicole received her master's degree from the Graduate Theological Union and for 13 years served as the Jewish chaplain for Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

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### Research projects and studies

**Public Health Approaches to Abortion Project.** The Public Health Approaches to Abortion project is a series of projects that aim to ground the public and policy debate about abortion regulation and access in scientific evidence and public health principles. Collectively, these projects serve to re-center scientific evidence and public health professional expertise in discussions of abortion patient safety and health department engagement with abortion.

#### **Drug-Alcohol and Pregnancy Policy Study (D-APPS).**

**Health Department Engagement on Abortion.** Health Department Engagement on Abortion aims to engage public health professionals working inside and outside of health departments in defining the abortion-related public health services health departments should provide. Through this project, researchers have proposed how health departments should engage with abortion care, identifies the type of work around abortion currently being undertaken by health departments, and engages with public health professionals to understand their processes, challenges, and opportunities in facilitating abortion-access and assuring the quality of abortion care.

**Evidence-Informed Facility Standards.** Evidence-Informed Facility Standards explores what evidence-informed facility standards would look like in the context of abortion. Specifically, researchers: describe the existing evidence-base related to general standards for freestanding outpatient facilities that perform procedures; conduct new research to begin building an evidence-base related to facility standards in the context of abortion; and describe how facility standards are established in other contexts, where abortion-related political influences are not present.