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Dr. Dennison has more than 15 years of experience supervising, training and mentoring staff and students. As a faculty member at the medical schools of Cornell University and Columbia University, she has supervised medical students and resident physicians in clinical, research and public health activities, and served as a thesis or internship advisor for ten PhD or MPH students at the School of Public Health at the State University in New York (SUNY) at Albany. As the Principal Investigator for a dozen funded grants (from NIH, USDA, American Heart Association, etc.), she has directed research teams in developing strategic plans, designing, implementing and evaluating clinical and population-based interventions, presenting findings both orally and in writing, staffing and budgeting programs and securing financing to advance these efforts. Over the past six years, Dr. Dennison has collaborated with staff from the Division of Nutrition at the NYSDOH and faculty from the SUNY-Albany School of Public Health, which led to her recruitment in 2003 to head the Bureau of Health Risk Reduction and provide leadership for newly developed over-arching center-based (Center for Community Health) Obesity Prevention Initiatives of the NYSDOH. In this capacity she provides leadership and oversight to a staff of 26. She is a seasoned professional with experience building new programs, establishing crosscutting collaborations and bringing diverse individuals, groups, and partners to the table to develop consensus and to translate research findings into public health practice and policies.