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Dr. Ann Kellams is a Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Virginia. A native Texan, Dr. Kellams received a BA summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Austin and earned an MD at the University of California, San Francisco in 1995. She completed Pediatric Residency training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She was then in private practice in Virginia until joining the Pediatric Faculty at the University of Virginia in 2006 as Medical Director of the Well Newborn service, a position she held for 12 years. Her clinical practice is Newborn Hospital Medicine and Breastfeeding Medicine. She helped found the UVA Breastfeeding Medicine program in 2011. Dr. Kellams teaches The Healer's Art for medical students, a course which she helped to start as medical student at UCSF in the early 90's that is now at over half of the medical schools in the U.S. She is also a Clinical Coach for the School of Medicine's Foundations of Clinical Medicine longitudinal program with students in all four years of their education. She is an MPI for the SMARTER grant funded by NICHD, and a Co-I on two other currently-funded NICHD grants all focusing on parenting education for safe infant care practices such as breastfeeding and safe sleep. She and her team recently received the UVA School of Medicine Dean's Excellence Award for Research for Team Science, and their publications include a manuscript reporting on the results of their clinical trial in JAMA. Dr. Kellams is on the American Academy of Pediatrics Executive Committee for the Section on Breastfeeding and is currently President of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, an international physician organization with over 1,000 members worldwide. She co-directs the UVA Women's and Children's Wisdom and Wellbeing program funded by a grant from HRSA. She was featured on Noah Sheinbaum's Inspired Service Podcast, Episode 16: "Moments of Aw(e)--Life, Service, and Medicine with Dr. Ann Kellams," a series which serves to profile "unsung heroes" and "build awareness of the civilians who serve," and has been interviewed by multiple media channels including Science Daily, HuffPost, BBC World Service, and the Associated Press to name a few, for her expertise in breastfeeding and infant care.