

## **Charlene R. Burgeson**

Charlene R. Burgeson is Executive Director of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). NASPE, a nonprofit membership organization of over 17,000 professionals in physical education, physical activity, and sport fields, is the preeminent national authority of physical education and a recognized leader in sport and youth physical activity. NASPE seeks to enhance knowledge, improve professional practice, and increase support for high quality physical education, sport, and youth physical activity programs through research, development of standards, and dissemination of information.

From 1997-2003, Burgeson was employed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA where she served as a health scientist in the Division of Adolescent and School Health and a public health advisor in the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity. As a physical education and activity specialist, she provided guidance regarding physical activity surveillance, programs, and training; and developed tools to assist with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs in schools and communities. In 2000 she co-authored a report from the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Education to the President of the United States entitled, Promoting Better Health for Young People through Physical Activity and Sport. She was also the lead author for the physical education chapter of the 2000 School Health Policies and Programs Survey (SHPPS) published by CDC.

In 2001, Charlene was honored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) with the Mabel Lee Award for achieving national recognition as a professional leader prior to reaching age 36.

From 1994-1997, Burgeson worked at NASPE as a program administrator facilitating physical education issues and projects. A former elementary physical education teacher in the Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools, she also coached local youth sports. Burgeson received her master of arts in physical education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and bachelor of science in health and physical education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. Her interests include swimming, tennis, reading, traveling, and being a Mom to her 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter.

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