



**Jena Jensen**

**Chief Government Relations Officer, CHOC Children's**



As Chief Government Relations Officer at CHOC Children's in Orange, California, Jena Jensen directs government relations and legislative advocacy for one of the leading pediatric health care systems in the nation.

CHOC Children's growing health care network includes two state-of-the-art hospitals in Orange and Mission Viejo; primary and specialty care clinics in Santa Ana, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Corona and Garden Grove; an expanding network of outreach programs that brings CHOC's services into every corner of Orange County; a residency program that trains tomorrow's pediatricians; five centers of excellence - the Heart, Orthopaedic, Neuroscience, Hyundai Cancer and Innovation Institute(s); and a Research Institute that brings advanced treatment to patients. To expand mental health access for children and teens in the region, CHOC has opened a new 18-bed mental health inpatient center on its Orange campus as well as the ASPIRE® (After School Program Interventions and Resiliency Education) Intensive Outpatient Program at CHOC Children's for teens with moderate to severe symptoms of anxiety, depression or other mental health problems.

CHOC Children's has once again been named one of the nation's best children's hospitals by U.S. News & World Report in its 2019-20 Best Children's Hospitals rankings. CHOC ranked in six specialties: diabetes/endocrinology, cancer, neonatology, neurology/neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology. Cancer ranked in the "top 20," list for its specialty.

Ms. Jensen oversees legislative affairs for CHOC Children's, as well as the development and stewardship of relationships with federal, state and local elected officials, government, community and opinion leaders. Ms. Jensen is dedicated to creating awareness, building relationships and generating support for CHOC Children's in its mission to nurture, advance and protect the health and well-being of children.

Ms. Jensen joined CHOC Children's as Director of Marketing and Public Relations in 1992. Prior to joining CHOC, she provided public relations/public affairs consulting services to the organization, along with a variety of other multi-sector Orange County clients. Her 30 plus year career in health care began at United Western Medical Centers (now Orange County Global), based in Santa Ana, California.

Ms. Jensen is a native of California and an alumna of the University of California, Berkeley. She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Orange County Business



Council (OCBC), Orange County Forum, Santa Ana College Foundation and Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce; is the immediate past Chair of the Provider Advisory Committee for CalOptima, Orange County's County Organized Health System (COHS), and serves as a member of Orange County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee. Other professional affiliations include the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), California Hospital Association (CHA), California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA) and the national Children's Hospital Association (CHA).

Ms. Jensen is a resident of North Tustin, California, where she resides with her husband, Jeff, and enjoys time with their three young-adult children. She has recently accepted the title of proud Army mom thanks to her son, Max, a second lieutenant and medical school student at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD.

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