

## Dr. Mary Lane Cobb

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Dr. Mary Lane Cobb moved to Westchester County after medical school to pursue her career as a general practitioner in Tarrytown and eventually incorporated obstetrics into her practice.

In 1977, Dr. Cobb served as the Director of Women and Youth Services at the Westchester County Department of Health. While there, she was instrumental in introducing mid-level practitioners into service delivery and the use of community workers for education and outreach. Through her diligence and determination, she also brought about a partnership with Yonkers-based Youth Theatre Interactions to create a teenaged drama troupe that carried HIV/AIDS prevention messages to inner-city youth.

Dr. Cobb formally retired in 1992, but still remains active in the community. She serves as cochair of the Westchester Women's Health Partnership, which addresses health issues and disparities in the county. Under her leadership, the partnership has made community awareness of HIV/AIDS a priority and has implemented initiatives to reduce the stigma of testing.

Dr. Cobb is also active in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, African Women of Westchester, Sister to Sister International, and the Community Unitarian Church at White Plains. Furthermore, she is a founding member of the Tarrytown Opportunity Center, President of the Board of Youth Theatre Interactions, and an active member of the Westchester Chapter of the NAACP.

Moreover, Dr. Cobb is an accomplished musician. She sang soprano for 25 years with the Choral Arts Society of Westchester. She is married to James Cobb, and they are the proud parents of three children and two grandchildren.