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Julie Friedman is the director of the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education and Research Center (WHERC), which targets vulnerable women in L.A. County to advance health equity. Her work primarily addresses the issues of health and financial literacy; inclusive care for lesbian, bisexual, and queer women; and the impact of environmental toxins on reproductive health. From her roots as a medical assistant at Planned Parenthood, Friedman has nearly a 40-year track record in women's health. In December 2017, Friedman was appointed to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, where she chairs the Health Committee. Friedman is an adjunct professor at California State University, Northridge, where she teaches undergraduate public health courses. Prior to joining WHERC, she was the executive director of the Early Childhood Parenting Center, where she oversaw parent education classes, volunteer training programs and professional development seminars. She also managed her consulting practice, Growing Health Partnerships, working with organizations such as Community Development Technologies Center (CD Tech); Beta Benefits, Inc.; State Farm Insurance Company and more. Friedman has co-authored peer-reviewed articles on women's mental health and finances; worksite wellness; reproductive health and the environment; and lesbian, bisexual and queer women's health.