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Charles Stokes is the President and CEO of the CDC Foundation. Under his leadership, the CDC Foundation has grown from a staff of two to a staff of more than 40 professionals managing approximately 200 public health programs in partnership with CDC. Prior to joining the CDC Foundation, Mr. Stokes worked for 22 years with the Missouri Department of Health, serving as deputy director for the Department from 1983 through 1995. He chaired the American Public Health Association's expert panel that developed Healthy Communities 2000, a set of model standards used by many state and local health departments throughout the U.S. He also served on the Staff Advisory Council to the National Governors Association's Task Force on Universal Health Care, the board of the Public Health Foundation, and the editorial board of the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. Mr. Stokes is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Public Issues for the Ad Council and the National Advisory Board of Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.