

## **Amelia Chappelle joins Genetic Alliance as the Assistant Director of Genetics Resources & Services**

**WASHINGTON, DC – June 14, 2007** – Amelia Chappelle, MS, MA is a board-eligible genetic counselor that comes to Genetic Alliance with a dual Master’s degree in Human Genetics and Health Advocacy. Hailing from Mercer Island, Washington, she received her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience and Behavior from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. In 2003, Amelia worked for the National Institutes of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in the Lab of Neurogenetics before moving to New York for graduate school. During her graduate career, Amelia gained clinical and public health experiences in prenatal, pediatric, and cancer genetic counseling settings as well as various advocacy groups and state genetics departments.

At the Genetic Alliance, Amelia will be dedicated to increasing the leadership and capacity of advocates throughout the network. Genetic Alliance began to map the genetics community network, and its links, over the past few months toward the achievement of a well-networked community supported by the learning, experience and support of one another. As the Assistant Director of Genetics Resources & Services, Amelia will assist Genetic Alliance in its endeavor to improve the availability of and access to credible, high-quality information on rare genetic conditions. “We are delighted to have Amelia join the Genetic Alliance and are inspired by her desire to work toward positive change in the intersection between genetics and personal & public health,” said Sharon Terry, President & CEO. You can reach Amelia at [achappelle@geneticallianc.org](mailto:achappelle@geneticallianc.org).