

-BLACK HISTORY MONTH-



JOYCELYN ELDERS



Born in the small town of Schaal, Arkansas, Joycelyn Elders rose out of the cotton fields to attend college and then medical school. In 1987, she became the director of the Arkansas Department of Health. She left that position in 1993 after her appointment by President Bill Clinton as the U.S. surgeon general.

Butler Center Lesson Plan – [“Joycelyn Elders: From Sharecropper’s Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America”](#)

Encyclopedia of Arkansas article – [Joycelyn Elders \(1933-\)](#)

Encyclopedia of Arkansas images:

- [Physical therapy class, Women’s Medical Specialist Corps, 1954](#)
- [Director of Health for the State of Arkansas, 1987](#)
- [Teaching as chief resident at UAMS, circa 1962](#)
- [U.S. Surgeon General, 1993](#)

AV/AR audio video collection materials:

- [36 audio clips](#) – taken from the oral history interview with Joycelyn Elders; clips average two minutes and are identified by subject terms

Reading material – *Joycelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecropper’s Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America* by Dr. Joycelyn Elders and David Chanoff

