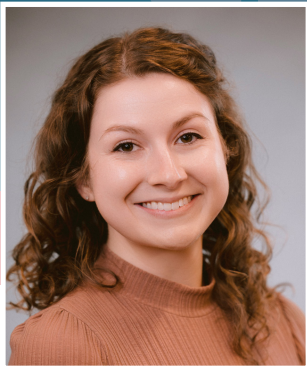




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## CAITLIN FELDMAN

### Policy Director

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During her tenure at Groundwork Ohio, Caitlin Feldman has led the advancement of the Safe Babies approach to Ohio Infant-Toddler Court Teams while spearheading Groundwork's paid leave advocacy work. As Policy Director, she looks forward to continuing to support these important efforts, merging her expertise in early childhood adversity and trauma prevention with maternal and young child health policy initiatives.

Caitlin's passion to support and empower others started at age 16 when she began volunteering at Erin's House for Grieving Children, an organization dedicated to providing a safe environment for children to process grief after a loss. There, she became interested in behavioral health care through the lens of understanding how grief, loss, and trauma impact childhood development. She went on to work as a music therapist and bereavement coordinator in hospice care on both geriatric and pediatric care teams while continuing to focus on improving educational and mental health outcomes for youth and families after loss.

Caitlin has taken her nearly 15 years of experience with direct patient care and translated it into the development and oversight of bereavement programming throughout the country, serving grieving clients around the world as a practitioner,

grief educator, and program administrator. By implementing innovative technologies, approaches, and solutions, she prioritized making mental and emotional support services widely accessible, particularly for those in impoverished and rural areas.

Having a strong desire to disrupt systems of historical oppression and promote generational healing, she pursued her master's degree in social work while working with the National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter (NASW-OH) to promote positive social change for Ohioans. With knowledge ranging from clinical practice to program management and advocacy, Caitlin excels in translating the needs of individuals, families, and communities into responsive policy solutions.

Caitlin earned her bachelor's degree in music therapy from Ohio University and her master's degree in social work from Cleveland State University. She is a licensed social worker and music therapist.

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