



Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
OCLC | 6565 Kilgour Place | Dublin, OH 43017

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| 8:15-9:00 am | Registration & Light Breakfast |
| 9:00-9:15 am | Welcome to Momentum Institute 2025
Lynanne Gutierrez, President & CEO Groundwork Ohio |
| 9:15-9:45 am | What's Next, Ohio? Politics, Polls, and Power
Robert Blizzard, Founder/CEO UpONE Insights
<i>Hear from a political strategist about polling data and trends shaping Ohio and the nation for a look at where voters stand today and what the shifting political landscape could mean for Ohio's future.</i> |
| 9:45-10:45 am | Writing Ohio's Next Political Chapter: What the Future Holds
<i>Hear from seasoned political strategists in a candid discussion about what lies ahead for Ohio's political landscape. Panelists will explore potential contenders for the Governor's office, how national politics could shape state policy, and what these shifts might mean for children and families across Ohio.</i>

Moderated by Brittany Boulton, Vice President Groundwork Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Hartley, President Swing State Strategies• Aaron Pickrell, Managing Partner Remington Road Group |
| 10:45-11:30 am | Shaping the Story: Advocacy, Journalism, and Ohio's Youngest Citizens
<i>Join seasoned members of the media for a candid conversation on how journalists elevate early childhood issues—especially in light of Ohio's upcoming gubernatorial race. This interactive panel will explore shifts in political coverage, barriers to reporting on early childhood, and practical strategies for working with the press.</i>

Moderated by Sara Loken, Managing Director of Communications Groundwork Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura A. Bischoff, Reporter Gannett/USA Today Network• Laura Hancock, Reporter Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer• Karen Kasler, Bureau Chief Statehouse News Bureau |
| 11:30 am-12:30 pm | Lunch |
| 12:30-1:45 pm | This Moment Matters: Stories of Policy and Partnership
<i>In a pivotal year for children and families, national and state leaders will share real-world examples of how policy change and cross-sector partnerships can meet the urgency of the moment. From federal advocacy on H.R. 1 and Medicaid to engaging faith voices in political action, this conversation will offer inspiration and practical takeaways for driving meaningful change.</i>

Hosted by Caitlin Feldman, Senior Director of Policy Groundwork Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph O'Hern, Director, Coalition & Campaign First Five Years Fund• Elisabeth Wright Burak, Senior Fellow Georgetown University's Center for Children & Families• Rachel Hope Anderson, Principal Hope & Consulting |

1:45-2:15 pm

The Next Page: Your Commitment to Ohio's Youngest Children

Vanessa Butler, Senior Director of Community Relations | Groundwork Ohio

In this session, you'll reflect on what you've learned and identify how you'll turn new insights into action. Through a guided commitment activity, you'll consider what practices you'll continue, what you'll change, and how you can help write the next chapter for Ohio's youngest children.

2:15-2:30 pm

Snack Break

2:30-3:55 pm

Celebrating Movement Makers

Lynanne Gutierrez, President & CEO | Groundwork Ohio

- **The Groundwork Champion Award** honors long-standing, cross-sector partners who have helped lay the groundwork for change—through steadfast leadership, meaningful collaboration, and bold investment in the early childhood movement.
- **The Amplifier Award** honors an outstanding partner in the daily work to make Ohio the best place to be a young child.
- **The Spark Award** celebrates emerging leaders showing promise, creativity, and passion in advancing early childhood equity.

3:55-4:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Lynanne Gutierrez, President & CEO | Groundwork Ohio