



Groundwork OHIO



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Caitlin Feasby serves as Managing Director of Policy at Groundwork Ohio. As a member of Groundwork Ohio's leadership team, she contributes to organizational strategy, stakeholder engagement, and initiatives that support the organization's long-term growth and impact, while leading its policy and advocacy agenda on behalf of young children and families across the state. With oversight of Groundwork Ohio's policy portfolio - including maternal and infant health, early childhood trauma prevention, economic stability, and early learning and child care - she helps shape organizational strategy, builds cross-sector partnerships, and advances evidence-based policy solutions that improve outcomes for Ohio's children and families from pregnancy through age five.

During her tenure, Caitlin has expanded Groundwork Ohio's policy leadership in maternal health, infant and early childhood mental health, and child welfare policy. Building on the organization's longstanding leadership in early childhood advocacy, she has cultivated cross-sector partnerships, elevated Groundwork Ohio's presence in key policy and systems-change discussions, and advanced a more integrated approach to supporting very young children and their families. Under her leadership, Ohio has emerged as a national leader in advancing prevention-focused approaches within the Safe Babies initiative. Working alongside local and national partners, she guided the statewide transition of Safe Babies beyond its traditional court-based model toward upstream prevention strategies. This work has resulted in the nation's first Safe Babies partnership embedded within a health care system, creating new opportunities to identify and support families before child welfare involvement occurs.

In addition to her policy leadership, Caitlin works closely with government agencies, health care systems, philanthropic partners, and community organizations to advance cross-sector strategies that strengthen outcomes for young children and families. She has built and led statewide coalitions, informed legislative and administrative policy reforms, and advanced systems-building efforts in infant and early childhood mental health. Through this work, she has fostered partnerships that align public agencies, health care providers, and community organizations around shared goals and measurable impact.

Caitlin's policy and advocacy leadership is informed by years of experience in direct clinical practice and behavioral health program management. As a clinician, she specialized in supporting children, families, and adults navigating grief, loss, and trauma, while also leading efforts to expand access to behavioral health services in underserved communities across the country - particularly in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. These experiences provided firsthand insight into the systemic barriers that affect family well-being and continue to shape her approach to policy development. Drawing on her background in social work and behavioral health, Caitlin is passionate about building systems that promote health, well-being, and opportunity for every child and family, regardless of income, geography, or circumstance.

Caitlin holds a bachelor's degree in Music Therapy from Ohio University and a Master of Social Work from Cleveland State University. She is a licensed social worker and board-certified music therapist. She also serves as Secretary of the Board of Cultivate CDC, a community development organization serving the Milo-Grogan neighborhood of Columbus.

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