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In her role as the Community Engagement Associate at Groundwork Ohio, Lysette Arnold provides critical assistance to the Center for Family Voice Director. As such, she supports the implementation and execution of Center activities and the Center's work to elevate the voices of families with young children in early childhood policy and advocacy to achieve programmatic, policy, and practice changes at local, regional, and state levels.

Lysette was instrumental in coordinating Groundwork's Family Action Network launch event in May of 2022, which brought together 64 families throughout the state of Ohio and provided them with a platform to share their stories and interface directly with policymakers engaged in work affecting their lives. Lysette also manages Groundwork's webinars, coordinating calls for hundreds of participants passionate about providing early childhood support to Ohio's youngest. As Groundwork Ohio's Tik Tok manager, Lysette creates content and provides resources for a continually expanding (and younger) audience, exposing more advocates and supporters to Groundwork's crucial efforts for young Ohioans.

Prior to joining Groundwork, Lysette was a project manager for a drug policy non-profit that worked to reduce the stigma associated with drug policies. Lysette managed their "anti-stigma project," where she educated the public and policymakers to treat people who use or used drugs with respect and without judgment.

Most recently Lysette was a childcare educator working with toddlers aged two to three in her own classroom. Her time at the childcare facility influenced her to dive into childcare policy.

Lysette earned a bachelor's degree in public leadership, management, and policy from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. She specialized in race and public policy, served in the Public Affairs Multicultural Student Association, and worked for multiple social change organizations. During her time at Ohio State, Lysette planned and hosted events, including one focused on African Americans in Public Policy and an "Allyship in Action" workshop.

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