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Lindsay Ciavarelli oversees the activities of Groundwork Ohio's Center for Maternal & Young Child Health and drives the Center's work to improve outcomes for women, young children, and their families through advocacy and policy work. This includes overseeing operations of the Ohio Safe Babies Court Team™ (SBCT), a court-based child welfare intervention for families with young children at risk of child abuse or neglect, and the Ready, Set, Soar Coalition, a powerful cross-systems continuum of support dedicated to elevating prenatal-to-age-three interventions across the state.

Lindsay brings to Groundwork over 12 years in the nonprofit and public health sectors working to improve outcomes for children, mothers, and families. Lindsay began her career providing direct services as a child welfare caseworker and supervisor in the Columbus area. Recognizing a need for interventions before the child welfare system became involved, Lindsay moved into a Project Director role providing oversight to a Healthy Start home visiting program. This program served a minimum of 700 women, children, and families at risk for poor birth outcomes and infant mortality in Columbus each year. Lindsay was able to grow that program from one team to three, increase team members and capacity, integrate an evidence-based model of care into a team, and develop and implement a fatherhood program and medically focused maternal mortality prevention program within the existing service continuum.

Most recently, Lindsay served as a Senior Manager of Business Development and Government Relations with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, assisting to scale programming across the U.S. and Canada to help children in foster care find permanency through adoption. Lindsay remains committed to activities that positively affect families in real-time, with a focus on the perspectives of families/consumers and the hardworking team members implementing the work.

Lindsay received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Urban Sociology with a minor in Psychology from Otterbein University, where she proudly graduated as a Continuing Studies student. Lindsay also received a Master of Science degree in Human Services Leadership from Northeastern University in 2016.

Lindsay lives in Westerville with her husband and two young boys. When not advocating for children and families in Ohio, Lindsay enjoys being outdoors, sitting by the bonfire, and living a beautifully simple life.

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