

Laying the Groundwork for Impact

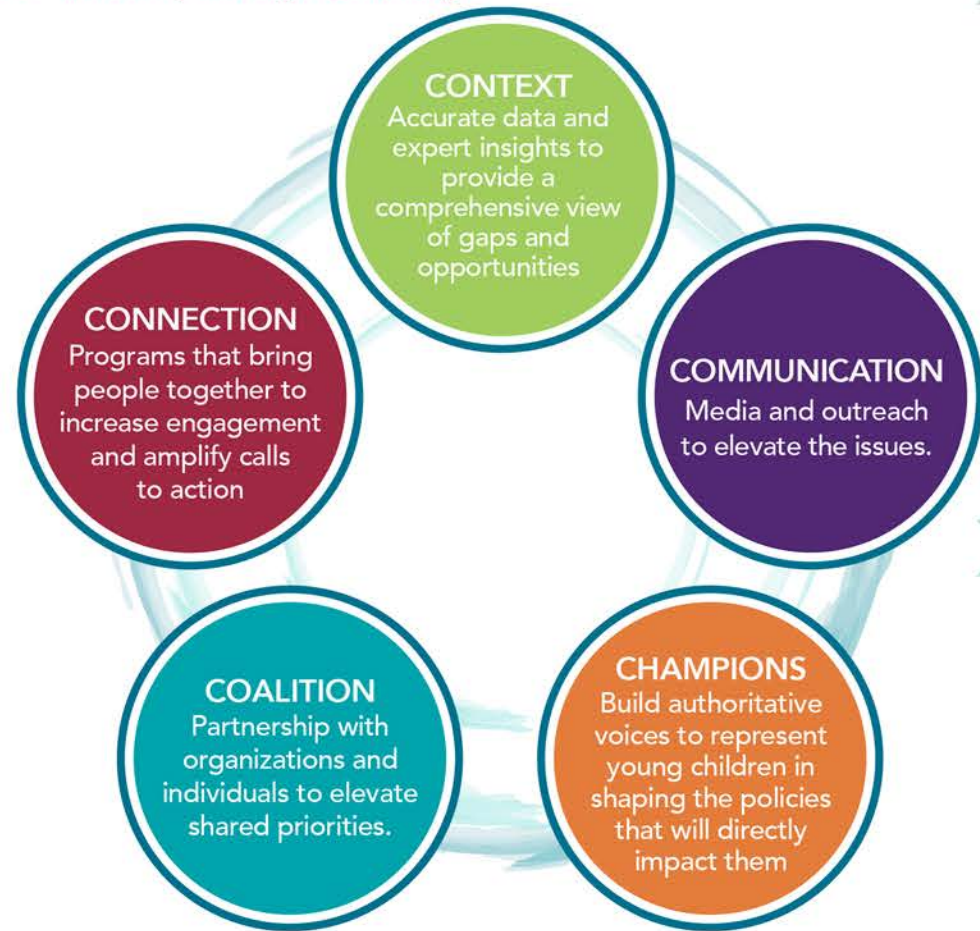
Groundwork Ohio is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy, research and advocacy organization.

Our mission is to champion high-quality early learning and healthy development strategies from the prenatal period to age five, that lay a strong foundation for Ohio kids, families, and communities.

Groundwork Ohio DIRECTLY IMPACTS OUTCOMES

Our Work

Groundwork Ohio provides leadership and expertise through:



Short-Range Outcomes

State Policymakers:

- Know more about early childhood policy issues and evidence-informed strategies.
- Value Groundwork Ohio as a relevant, credible, nonpartisan and objective source.
- Turn to Groundwork Ohio for analysis and thought leadership of effective policies and strategies.
- Are accountable to Groundwork Ohio and its stakeholders when making decisions that impact young children and families.

Other Stakeholders & Supporters:

- Respect Groundwork Ohio and support its work to influence shared objectives in the policymaking process.
- Utilize Groundwork Ohio's work to guide their own work in other state and local communities.
- Value the role of advocacy in their work and increase engagement in advocacy.

Mid-Range Outcomes

State Policymakers use Groundwork Ohio's work when creating early childhood policy

Long-Range Outcomes

State Policymakers implement and invest in evidence-informed policies and strategies

Other Stakeholders & Supporters:

- Implement evidence-informed policies
- Engage in advocacy
- Invest in a deeper relationship with Groundwork Ohio (ex. Partnership, funder, etc.)

GOALS

Ohio is the best place to be a young child, and every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The foundational elements of this goal are that:

- Young children in Ohio are healthy
- Young children are ready to learn
- Systems & community conditions are optimal and build a strong foundation for young children in the areas of:
 - Early learning access and quality
 - Healthcare access and quality
 - Early childhood adversity and trauma prevention
 - Economic stability
- Racism and other forms of historic disinvestment and/or discrimination in early childhood systems are dismantled.
- Sectors that impact early childhood systems collaborate and align their work.
- The voices of Ohio early childhood professionals are engaged in the policies and practices that impact their programs, practices, and the children and families they serve.
- The voices of families are amplified and they are engaged in the policies and practice that impact their lives and their children.

HOW DOES GROUNDWORK OHIO MEASURE ITS SUCCESS?

Quarterly and annual evaluation of Groundwork Ohio's effectiveness through tracking of outputs and outcomes.

Monitoring public policy changes and data in the *Groundwork Ohio Early Childhood Data Dashboard*.

WHO ARE THE AUDIENCES FOR GROUNDWORK OHIO'S WORK?

State Policymakers:

- State legislators and legislative staff
- Governor and state agencies

Stakeholders:

- Parents, caregivers and families of young children
- Early childhood professionals, clinicians and providers (early learning, child care, preschool, home visiting, early intervention, child welfare, mental and behavioral health, pediatricians, OBGYN and primary care, hospitals, health plans, library, literacy)
- Stakeholders in other sectors beyond discreet early childhood that have an impact on community conditions
- Nonprofit/non-governmental organizations
- Grassroots organizations and advocates

- Private philanthropy (local, state and national)
- Local government, including county commissioners, mayors and local health and human service focused agencies that serve young children and families
- Business leaders
- Media
- Federal legislators and legislative staff
- General public
- Individual and corporate donors