

# Family Voices Matter



*Help Create Greater Insights for Stronger Policies.*

**Families know best.**

**Family voices provide a policy blueprint.**

## You + Groundwork Ohio = Family Voice Engagement

Together we can listen, learn, and make lasting impact—as Groundwork Ohio has built a model to amplify family voice to inform early childhood policy formation. As your partner, we can help you implement this model to engage families for stronger policy outcomes.

Given Groundwork Ohio's understanding of the policy landscape and Ohio communities combined with our expertise in family voice engagement, we have established valuable channels and practices for state and local policymakers, as well as other organizations advocating for families and children. Informed by research, literature review, and our own experiences, Groundwork Ohio's expertise can provide an approach and structure that is tailor made for the input and insights necessary to inform policy.



*An authentic partnership between professionals and family leaders who reflect the diversity of the communities they represent, working together at the systems level to develop and implement better policies and practices."*

**~ Stark, D. R. (2020).**

*Stepping Up and Speaking Out: The Evolution of Parent Leadership in Michigan. Lansing, MI: Early Childhood Investment Corporation & Michigan Home Visiting Initiative.re*

**The Amplification Effect** draws a connection between efforts to elevate family voice to improve child and family outcomes, and, ultimately, social change.

## Why Groundwork Ohio

Groundwork Ohio began investing in family voice in 2018, creating a strategic program and platform to engage families in prenatal-to-five public policy. This innovative, ongoing, multi-year committed learning process focuses on eliminating disparities in systems that serve pregnant women, young children and their families. This enables us to drive programmatic, policy, and practice changes by integrating the family voice into the decision-making process of Ohio's family-serving systems.

Groundwork Ohio's unique expertise, experience, infrastructure, and technical assistance support could be a valuable partner in ensuring diverse families and community members are effectively and authentically engaged and heard to solve the problems.



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