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Erin Ryan serves as the Director of Policy Advocacy & External Affairs at Groundwork Ohio. In this role, she advances the mission of the organization by working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders to drive forward bold policy change that strengthens children, families, and communities.

Ryan is a passionate and accomplished leader who brings a decade of experience in advocacy, legislative strategy, and coalition building. Prior to joining Groundwork Ohio, she most recently worked as a Policy Analyst at Innovation Ohio, a statewide policy and advocacy non-profit. Her portfolio focused on a broad set of issues at the intersection of gender, race, and class, including paid family and medical leave, maternal health, and wealth-building. During that time, she also served as the Managing Director of the Ohio Women's Public Policy Network, a coalition of nearly 40 organizations advocating for policy solutions that build economic opportunity for women and their families.

She has extensive experience in Ohio politics, having worked in fundraising and organizing roles for various candidate and issue campaigns within the state. Erin currently sits on the board of Mental Health America of Ohio, serving as the Vice President of the Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee. She also remains active with community causes and organizations that focus on improving the lives and futures of women and their families.

Ryan received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from The Ohio State University. During her time at OSU, she was active in opportunities to engage in policy and politics, including serving as a member of the Politics, Society, and Law Scholars Program; participating in the NEW Leadership Ohio conference, a national bipartisan program that addresses the underrepresentation of women in American politics; and graduating from the Washington Academic Internship Program, a competitive internship and academic program through the John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Erin was born and raised on the West Side of Cleveland, Ohio in a politically active and civically engaged family, which shaped her career path and commitment for causes rooted in social change. She currently resides in Central Ohio with her husband, where she enjoys lazy weekends, curling up with a new book, and traveling.

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