

You're Invited to Join Groundwork Ohio's Family Action Network!



Whether you're a parent, grandparent, foster parent, or caregiver to a young child, you are the expert of your story and know what your family needs to thrive. Too often, however, you aren't included in the policymaking process that deeply affects the lives of your family members. Groundwork Ohio is on a mission to change this, because **we believe every family deserves to be respected, valued, and heard.**

That's why Groundwork Ohio is building a statewide Family Action Network, made up of Family Ambassadors like you! As a Family Ambassador with our Family Action Network, you'll be part of a powerful and diverse coalition of Ohio families from across the state. We want to invest in your leadership and provide opportunities to engage with policymakers on the issues that matter most to you and your family.

If you're with us... join us!

Nominate yourself to be a Family Ambassador with our Family Action Network and join us for a Family Action Network **launch event on Wednesday, May 18, 2022** at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus! Email us at familyaction@groundworkohio.org to learn more!

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does it mean to be a Family Ambassador with the Family Action Network?

Family Ambassadors are members of the Family Action Network. To become a Family Ambassador, you must live in Ohio, be caring for at least one child under the age of 5, and attend the launch event of our Family Action Network on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse.

Before the launch event, you will also participate in three 90-minute virtual training sessions to network with other Family Ambassadors, build your leadership skills, and get the tools you need to feel comfortable sharing your

story with policymakers. Each training will be offered at three different times to accommodate your schedule.

The virtual training sessions are scheduled during the following dates and times:

	TRAINING #1	TRAINING #2	TRAINING #3
Option 1:	April 11 1:00-2:30 PM	April 25 1:00-2:30 PM	May 9 6:00-7:30 PM
Option 2:	April 11 6:00-7:30 PM	April 25 6:00-7:30 PM	May 10 1:00-2:30 PM
Option 3:	April 14 9:00-10:30 AM	April 26 9:00-10:30 AM	May 11 9:00-10:30 AM

FAQs: (continued)

Can you tell me more about the Family Action Network launch event?

The Family Action Network launch event will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio. The day will begin at 10:00 AM with an energizing breakfast program, followed by engaging guest speakers and kid-friendly activities for you and your children. Following the morning program, state legislators will be invited to join Family Ambassadors and their family for lunch in the Statehouse. During lunch, Family Ambassadors will have the opportunity to share their stories with their state legislators.

Following the meetings with state legislators, families will then be invited outside to the Statehouse lawn for a Family Celebration. During the Family Celebration, families will have the opportunity to participate in kid-friendly activities and show their support for Ohio's infants, toddlers, and their families. The event will end at 2:00 PM.

The Statehouse is "The People's House," which is why we're dedicated to making the Family Action Network launch and Family Celebration a family-friendly event! In addition to kid-friendly activities, there will be on-site accommodations for families such as diaper changing stations, nursing areas, quiet spaces, and stroller parking.

What if I've never engaged with policymakers in the past?

We welcome families with all levels of experience! Even if this is your first time ever engaging with your policymakers, we will provide you the support you need to be a successful Family Ambassador. Not only will you receive trainings from the Groundwork Ohio team and opportunities to meet your fellow Family Ambassadors, but you will also be paired with trusted Community Ambassadors from your community to provide you with support before, during, and after the Family Action Network launch event.

Will I be compensated for my time?

Yes! We value you as experts and understand that participating in the virtual training sessions and the Family Action Network launch event may be a challenge for families. Groundwork Ohio will provide Family Ambassadors a stipend for each virtual training session and for attending the May 18th event at the Ohio Statehouse.

I'm interested in being a Family Ambassador! What do I do next?

Thank you for your interest in joining our Family Action Network! To become a Family Ambassador, please contact us at familyaction@groundworkohio.org. A member of our team will then share the information you need to nominate yourself to be a Family Ambassador!



Learn more:

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