

MISSION:

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.

VISION:

To make Ohio the best place to be a young child so that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

WHAT WE DO:

- Policy Research & Development
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Communications
- Data Analysis
- Thought Leadership & Technical Assistance
- Policymaker Education
- Advocacy



The Center for
EARLY LEARNING

Prepare Ohio for a better future by transforming systems that advance early learning, promote equity, and prioritize prevention through policy development, research, and collaboration.

Policy and systems development including recommendations and best practices to inform cross systems PN-5 policy.

Stakeholder engagement and advocacy to advance early education policy and systems.

Integrate learnings from the Center for Family Voice into state and national policy to champion policies and investments that improve outcomes for young children.

Foster lasting relationships with family voice champions that will inform the governance of this Center.



The Center for
FAMILY VOICE

Prepare Ohio for a better future by authentically centering family voice in early childhood policy and advocacy.

Build and enhance capacity of families and local stakeholders by increasing their skills and knowledge, expanding their connections, and building confidence and self-efficacy.

Empower local stakeholders to connect family engagement to services, engage families in diverse roles including as co-creators of solutions, honor family contributions and create inclusive cultures.

Develop effective partnerships between families, local stakeholders, and Groundwork Ohio that support shared policy goals and advocacy so that policymakers see families and effective partnerships as assets.

Advance policy transformation and improve outcomes for young children and their families through effective partnerships.



The Center for
MATERNAL & YOUNG CHILD HEALTH

Prepare Ohio for a better future by transforming systems that improve maternal and young child health, promote health equity, and prioritize prevention through policy development, research, and collaboration.

Policy and systems development including recommendations and best practices to inform cross systems PN-5 policy.

Stakeholder engagement and advocacy to advance maternal and young child health policies and systems.

Integrate learnings from the Center for Family Voice into state and national policy to champion policies and investments that improve outcomes for pregnant women and young children.

Foster lasting relationships with family voice champions that will inform the governance of this Center.

Early Childhood Data Dashboard: Measure & benchmark outcomes at regular intervals.

PUBLIC POLICY TRANSFORMATION

- Key barriers to improving early childhood health and education outcomes are addressed through family voice, responsive policy development and innovation.
- Maternal and young child health and education outcomes are improved, and disparities are eliminated.
- Ohio is prepared for a better future because early childhood systems improve maternal and young child outcomes, promote equity, and prioritize prevention.