

***Lynanne Gutierrez, Chief Operating and Policy Officer***

As Chief Operating and Policy Officer, Lynanne provides organizational, financial and resource development, operations, human resource and staff management leadership. Lynanne executes Groundwork Ohio's strategic vision including the implementation of Groundwork's policy agenda, priorities and strategies through effective external relations, communication, advocacy, and research. As she oversees the implementation of the organization's policy agenda in consideration of policy expertise, family voice, stakeholder and coalition engagement, communication opportunities and Ohio's political landscape, her work is focused on building a movement that prioritizes the needs of every young child in the state. A dedicated child advocate committed to equitable outcomes for all Ohio children, Lynanne led Groundwork's Center for Family Voice planning process, research and report. She also has previously led major organizational commitments including the Ohio Early Childhood Race & Rural Equity project and Groundwork's coalition driven prenatal-to-three focused initiative, Ready, Set, Soar Ohio. Lynanne previously worked as a Policy Associate for Voices for Ohio Children. Prior to her advocacy work, Lynanne was in private law practice for five years. She specialized in child and family law, serving children and family in crisis in central Ohio. It was during this time that it became clear to her that in order to best serve children and families, more emphasis must be placed on prevention and systemic change. Before becoming an attorney, Lynanne served as a Senior Legislative Aide in the Ohio Senate. Lynanne has a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctorate from Capital Law School.