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**SHANA BARTLEY**  
Policy Officer  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Shana Bartley is a policy officer for the W. K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she supports the foundation's efforts to promote thriving children, working families, and equitable communities. Bartley is responsible for contributing to the development and implementation of the foundation's policy-advocacy strategy; this is accomplished by identifying and securing opportunities for affecting positive systemic change within communities.

Throughout her career, Bartley has committed to supporting movements for equity and liberation as well as systems that center people. Prior to joining WKKF in May 2021, Bartley was the director of community partnerships for income security and child care/early learning at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, D.C. As director, Bartley facilitated the development and advancement of cross-cutting policies and programs that support women's and families' economic security and access to opportunity.

Other earlier positions include executive director at DC Action for Children where she led research and policy advocacy work on child care, maternal child health, and child welfare. She also served as the senior program coordinator at the Young Women's Project in Washington, D.C. Bartley holds a Master of Science in public health, health policy from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis.



**SHANNON COTSORADIS**  
Director, Policy & Strategy  
Buffett Early Childhood Fund

As director of policy and strategy at the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, Shannon supports nonprofit organizations, in Nebraska and nationally, which are working to improve the quality and access to care offered both in homes and at childcare centers. The fund focuses its philanthropy on children, birth to five, paying particular attention to infants and toddlers, a population often overlooked in public funding.

Shannon Cotsoradis has extensive experience in the early childhood education sector. Shannon currently serves as the Director of Policy & Strategy at Buffett Early Childhood Fund, a position they have held since January 2023. Prior to this, they held the role of President & CEO at Nebraska Early

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Childhood Collaborative starting in 2016. Shannon also has a strong background in advocacy and leadership, having served as President & CEO of Kansas Action for Children from 2010 to 2016 and as Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer from 2001 to 2010.

Shannon Cotsoradis has a strong educational background with degrees in Public Administration, Child Development, and Psychology. Shannon completed their Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) from The University of Kansas between 1999 and 2001. Prior to that, they earned a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Child Development from Sarah Lawrence College from 1995 to 1999. Their undergraduate studies were focused on Psychology, as they obtained a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from Sweet Briar College from 1991 to 1995.



**DAVID JORDAN**  
**President and CEO**  
**United Methodist Health Ministry Fund**

David is a proven leader with over 25 years of achievement in improving access to health care in Kansas and nationally. David has served as the president and CEO of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (Health Fund) since 2018, leading the statewide health foundation's grantmaking, external relations, and policy and advocacy efforts.

Before joining the Health Fund, David served as the executive director of the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, a coalition of over 100 organizations working to improve health and access to health care in Kansas. David oversaw the Alliance's operations and the effort to expand and improve KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program. David joined the Alliance after spending nearly seven years at Community Catalyst, a leading national consumer health advocacy organization. David also oversaw the MassACT! Coalition spearheading the ballot campaign that led to Massachusetts' landmark 2006 universal health care law.

David is recognized for his expertise in health care, early childhood and civic engagement issues and is often called upon to serve on committees and task forces, including the Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice, the Governor's Early Childhood Transition Task Force, Kansas Rural Health Innovation Alliance, Kansas Complete Count Committee, and the Office of Early Childhood Transition Advisory Group.

David holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and bachelor's degree in speech communication from Emerson College. He lives in Lawrence, Kansas, with his wife Suzanne and their two school-aged children.

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**AMI NAGLE**  
President  
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Ami Nagle is President of Nagle & Associates, a national consulting firm focusing on three areas: consultation and support to innovative charitable foundations, public policy analysis and field research for non-profits and government agencies, and evaluation of community programs. She is also Co-Director of Economic Opportunity Funders (EOF), and Coordinator for the Tax Equity Funders Network and Children Youth and Family Funders Roundtable.

Throughout her career, Ms. Nagle has conducted strategic planning and initiative development authored numerous research and policy reports, implemented surveys, conducted focus groups, designed public information campaigns, and gathered data for a variety of private- and public-sector sponsored studies of human service, economic security, civic engagement, and education issues. Before founding Nagle & Associates, Ms. Nagle headed several major research and public education projects for Voices for Illinois Children and the Illinois Facilities Fund. She holds a master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago (1994), where she was trained in research relating to family and child welfare, urban poverty, and nonprofit administration. She completed her undergraduate studies at Emory University (1990).



**SARAH PRAY**  
Executive Director  
Better Taxes for a Better America

Sarah Pray, the Executive Director of the Better Taxes funder tables, is an advocate, leader, and strategist dedicated to economic justice. Sarah's career has focused on advocacy in the Washington D.C. policymaker community on a diverse range of issues, including corporate accountability, democracy, human rights, rule of law, and corruption.

Sarah's most recent role was the Managing Director of Policy for Americans for Financial Reform. Prior to joining AFR, Sarah was the Director of Advocacy for the Open Society Foundation's Economic Justice Program. She also held other roles at OSF, including Program Officer focused on trade and natural resource governance and the Senior Policy Analyst for Africa.

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Since 2010, Sarah has been a lecturer at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs teaching graduate skills courses on advocacy.

Sarah's other previous positions include leading the Publish What You Pay United States coalition, shepherding the successful effort to pass Dodd-Frank Section 1504. Sarah started her career in Washington, D.C. promoting corporate responsibility and government accountability around the extraction of oil in Chad at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights.

Sarah is the Chair of the Board of Directors of EG Justice, a human rights organization focusing on Equatorial Guinea, and also serves on the Board of Directors of Global Financial Integrity, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, and the Fund for Constitutional Government. She received a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Boston College Law School.



**KATHY STOHR**  
Senior Program Officer  
Pritzker Children's Initiative

Kathy has worked in the early childhood policy and advocacy arena for more than 25 years at the grassroots and state levels, in the public and private sectors, as an advocate and as an implementer. She is currently a Program Officer at the Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI), a project of the JB and MK Pritzker Family Foundation, based in Chicago. PCI's investment strategy is aimed at ensuring that every child is thriving and flourishing at age three and their families have access to the resources and support they need to help their children thrive. In the role since 2017, Kathy has primary responsibility for the Initiative's community strategy and investments in the areas of prenatal to three impact measurement and scaling innovative models for early childhood system building.

Kathy began her career as a child care policy advocate at Day Care Action Council of Illinois during the era of welfare reform, managing a coalition that successfully fought for the transformation of the child care subsidy program. She stepped back from a full-time job for many years while her three daughters were young, but continued to contribute to the field as a consultant, including with the Illinois Migrant Head Start Program, managing the Early Learning Illinois Campaign, and fund development to create the Oak Park Collaboration for Early Childhood. Kathy returned to Illinois Action for Children in 2010 where she led the development of a new practice area in support of local collaboration building and improved state-local connectivity. She went on to serve as Deputy Director of the Illinois Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development to oversee the state's implementation of its Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant.

Kathy earned her bachelor's degree in Foreign Service and Masters in Public Policy at Georgetown University.