

# TERESA L. KOBELT

## PROFILE

Catalyst of large-scale system change, over 15 years' experience uniting people, shaping shared visions, leveraging data, turning ideas into action, and mobilizing collaborative efforts toward common goals.

## SKILLS

Unique ability to:

- Bring people together, build trust, and facilitate consensus.
- Guide strategic planning, articulate organizational values, and drive implementation.
- Name systemic issues, make skillful use of data, and co-design innovative, practical solutions.
- Simplify complex ideas, connect message to mission, and communicate with various audiences.




## EXPERIENCE

**Director, Office of Policy, 09/2017 - Current**  
OCALI, Columbus, OH

*OCALI inspires change and promotes access for people with disabilities. Established in 2008, OCALI is a global leader in autism and disability.*

- Established Office of Policy, setting organization's policy priorities and increasing presence among elected-officials.
- Initiated award-winning public-private partnership with health care, addressing inequities, disparities, and social determinants of health.
- Identified early childhood system needs and successfully proposed creation of Center of Excellence at OCALI.
- Led Ohio's Interagency Work Group on Autism, using collective impact framework to drive cross-system collaboration and change.

**Deputy Director, Policy & Strategic Direction, 06/2014 - 09/2017**  
Ohio Department Of Developmental Disabilities, Columbus, OH  
*The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is responsible for a statewide system of supportive services that focus on ensuring health and safety, supporting access to community participation, and increasing opportunities for meaningful employment.*

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## PRONOUNS

She/Her/Hers

## CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Social Worker, Ohio

## EDUCATION

**Master of Social Work**  
The Ohio State University -  
Columbus, OH

- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Fellow.

**Bachelor of Arts, English**  
The Ohio State University -  
Columbus, OH

## ASK ME ABOUT

My sense of direction  
How many pens are in my purse  
Cats that play fetch

- Led efforts to adopt and implement LifeCourse framework, formed collaboration and wrote proposal resulting in Ohio's acceptance to national community of practice supporting families.
- Managed successful transition of federal Part C program from Ohio Department of Health to DODD, including \$15M budget, all program staff, and compliance.
- Established cross-systems data-user group to gain understanding and use data to identify needs, establish priorities, and measure impact.
- Acted as senior member of state level, multi-agency teams aimed at innovation, improved coordination, and streamlined services.

**CEO of Arc Industries/Adult Service Director, 03/2012 - 06/2014**

**Franklin County Board Of Developmental Disabilities, Columbus, OH**

*ARC Industries is a leading non-profit, providing services that promote full community membership for people with disabilities.*

- Led agency through significant changes in philosophy, service-delivery, and practice to better align operations with mission, vision, and values.
- Brought to completion multi-year, multi-million dollar IT project to increase efficiencies in Medicaid billing and documentation.
- Drafted business plans and budgets for new initiatives, identified and engaged key partners, garnered board and community support.
- Developed new community and business opportunities that resulted in job creation and increased health and wellness.

## SERVICE

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**Advocates for Ohio's Future**, Public Policy Committee

**Children's Defense Fund Ohio**, Children's Budget Coalition

**Groundwork Ohio**, Ohio PN-3 Coalition Steering Committee

**Governor's Office of Children's Initiatives**, Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Work Group

**The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers**, Ohio Parity Coalition

**Ohio Department of Children & Youth**, Placement Crisis Task Force

**Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities**, Workforce Crisis Task Force

**Ohio Department of Education & Workforce**, Early Childhood Inclusive Leadership Mentor

**Ohio Department of Health**, State Health Assessment & Improvement Plan Advisory Committee

**Ohio Department of Medicaid**, Ohio RISE Advisory Council

**Upper Arlington City Schools**, Equity Advisory Board