### Teresa Kobelt

Teresa has spent her career pioneering, innovating, and improving the systems and services Ohioans with disabilities and their families rely on. From spearheading new initiatives to establishing award-winning partnerships, Teresa has the unique ability to turn remote possibilities into actionable plans. She is driven by mission and helps organizations operationalize their values, bring people together, and co-designs solutions.

Over the course of her career, Teresa has run a large provider agency, led an Adult Services department, and served as Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, overseeing such key initiatives as Early Intervention, Family Engagement & Support, Trauma-Informed Care, and Employment First. Most recently, Teresa helped launch the Office of Policy at OCALI, a global leader in autism and disability.

Teresa earned her Master’s degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University where she was a Leadership Excellence in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Fellow. During this time, she also worked as a direct support professional. More than any classroom or professional role, however, Teresa’s greatest learning experiences have come from her kids — both of whom have multiple disabilities.

Teresa likes to laugh, Google all the things she can’t remember or doesn’t know, and spend time with her family, especially in the woods.