

# Action for Children



On behalf of Action for Children’s Board, we extend our gratitude and appreciation to Eric Karolak for his service and leadership as Chief Executive Officer for over 10 years. We thank him for his dedication to the staff and the community. As Eric transitions to new opportunities, we wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

The organization is poised to continue to address the challenges in our community and make sure our children, families, and early childhood educators have the resources they need to succeed. In the coming days, an interim CEO will be named, and the Board will engage a search firm to start the recruitment process for its new leader.

“I welcome the opportunity to share with our next leader all the great work Action for Children has done and will continue to do,” Mary Kay Irwin, Action for Children Board Chair, said.

Reflecting on the organization's growth and its future, Eric Karolak noted, “Over the last decade, AFC has doubled in size, adding or expanding programming in home visiting, fatherhood, family child care, and supports for child care quality improvement and business sustainability. This growth and success have positioned AFC to be an even stronger child care resource and referral agency for central Ohio’s families, early care and education professionals, employers, and the child care programs we all rely on.”

“Franklin County values its ongoing partnership with Action for Children as its mission is crucial to the success of all of our children to thrive in Franklin County. We look forward to working with the new leader and thank Eric for his service to our community.” Commissioner Erica Crawley, said.

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*Action for Children is the local child care resource and referral agency for Central Ohio, and is committed to assuring quality early learning experiences for all children. Our services focus on transforming the lives of children by supporting the everyday heroes who most influence our children’s early growth; care givers, educators, parents, and guardians. [LEARN MORE.](#)*