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Ali Yogmour joins the Groundwork Ohio team to advance the organization's mission to champion high-quality early learning and healthy development strategies that lay a strong foundation for Ohio kids, families, and communities. Ali's family comes from both inner-city Columbus, Ohio, and rural Appalachia, West Virginia, and she holds Groundwork's mission close to her heart, and a vision to ensure that one day soon all kids will be afforded equal opportunities to reach their highest potential.

Ali previously served as the executive coordinator for the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, communicating daily to provide critical resources to veterans and their families. She also led the operations of several organizational committees, ensuring veteran voices were heard during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ali's supportive contributions helped sustain the efforts of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services and the Ohio Veterans long-term care Homes through the COVID-19 crisis.

Prior to this role, Ali worked as an aide in both bodies of the state legislature, including time in the office of former State Senator Shannon Jones, where she was instrumental in working to elevate within the legislature the urgent need to focus on infant mortality reduction efforts and identifying the social determinants of health. She has experience working through several state budgets and has organized and staffed numerous legislative committees. After her time as an aide in the legislature, Ali served as a research associate at the Ohio Retirement Study Council, where she provided legislative analysis on bills pertaining to the five state retirement systems.

Before her work in public policy, Ali was a passionate figure skating professional. She taught figure skating to children of all ages and skill-levels and built lifelong relationships with her students and their families. She used her platform to coach Special Olympics and created a successful benefit show through a non-profit that honored military members and their families. Ali also owns and operates a photography business where she specializes in fine art wedding and portrait photography. Some of her most cherished moments are capturing senior portraits of children in foster care and photographing families that choose adoption.

Ali holds a B.A. in Psychology and Criminology from Capital University and a paralegal certificate from Capital University Law School. In her free time, she can be found reading or skating. Ali and her husband reside in Fairfield County, where they enjoy spending time at Buckeye Lake and cheering on Cleveland sports teams.

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