

# Agata Brenneman

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Director of Communications & Community Engagement

CelebrateOne | City of Columbus Mayor's Office | 2024 – Present

- Lead and oversee CelebrateOne's full external communications strategy across media, digital, and campaigns, shaping how the initiative engages families, funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders across Columbus and Central Ohio
- Reimagined and built the organization's external event strategy, launching high-impact, citywide experiences reaching 2,500+ community members annually while increasing overall event attendance by 30% and partner engagement by 70%
- Conceptualized and launched new, first-of-their-kind initiatives including the Untold Stories storytelling campaign and CelebrateOne's Policy Summit, expanding community voice, elevating lived experiences, and creating new platforms for dialogue and systems change
- Serve as a strategic advisor to executive leadership, developing messaging, speeches, and positioning for high-visibility initiatives, media moments, and public-facing events
- Convene and sustain cross-sector partnerships across healthcare systems, community-based organizations, public agencies, and grassroots leaders, aligning efforts to expand reach and improve outcomes for families
- Align communications, community engagement, and partnerships to strengthen collective impact and support coordinated, community-wide strategies across Franklin County
- Designed and implemented donor engagement strategies, introducing new stewardship practices and re-engagement efforts to strengthen relationships with both new and long-term supporters
- Led the full development and launch of CelebrateOne's website, writing all core content and shaping the messaging, structure, and user experience to better connect families and partners to resources and services

### Senior Manager of Community Engagement

CelebrateOne | City of Columbus Mayor's Office | 2023 – 2024

- Led and supervised a team of Neighborhood Integration Managers (NIMs) overseeing 500+ community partnerships and connections across Columbus
- Designed and implemented neighborhood-based strategies addressing social determinants of health across 17 high-risk zip codes
- Strengthened relationships with community partners, healthcare providers, and local organizations to expand reach, improve service alignment, and better support families
- Facilitated large-scale community trainings, coalitions, and stakeholder convenings to align partners and increase collective impact

### Child Protective Specialist Supervisor

The Buckeye Ranch | PFSN | 2022 – 2023

- Supervised staff managing over 100 active child welfare cases at any given time, providing ongoing coaching, oversight, and decision-making in high-risk situations involving child safety and family stability
- Guided case direction, reviewed assessments and case plans, and ensured alignment with best practices, agency policy, and legal requirements
- Led case consultations and team discussions to navigate high-stress, high-stakes situations while maintaining a focus on both child safety and family preservation

### Family Service Coordinator

National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) | 2021 – 2022

- Provided crisis intervention, advocacy, and resource coordination for 500+ students and families navigating complex challenges

- Built and sustained partnerships with school personnel and community providers to support students' social, emotional, and developmental needs
- Independently developed and launched a school-based resource room, securing donations and stocking essential items to support pregnant and parenting teens and students experiencing resource gaps

### **Child Welfare Caseworker III**

Franklin County Children Services | 2015 – 2021

- Managed a high-volume caseload supporting families navigating complex child welfare systems, making critical decisions related to child safety, risk, and long-term permanency
- Conducted in-depth family and safety assessments, balancing immediate risk with long-term outcomes for children and families
- Collaborated with courts, attorneys, guardians ad litem, service providers, and internal teams to coordinate care and advocate for family-centered solutions
- Investigated 150+ cases of suspected abuse and neglect, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, and severe neglect, requiring strong assessment, documentation, and decision-making under pressure
- Developed and implemented safety plans to mitigate immediate threats while minimizing disruption to families whenever possible
- Nominated for the Nancy Fitzgivens Child Protection Award in recognition of commitment to child and family advocacy

### **Program Coordinator**

Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program | 2012 – 2015

- Oversaw program implementation across 100+ schools, supporting 350 mentors and 2,800 mentees
- Increased engagement in career-focused field trips and college visits by 60% while maintaining budget
- Planned and executed large-scale program events, trainings, and student engagement activities across multiple counties

## **CIVIC & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

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Active in regional and local efforts advancing family stability, public health, and cross-sector collaboration across Franklin County

- Central Ohio Regional Prevention Council (Ohio Children's Trust Fund) — Board of Directors, Franklin County Representative | 2024 – Present
- The Period Pantry Project — Board of Directors | 2024 – Present
- Columbus & Franklin County Addiction Plan (CFCAP)— Co-Chair, Harm Reduction Committee | 2023 – 2025
- Nancy Fitzgivens Child Protection Award Nominee — Franklin County Children Services | 2019

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS & SYSTEMS**

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- Communications & Digital Strategy: Content Management Systems (CMS), Social Media Platforms & Analytics, Email Marketing Tools
- Collaboration, Operations & Productivity: Microsoft 365 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, OneNote, SharePoint, Zoom, WebEx, Google Meet, Slack, Smartsheet
- Specialized Systems: SACWIS, OnBase, Evolv

## **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Bachelor of Science: Family, Youth and Community Services — University of Florida

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