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Michelle Figlar is the Vice President for Learning at The Heinz Endowments, overseeing the Endowments' strategy that focuses on family and child well-being, holistic education and community and workforce readiness. Before joining the foundation in August 2016, Michelle served as Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). She also has been Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), a program manager for the Office of Early Childhood in Cuyahoga County, OH, a Head Start Director in Chicago, IL, a preschool special education teacher, and a VISTA volunteer in Northern CA, where she developed curriculum and programming with family child care providers. Michelle had the honor to serve as a Head Start Fellow, and spent time working with several national non-profit advocacy groups. Michelle is honored to have served as the co-chair to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald's Children's Fund Community Working Group, the co-chair of the United Way of Southwestern PA United for Children Committee, a board member of the Birmingham Foundation, the United Way of Pennsylvania, Grantmaker's of Western PA and a member of the PA Early Learning Council. Michelle's greatest joy in life is her family, residing in the city of Pittsburgh with her husband Greg Quinlan, and son Grady and daughter Tilly.