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Melinda Cunningham Appointed Deputy Director

CelebrateOne has announced the appointment of Melinda Cunningham to the position of deputy director of the organization. She has served as CelebrateOne's fiscal manager since 2022.

Cunningham will continue to oversee all financial matters. In her new role, she will also lead staff development and coordinate staff policies and procedures.

"I am pleased to announce Melinda's promotion to deputy director," said Danielle Tong, executive director, CelebrateOne. "Through her strategic focus and financial expertise, she has been an exceptional leader. I look forward to reaching new levels of success with her increased involvement in all facets of CelebrateOne's operations."

"I am excited and honored to transition into this new leadership role," Cunningham said. "I will remain focused and committed to removing racial disparity in healthcare and increasing infant vitality in Central Ohio. In my expanded role, I look forward to supporting our talented staff as they work with pregnant or parenting families and community organizations to reduce infant mortality."

In 1993, Cunningham began her tenure with the city of Columbus working in the Department of Utilities, starting out as a customer service representative and transitioning to various roles, such as business manager and fiscal manager before joining CelebrateOne.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and a master's degree from Franklin University.



About CelebrateOne

CelebrateOne is a communitywide, collaborative initiative to eliminate the racial disparity in birth outcomes and reduce infant mortality. Every infant in Franklin County deserves to celebrate his or her first birthday, regardless of race, zip code, or family income.

CelebrateOne is using evidenced-based practices to improve maternal and infant health with an emphasis on eliminating preventable sleep-related infant deaths, reducing preterm births and improving service delivery to families most impacted by health disparities.