



**Megan Russell Johnson**  
*Program Officer*

Megan Russell Johnson is a program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she works in the foundation's priority place of Michigan to support thriving children, working families and equitable communities.

Russell Johnson co-leads Battle Creek's place-based team, co-directing both strategy and investments. Megan provides expertise in all aspects of the grantmaking process including evaluating grant proposals, conducting background research, preparation of funding documents, grant monitoring, driving community connections and providing grantee customer service. In this role, she also serves on the larger Michigan place-based team, developing programming priorities and identifying and nurturing opportunities to affect positive change for children and families within the state.

Russell Johnson has a variety of experience in the nonprofit and education sectors. Most recently she served as an associate program officer at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan, since 2010, where she worked with a national \$10 million portfolio of more than 80 grantees focused on education and afterschool programs. She was also an adjunct faculty member in the English and Social Sciences departments at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek. Earlier, she was also a program director at Handson Battle Creek.

Russell Johnson received her Bachelor of Arts from Albion College in Albion, Michigan, and a Master's of Public Administration from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in education foundations and policy from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal innovator and entrepreneur Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special attention is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success.

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