

## Representative Janine R. Boyd

### 9<sup>th</sup> House District

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State Representative Janine Boyd, a lifelong resident of Ohio's 9<sup>th</sup> House District, ran for office to help shift the tide back to policies that invest in working families by providing good jobs and high quality services, especially for those who need them most.

With almost two decades of experience in health and human services advocacy and policy, Boyd has been actively involved in the state budget process on behalf of programs that serve our most vulnerable citizens: children and families facing poverty; seniors; children with special needs and mental health disorders; adults with developmental disabilities; victims of human trafficking; victims of domestic violence; at-risk youth; and veterans.

Through her experience with the budget process, Boyd has been an advocate for change in Columbus and has developed strong working relationships with agency directors, statewide elected officials and lawmakers from all backgrounds and political parties. She has even gained unlikely support from her conservative counterparts in the state legislature, some of whom have become champions of her policy proposals and funding requests.

As a former Cleveland Heights council member, Boyd worked on a mentoring and juvenile diversion program and catalyzed the expansion of human rights laws to increase protections for members of the LGBT community. She also served as an active member on the Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth, ensuring that young people have access to mental health, developmental disability and welfare services. Boyd currently serves as the Ranking Minority member of the House Health Committee, and she previously served as the Ranking Minority member on the Community and Family Advancement Committee during the 2017 legislative session.

Boyd is the co-chair and founding member of the Ohio Black Maternal Health Caucus, serves as treasurer of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and sits on the board of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund – Ohio's sole, dedicated public funding source for child abuse and neglect prevention. A strong advocate for our most vulnerable citizens and victims of domestic violence, Boyd has also served on Speaker's Task Force on Poverty and Education. She is a trustee on the Board for the Heights Emergency Food Center and the Board for Beaumont Catholic High School.

Boyd's legislative accomplishments include: designating November as "Ohio Adoption Awareness Month", the implementation of the Ohio Kinship Care Navigator Program in which she secured a \$7 million federal matching



investment, and the passage of “Aisha’s Law” - a continuum of care for survivors of high risk domestic violence-  
out of the House of Representatives.

She follows the longtime public service example set by her mother, Barbara Boyd. Janine believes it is her responsibility to continue her mother’s legacy while paving her own path toward making a positive change in the lives of our citizens.