

FAITH. FAMILY. SERVICE

Kathy's leadership is grounded in faith and community engagement.

- Deacon, First Presbyterian Church, Granville
- Volunteer, Market Street Pantry, Newark
- Trustee, Deacon & Sunday School Teacher, The Presbyterian Church, Coshocton

Married, mother of two, and proud grandmother of four, Kathy's life reflects the values she champions publicly: family stability, opportunity, and service.



MARY KATHALEAN
(KATHY) MCLEISH

EDUCATION & ARTS LEADERSHIP

Kathy believes in developing the whole child.

- Ohio Music Education Association
Adjudicator – 20 Years
- High School and Middle School Color
Guard Instructor – 29 Years
- Central Ohio Technical College
Adjunct Faculty Early Childhood
Education - 1 year

Her commitment to youth development extends beyond policy — into mentorship, arts education, and character formation.



KATHY MCLEISH
CANDIDATE FOR
LICKING COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

LICKING COUNTY RESIDENT
FOR 37 YEARS

Collaborative.
Strategic.
Impact-Driven.

Champion for Children.
Advocate for Families.
Builder of Stronger Communities.

With over 30 years of leadership in early childhood advocacy, workforce development, public health, and nonprofit governance, Kathy McLeish has dedicated her life to strengthening Ohio's children, families, and communities.



A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC SERVICE

Kathy has served at the highest levels of local and state advisory leadership, partnering with governors, state agencies, county officials, and business leaders to create sustainable systems of support for families.

BOARD & GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP

- Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board
- Ohio Day Care Advisory Board Chair
- Ohio Family & Children First Council Association – Vice Chair & Regional Representative
- Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children – Professional Development Co-Chair
- Ohio Partnership for Success Leadership Committee
- Coshocton County Board of Health
- Coshocton County Children Services Board
- Muskingum County Workforce Development Board
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program Chair

EDUCATION

- Graduate of LickingValley High School
- The Ohio State University, Newark Campus - Associate of Arts Degree
- Malone University - Bachelor of Arts, Business Management

IMPACT FOCUS

- Policy Development
- Strategic Planning
- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Child Advocacy
- Workforce Readiness

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Facilitator, Community Leadership Program
- Founding Member County Financial Literacy Program
- Facilitator Bridges Out of Poverty Program
- Founding Member County Fatherhood Initiative

Kathy has led multi-county initiatives, public school programs, and nonprofit organizations with vision and measurable results. Her work bridges education, economic stability, and family empowerment.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Executive & Administrative Roles

- Director/Administrator – Licking County Children & Family First Council
- Executive Director – PRO Muskingum Family & Children First Council
- Regional Director – Child Care Resource Network (11 Ohio counties)
- Owner/Administrator – Rainbow Center for Child Development
- Administrator – River View Local School District Public Preschool

Government & Community Collaboration

- Built cross-sector partnerships with business executives, superintendents, and agency directors
- Developed county-wide financial literacy initiatives
- Partnered with Juvenile Court to support youth reintegration
- Worked alongside state leadership under multiple Ohio governors

RESULTS:

Stronger Families.
Healthier Communities.
Expanded Opportunity.