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Melissa Eggen grew up in Elizabethtown, KY and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in Anthropology and Japanese Studies and a Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Maternal and Child Health. After living in Chicago, Japan, St. Louis, and Virginia, she moved back home to Kentucky in 2019. Prior to moving back to Kentucky, Melissa worked mostly in philanthropy as a Program Officer in both St. Louis and Virginia. Much of her work was focused on reducing infant mortality, improving access to evidence-based home visiting programs, and developing strategies to expand access to the full range of contraceptive methods. She currently works at the University of Louisville as a Senior Policy Analyst for Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, a transdisciplinary research collaborative focused on improving population health. She serves as a member of the Kentucky Perinatal Quality Collaborative's Maternal Mortality Review Sub-Committee. She is also a board member for The Milk Bank, a non-profit organization that saves infant lives and improves health outcomes by providing access to human donor milk. She is currently a PhD student in the UofL School of Public Health and Information Sciences and has research interests in reproductive health, infant health, access to care, and policy.

