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Michelle Stover-Wright leads BUILD's research, evaluation and documentation efforts conceptualizing, implementing and sharing results to inform BUILD's early childhood systems development work and the broader systems development field.

Michelle is on the faculty of BUILD's Equity Leader's Action Network working with leaders from across the country acting on specific racial inequities in state early childhood systems—in early learning, health, mental health, nutrition, and family support—and especially at the intersection of these systems.

Michelle came to BUILD with over 16 years at the Child and Family Policy Center (now Common Good Iowa), leading research and advocacy efforts as well as serving as Interim Executive Director. Michelle led CFPC's research evaluation activities for national, state and community based initiatives and programs utilizing qualitative and quantitative data for outcome identification, quality improvement and systems impact.

Michelle's system development efforts focus on improving comprehensive systems supporting children and families while assuring that equity is foundational. Michelle continues to co-chair efforts in Iowa focusing on racial equity across Iowa's early childhood system via Early Childhood Iowa.

Michelle received her B.A. in sociology with a concentration in women's studies from Drake University and earned her M.S. in sociology from Iowa State University.