



## **Megan Ferland**

Megan Ferland joins the Colorado Children's Campaign as President with a track record of success as an advocate for children and champion of public policies that support their health, safety and well-being.

Prior to joining the Children's Campaign, Ferland was the Chief Executive Officer for Texas CASA, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocate), a statewide non-profit agency that advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system through the development, growth and support of local CASA programs. As CEO from 2001 to 2006, Ferland led the organization in its service to a network of local non-profit CASA programs, and served as the agency's spokesperson and liaison to the Texas Legislature. During her tenure, Texas CASA dramatically expanded its services to include 196 counties in Texas, significantly increased and diversified funding, and became a national model for CASA programs for its staff recruitment, retention and diversity efforts. Her professional history also includes serving as the Chief of the Juvenile Crime Intervention Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General from 1996 to 2001.

Ferland has significant experience supervising the development and advancement of public policy, having worked as Legislative Director for a Texas State Senator and clerking for the Texas House Committee on Urban Affairs.

Ferland has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Communication from Texas A&M University and a Master's degree in Communications from the University of Texas at Austin. She and her husband, Greg, have two children, Guy and Gage.