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Prior to REDI Cincinnati, Janelle was the director of business and community affairs for Uptown Consortium, Inc. She served as the community affairs liaison to the Neighborhoods of Uptown (Avondale, Corryville, Clifton, Clifton Heights, University Heights & Fairview (CUF), and Mt. Auburn), where she directed and implemented community and business events, and awareness programs to empower and improve the quality of life for businesses, residents, students and visitors. Janelle also managed the human resource functions for the staff at Uptown Consortium.