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Melissa Boteach, Vice President for Income Security and Child Care/Early Learning, oversees NWLC's advocacy, policy, and public education strategies to ensure that all women and families have the income and supports they need to thrive. Prior to joining NWLC, Melissa spent nearly a decade at Center for American Progress (CAP), where she founded and led the Poverty to Prosperity Program, growing it from a team of 1 to 17, establishing projects to center the voices of low-income families; leading the team's message and narrative change work, overseeing intersectional advocacy campaigns, and developing bold ideas to cut poverty & expand opportunity that resulted in new legislation, executive actions, and other progress.

Melissa also served as policy editor on *The Shriver Report*, a book and multimedia platform by Maria Shriver and Center for American Progress on the 1 in 3 U.S. women on the financial brink, and solutions to help them push back. Previously, she worked at The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), where she led interfaith antipoverty campaigns. She has testified before Congress and frequently serves as a media spokesperson on issues relating to child care and economic opportunity. A Harry Truman and George J. Mitchell Scholar, Melissa has a Master's of Public Policy from The George Washington University, a master's of Equality Studies from University College Dublin where she studied women in social movements, and bachelor's degrees from University of Maryland in government and Spanish.