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Danielle Siegel is the Program Officer for the Community Foundation for Oceana County (CFOC), having served in that position since late 2019. For two years prior, she served as an Americorps VISTA member with the Foundation, working jointly on Read early. Read often. and Oceana College Access Network projects.

Siegel is responsible for programmatic components of the Foundation including scholarships, grantmaking, youth advisory council, read early. Read often. and database management including data entry and maintenance. CFOC maintains a robust scholarship program, awarding over \$200,000 to graduating seniors and current college students every year. Siegel takes pride in giving back to the community, especially helping local students identify and reach their educational aspirations.

Siegel is a graduate of the local Shelby Public School district and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology at Grand Valley State University. Upon graduation she joined the Peace Corps, serving 27 months in the West African Nation Burkina Faso. Living in a small, rural region of the Sahel Desert, she taught preschool in addition to secondary projects around nutrition and gardening, Malaria and health trainings, and working with local students in an English Club. Siegel's Peace Corps experience solidified her goal of working with youth and giving back to communities, especially her hometown. AmeriCorps service, upon her return from the Peace Corps in 2017, was the perfect way to reintegrate into Oceana County, and begin her career in nonprofit work. Additional roles for Siegel include Public Image Chair of Shelby Rotary Club, Board Member of the Lakeshore Advisory Committee of Fountain Hill Center for Counseling, member of Oceana College Access Network Financial Readiness Committee, and she serves on Oceana Children's Trust Fund Council.

Siegel lives in Shelby Township with her dog, Zeus. In her free time she enjoys fixing up her first home, camping and hiking, disc golfing, and live music. Fun Fact: Ferry has a disc golf course, Flip City, ranked 2nd in the nation, only minutes from Siegel's home!