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Melissa Litwin is Early Childhood Program Director at The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation, where she works in partnership with trustees to manage a portfolio of grants in support of positive outcomes for children living in poverty. The chief funding goal is for children to read at grade level by the time they finish 3rd grade. Literacy is both a necessity for school success and a benchmark of general wellbeing, thus grant projects include everything from healthy pregnancy to quality child care access, to family support. Grants are made in Bergen and Passaic Counties and focus on areas of concentrated poverty, including Paterson. The Foundation's long held interests are in strengthening community, enhancing education, and supporting health research.

Litwin has worked as a Senior Consultant at The Whelan Group in New York City where she provided strategic, business, and fundraising expertise to nonprofits in the arts, education, and human services. She has experience in museum management and operations in settings ranging from Pacific Science Center in Seattle to Artists Space in Manhattan.

Litwin received her undergraduate education from the University of Washington where she graduated Cum Laude with an honors B.A. in English and a B.S. in Psychology. She holds an M.B.A. from The Wharton School, at University of Pennsylvania.

Litwin lives in South Orange, New Jersey, with her husband and daughter, a fifth grader.