

Position: National Field Organizer -- Homelessness
Supervised by: VP for Programs and Policy
Classification: Full-time, Exempt
Location: Washington, DC

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (the Alliance) is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization committed to ending homelessness in the United States. The Alliance advances knowledge and educates opinion leaders about solutions to homelessness; works collaboratively with public, private, and nonprofit partners to develop and advance policy solutions to homelessness; and builds the capacity of communities across the country to achieve their goal of preventing and ending homelessness.

Job Description

The National Field Organizer will develop and support a strong field of nonprofit, faith-based, and public sector organizations, individuals, and consumers committed to participating in the creation of strong federal homelessness policy. The Organizer will work closely with the Alliance's policy staff to create national policy priorities for ending homelessness, and identify key Members of Congress and the Administration with responsibility for those matters. The Organizer will then design and implement strategies to engage organizations and individuals at the local and state levels who can educate these Congressional and Administration leaders about the issue and the impact of federal policies. The goal will be to grow and nurture a network of well-placed advocates who can be mobilized to support important national policy objectives focused on ending homelessness. The Organizer will also work in close collaboration with other national organizations that are mobilizing behind the effort to end homelessness and address related issues.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement campaigns in support of the organization's policy priorities and work with other Alliance staff members to ensure their success.
- Identify existing local and state leaders in the field who can participate in these campaigns and build strategic relationships with leadership in target jurisdictions.
- Develop new external stakeholders and leaders including state and local advocates, grassroots supporters, and consumers.
- Build and maintain effective relationships with Hill staff, national partner organizations, and Administration officials.
- Educate the field on policy issues and strategies for working with federal officials.
- Keep the field network informed of policy developments and opportunities.
- Assist the field in messaging, organizing and educating and provide technical assistance to key partner and organizations.
- Oversee the planning and execution of the annual Capitol Hill Day and/or similar policy education and advocacy activities for the Alliance's Annual Conference in July.
- Help develop multiple forms of communications and materials for campaigns, including digital communications.
- Work closely and collaboratively with other Alliance staff members, and assume other responsibilities as assigned.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated commitment to and interest in issues related to homelessness and poverty.
- Three to six years of experience working on policy and advocacy.
- Strong writing and editing experience with the ability to accurately translate complex ideas and positions for a variety of audiences, particularly policy makers and local advocates.
- Strong relationship-building skills.
- Excellent oral communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to communicate well interpersonally and effectively manage relationships.
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize, and work to tight deadlines.
- Knowledge and experience in the federal policymaking process, particularly related to Capitol Hill.
- Strong team player.
- Bachelor's degree.

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