



ANNOUNCEMENT: Job Opening

POLICY ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH & CHILDREN

Location: Washington, D.C.

Futures Without Violence (FUTURES) is a national non-profit and social change organization that works to end violence against women and children in the United States and around the world. We seek a creative, energetic individual with an entrepreneurial spirit to join our team as a senior policy staff person working to improve the capacity of the health, early childhood and education sectors to address and prevent domestic and sexual violence and help children and youth exposed to violence heal and thrive.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Policy Advocate for Health and Children will serve as the primary staff person leading advocacy, legislative and policy analysis, coalition-building and policy research on children exposed to violence and trauma, and advancing solutions that promote health and education equity and prevent violence. This position will focus on promoting policies that strengthen the response of schools, health care providers, child welfare and early childhood programs, domestic violence agencies and community-based organizations to recognize and address the needs of children and their families who have been victimized by or witnessed physical, sexual or community violence. The person will be expected to:

- Track, analyze and seek to strengthen legislation and Administration policy on preventing violence against women and children and intervening early with children exposed to violence and trauma, in the education, health and early childhood space.
- Strengthen and eventually lead an organizational advocacy coalition to advance policy and public awareness around the effects of trauma and violence on children's achievement and health and the best practices for helping children and their families heal from and prevent future violence;
- Advocate for state and federal policies to help K-12 educational institutions and school-based health programs to better address trauma and violence experienced by students and their families;
- Plan and execute high level public and policy-maker education events;
- Compose, edit and produce reports, white papers and other written materials;
- Work with communications and programmatic staff to increase public support for innovative prevention and early intervention programs;
- Work closely with other organizations and coalitions to advance comprehensive approaches to prevent violence and promote healthy relationships among teens and youth.
- Advocate with Members of Congress on key legislation such as the Violence Against Women Act and appropriations.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:

- An advanced degree or JD is preferred;
- A minimum 5 years experience, including at least 3 years working in policy advocacy at the national level or on Capitol Hill. Work in or with federal agencies including the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education or Department of Justice may be substituted for a portion of the Hill experience;
- Knowledge of federal funding streams and policies that can be used to prevent violence and abuse and help those harmed by it is required;
- Experience with education, health and early childhood, child welfare or child care agencies and advocacy coalitions will prove particularly helpful;
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills;
- A commitment to ending violence against women and children and racial justice are essential;
- Be able to work independently

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

This is full-time, exempt position with a pay range of \$60,000-90,000/year, commensurate with experience and expertise. FUTURES offers a competitive benefits package.

PLEASE SEND RESUME & COVER LETTER TO: policy1@futureswithoutviolence.org, with “Children and Health Policy Advocate” included in the subject line. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis

FUTURES welcomes applications from people of color, indigenous people, LGBTQ individuals, and other communities that have been marginalized and disproportionately impacted by violence and abuse. FUTURES maintains a diverse and dynamic workforce and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment and promotions without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, age, national origin, disability, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law.