ANNOUNCEMENT: Job Opening

(SENIOR) POLICY ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN, HEALTH & PREVENTION
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. We seek a creative, energetic individual with an entrepreneurial spirit to join our team as a senior policy staff person working with legislators, federal agency and coalition partners to pass legislation and improve policy that prevents domestic and sexual violence and helps children affected by violence and trauma heal and thrive.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Senior/Policy Advocate for Children, Health and Prevention will serve as the primary staff person leading Hill advocacy, legislative and policy analysis, coalition-building and policy research on preventing violence against women and children utilizing a public health approach. The incumbent 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 adults who have been victimized by or witnessed physical, sexual or community violence. The person will be expected to:

- Work closely with federal policymakers and coalition partners to help update and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act and other legislation addressing violence against women and children.

- Advance and help federal and state policymakers implement legislation related to helping children exposed to violence through work with adults in child serving systems such as education, health and justice sectors;

- 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;

- 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.
Experience and Skills:

- A college degree is required and a graduate degree or JD is preferred.

- A minimum 3 years’ experience (at least 6 years’ experience for the senior advocate position) working with federal policy advocacy based in Washington, D.C. 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 substitute for a portion of the Hill experience.

- Knowledge of main federal programs that serve abused women and their children is required

- Experience with K-12 education, health and early childhood programs is also particularly helpful.

- A commitment to ending violence against women and children and racial justice are essential.

- Excellent oral and written communication skills and be able to work independently

SALARY AND BENEFITS:
This is full-time, exempt position with a pay range of $65,000-100,000/year, commensurate with experience and expertise. FUTURES offers a competitive benefits package.

PLEASE SEND RESUME & COVER LETTER TO: policy1@futureswithoutviolence.org, with “Children, Health and Prevention 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.