



Job Announcement – Policy Advocate

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The National Advocacy Center (NAC) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society and the benefit of all people, and reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. We focus on issues that primarily impact women, children, and families on the margins. We seek a Policy Advocate -- a position that reports to the Executive Director – to join us in this mission, and to advocate and develop NAC’s issues agenda, lobby Congress, and educate the Good Shepherd community. The successful candidate would embody and convey the spirit and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and understand or be willing to learn the Good Shepherd philosophy and social teaching and its relationship to NAC’s work.

Primary Responsibilities - Legislative / Mobilizing / Education / Collaborative

- With Executive Director, identify priority legislation focusing on human trafficking, immigration, poverty & US policies that impact the Good Shepherd mission worldwide; issues inseparable from environmental degradation, racism, and violence
- Develop working relationships with Good Shepherd agencies & identify their legislative / policy needs
- Develop working relationship with Members of Congress & staff, educate them about NAC & lobby for our agenda through in-person meetings, phone calls, conferences, etc
- Track legislation, regulations, executive orders etc & assess their impact on Good Shepherd agencies
- Write issue & legislator briefs along with status reports
- Collaborate & build coalitions with faith-based and civic organizations to advance issues agenda
- Develop strategic outreach & mobilization planning of NAC’s constituency & public for specific issues
- Draft & send action alerts & blast emails; engage in social media advocacy, sign-on letters & petitions
- Participate in prayer vigils, nonviolent demonstrations, coalition events that promote shared priorities
- Prepare educational & advocacy materials, contribute advocacy updates to website & publications
- Plan & conduct advocacy & lobby workshops / webinars for various constituencies
- File lobbying & financial reports, submit expense reports, assist with grants
- Supervise volunteers & interns as assigned; participate in staff meetings & advisory board meetings

Qualifications

- Background in law, political science, education or related area preferred with minimum 5 years legislative advocacy experience (federal/congressional preferred); & demonstrated track record of work for justice
- Registered lobbyist or willing to register as one
- Knowledge of DC legislative advocacy community preferred; experience building/working in coalitions
- Ability to engage with networks of religious congregations and human service agencies
- Outstanding communications skills & comfortable with public speaking
- Experience and/or interest in working with both sides of the aisle and building bridges
- Ability to work in teams & independently; highly self-motivated; supervisory experience helpful
- Must be able to travel nationally as needed & able to attend evening & weekend events

Salary range \$55,000 to \$65,000, commensurate with experience, plus an excellent benefits package.

Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Please apply as soon as possible.

To Apply: Email resume, cover letter and names with contact information of two references to HRmanager@gsadvocacy.org. Please use the subject line “Policy Advocate Position.”

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd is an Equal Opportunity Employer.