



**CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

*A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families*

## **Oral Health Policy Associate**

### **Job Announcement, updated March 23, 2018**

The Oral Health Policy Associate supports our work to improve access to oral health care. The ideal candidate is passionate about improving outcomes for children and families with a strong commitment to racial equity. This position will help advance public policy that improves oral health equity, primarily through our campaign to bring dental therapy to settings across Washington State. The person in this role will engage and collaborate with communities directly impacted by oral health inequities, as well as manage partnerships with grassroots organizations, tribal organizations, and trade associations. Additional responsibilities include monitoring and analyzing policy proposals and implementing legislative campaign strategies.

This position is based in our Seattle office. Ability to travel and work a flexible schedule on occasion is required. Health, dental, and other benefits included. The position reports to the Health Policy Director and is a member of the Children's Alliance policy staff. Salary: \$44,000 per year.

#### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Engage and build partnerships with communities directly impacted by oral health inequities in policy advocacy;
- Collaborate with new and existing partners including consumer advocate groups, community-based organizations, regional coalitions, communities of color, and tribal governments;
- Coordinate with partners and fellow staff members to help implement the legislative campaign to authorize dental therapy across Washington state.
- Communicate regularly with local and national partners through emails, newsletters, action alerts, and other forums;
- Participate in strategy development focused on legislative, administrative, and grassroots advocacy;
- Support the voices of those directly impacted by barriers to oral health care services through strategies including: story banking, surveys, focus groups, and petitions;
- Integrate, in conjunction with the Health Policy Director, oral health work into the Children's Alliance's broader children's health portfolio;
- Draft informational documents that examine existing inequities in oral health access and identify promising models for reducing such inequities.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Appreciation for the inherent expertise in communities that face health inequities;
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with partners and in coalition settings involving a diverse range of perspectives, people, and public and private organizations;

- Strong analytical skills and ability to apply such skills to policy proposals.
- Experience working with diverse communities and commitment to racial equity;
- A general understanding of the political and legislative processes in Washington preferred, but not required;
- Knowledge and understanding of health equity and/or the health care delivery systems, OR, experience with workforce related issues, preferred, but not required;
- Excellent oral and written communications skills, including computer proficiency and social media experience;
- Excellent relationship skills and teamwork;
- Outstanding attention to detail;
- Commitment to the mission of the Children's Alliance and passion for and interest in furthering the work of a child advocacy organization committed to undoing institutional racism.

**Requirements:**

- Flexible hours, including occasional evening and weekend work as needed;
- Out of office work for meetings and events several times per week;
- National travel 1-2 times per year.

**Please submit letter of interest, resume, and affirmative action form (optional, available at <http://bit.ly/AAform4WAKids>) to:**

**OHPA Children's Alliance**

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