



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

# JOIN OUR BOARD



## CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR WASHINGTON KIDS WITH US

At Children's Alliance, our mission is to improve the well-being of children in Washington by advocating for public policies, priorities, and programs that give all kids the opportunity to grow up healthy, safe, and well-prepared for school and life.

Our work is guided by the belief that racism is deeply embedded in all aspects of our society, and that the race-based disparities that exist for many children of color at every stage of their lives stem from the historic and inherent racism in the institutions and systems that serve them.

We target our efforts on changing policies and practices within these systems, going further upstream to eliminate race-based disparities and create long-lasting change. We work alongside families, communities, and service providers across the state to dismantle racism and develop equity-focused solutions that address the needs of kids who are furthest away from reaching their full potential because of racism and poverty.

## THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Children's Alliance Board of Directors is responsible for oversight and strategic guidance of the organization. Our all-volunteer board includes community and business leaders who share a deep and passionate commitment to racial equity and making policy work for kids.

## WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

As a statewide organization, Children's Alliance is currently prioritizing the recruitment of volunteer board members who live and work outside of Seattle, so we can better represent the needs of all of Washington's children. Prospective board members must have the ability to commit an average of 5 hours each month to attending board and committee meetings, reviewing meeting materials, and engaging in board work outside of meetings.

Other desired qualifications include:

- Access to potential funding sources and/or experience in nonprofit fundraising
- Connections to potential partners in communities who are most affected by the policies we work on
- Prior board experience

## BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform the strategic and generative work of governance.
- Provide stewardship for Children’s Alliance’s mission, resources, and work.
- Make key decisions about policy positions and program direction.
- Commit to learning about and working within a framework that centers undoing institutional racism and advancing racial equity in policy advocacy.
- Advance and sustain Children’s Alliance’s commitment to transform itself into an anti-racist organization.
- Serve as ambassadors for Children’s Alliance and its mission.
- Attend regular board meetings and special meetings.
- Participate in at least one committee. (Current committees include Finance & Operations, Public Policy Council, and Resource Development.)
- Participate in annual fundraising activities and donor stewardship efforts, including making an annual gift to the organization that is significant to you and your family.
- Participate in annual advocacy efforts by signing up for action alerts and attending annual lobby days and other advocacy events.

## BOARD TERMS

Each board term is two (2) years. Board members can serve up to five (5) consecutive terms. Incoming board members are approved on a rolling basis.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

The full board meets six (6) times per year during odd-numbered months on weekday afternoons. Each meeting is up to three (3) hours. Supplemental meetings may be scheduled on the even months if needed. At this time, all meetings are conducted virtually on Zoom.

## CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gabriela Quintana, Chair  
Stephanie Thorpe, Vice Chair  
Emily Van Dyke, Secretary  
Sarah Alexander, Treasurer

Anne Gienapp  
Heather Gingerich  
Bruce Lamb  
Sheely Mauck

Minu Ranna-Stewart  
Sherri Wolson

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

We ask interested applicants to complete a brief application form (available to download at <https://childrensalliance.org/board>) and submit a resume or bio along with the form. Once the application materials have been reviewed, a representative of the board will be in touch regarding next steps. For more information, please contact [boardrecruitment@childrensalliance.org](mailto:boardrecruitment@childrensalliance.org) or (206) 324-0340.