



Position Announcement Director of Government Relations

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) mobilizes communities to create equity and justice for people living with and vulnerable to HIV and related chronic diseases. We envision a world in which people living with HIV and related chronic diseases will thrive, and new HIV infections will be rare. Our work focuses on improving health equity, preventing new cases of HIV, serving as a collaboration and knowledge center, and being a bold voice for change.

We are seeking for an individual to serve as our Director of Government Relations. The Director of Government Relations develops and manages AFC's federal, state, county and local government relations activities through efforts that improve public and private responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Point person for HIV-related state legislative matters regarding, appropriation, state health care reform implementation, and policy issues impacting the social determinants of health and health disparities.

Principal functions and responsibilities of this position include the following:

- Develop and implement AFC's government relations activities at the local, county, state, and federal levels including lobbying, grassroots mobilization, budget and funding analysis and advocacy, and public education/communications.
- Serve as AFC's principal staff on state policy, legislative, administrative, and budget issues. Directly responsible for all communications with state legislators and agency officials and staff, including the Governor's office.
- Working in partnership with the Director of Policy on research, analysis, and development to advance access to high-quality, coordinated HIV prevention and care services in Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, managed care settings, and other delivery system models.
- Conduct AFC's state legislative lobbying activities and represent AFC at various meetings and forums.
- Lead interactions with various state agencies including the Departments of Public Health, Healthcare and Family Services, Corrections, Human Services, Office of the Governor, and others on AIDS-related and health care public policy development and funding.
- In partnership with the communication staff assist in development of all legislative-related external communications, including the email newsletter and legislative/advocacy sections of the website.
- Supervise the Manager of Community Organizing to develop and implement a grassroots and grassroots engagement and mobilization strategy to improve HIV prevention, care and housing funding and policy in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and the United States.
- Cultivate strong working relationships with partner organizations and key officials at all levels of government, including lawmakers.
- Conduct AFC's Chicago City Council and Cook County Board lobbying activities as needed.
- Assist with agency-wide activities as needed, including Annual Meeting, AIDS Run & Walk, World of Chocolate and other events;
- Assist with other AFC department activities as directed;
- Perform other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in policy, political science or related field and Five years' experience in a related government affairs or health care policy position.

PLUS Knowledge of HIV prevention, care, civil rights and health care policy, including Medicaid and health care reform.

Ability to travel to Springfield for all state legislative session days which typically run January – May and two weeks in the fall annually. Other travel may be required.

Experience with lobbying, grassroots organizing and statewide government.

Preferred Qualifications

9 or more years' experience in a related government affairs or health care policy position.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Exceptionally strong written and verbal communication skills.

Strong attention to detail and the ability to manage multiple projects, establish workload priorities, and meet deadlines.

Solid interpersonal skills along with the ability and willingness to respect and value the differences and perceptions of different groups/individuals.

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