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**Education:**

**West Virginia University:** Bachelor of Arts: Political Science and Women's Studies

- Concentration: Public Policy and Administration
- First graduate from West Virginia University in the area of Women's Studies

**Career Development:**

**Education Policy Director, Allies for Children**

*Pittsburgh, PA September 2017 - Present*

- Provide leadership in development, management, and evaluation of an education advocacy and policy agenda as well as initiatives consistent with the strategic plan.
- Develop, engage, and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders, including organizational staff, state and local education leaders, elected leaders, nonprofits providers, foundations, and other organizations.
- Monitor and disseminate information on legislative and administrative policies that impact the education and wellbeing of children and youth.

**Director of Legislative Policy and Advocacy, Allegheny Intermediate Unit**

*Homestead, PA March 2012 - August 2017*

- Serve as a liaison between the programs of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU), the 42 school districts the AIU serves, and state and federal legislatures and agencies.
- Regularly advocate with local, state, and federal legislators on numerous issues including, charter school funding, pension reform, education mandates, special education, Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness, Community Based Family Centers, adult education, Head Start, Early Head Start, PreK Counts, property tax reform, funding for education and community based programs, Affordable Care Act, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and numerous other programs, policies, and initiatives that impact schools, students, families, and communities.
- Develop and implement grassroots advocacy campaigns that lead to greater visibility in the community, meaningful policy, and appropriate funding.
- Draft testimony, letters, bill language, and other items as necessary on behalf of AIU officials and the school districts we serve.
- Forge and sustain relationships with key legislators, including those that represent Allegheny County in Harrisburg and Washington, DC.

- Participate regularly in meetings with outside stakeholders to represent the AIU and our legislative and strategic priorities. § Lead numerous workshops on the most effective ways to advocate to policymakers, media, business leaders, and additional outside audiences.
- Regularly communicate with the media and other audiences to express the AIU's position on key pieces of legislation and the impact those policies will have on students, families, and school districts serviced by the AIU.
- Lead organizer in drafting and updating internal AIU policies and procedures.

### **Advocacy Manager, Association for Career and Technical Education**

*Alexandria, VA January 2007 - March 2012*

- Serve as the lead lobbyist for budget/appropriations issues, the Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus and workforce related issues, including the Workforce Investment Act/Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other workforce training initiatives.
- Serve as key contact for a variety of issues including, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Social Security GPO/WEP repeal and economic recovery packages such as Keep Our Educators Working Act, Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010, Local Jobs Act, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Coordinate and implement grassroots advocacy agenda and outreach with membership.
- Lead organizer of the Career and Technical Education Support Fund, a fundraising arm of the Association, raising over \$35,000 per year.
- Represent the Association's legislative positions at numerous events throughout the nation and regularly presented on topics such as business engagement, advocacy and legislative updates.
- Developed key business partnerships to help advance career and technical education.
- Serve as key contact for coalition activities and with other organizations including U.S. Chamber's Institute for Competitive Workforce, Committee for Education Funding, Skills for America-NOW!, National Coalition for Women Jobs and Job Training, and the Coalition to Assure Retirement Equity

**Government Relations Program Assistant, Council for Opportunity in Education**

*Washington, DC January 2005-December 2006*

- Interact daily with Members of Congress and Congressional staffers, coordinate and attend frequent meetings and visits to Capitol Hill.
- Organize the Annual Policy Seminar.
- Organize and oversee Congressional Briefings.
- Advise and motivate grassroots strategies.
- Organize fundraising efforts for Congressional events.

**Canvasser, Democratic National Committee**

*Washington D.C.*

*July 2004-November 2004*

- Serve as a door-to-door fundraiser for the 2004 Presidential and Congressional elections.
- Responsible for raising over \$1000 a week for the Democratic National Committee.

**Professional Development and Memberships:**

- Member - Women in Government Relations
- Past President, Vice president, and treasurer - The Committee for Education Funding
- Legislative Committee- Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
- Founding Member of Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce
- NDD United (Non-defense Discretionary)