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Professional Summary

1985 – 2014 and 2020 – Present: Contract Lobbyist and Consultant

- Build and maintain long-term relationships with legislators, committee staff, agency personnel, Governor's policy advisers, and other key leaders to effectively provide and obtain critical information for achieving legislative goals.
- Testify at numerous legislative and agency hearings, provide written information for legislators and agency staff, and assist clients in preparing for public testimony.
- Represent clients at coalition, task force and committee meetings and coordinate with other organizations or coalitions working on similar issues or with those impacted by their proposals.
- Supervise and train undergraduate and graduate level interns.

2014 - 2020 Legislative Director Office of the Insurance Commissioner

- Successfully performed as liaison officer to legislators, legislative staff, Governor's office, state agencies and stakeholders
- Effectively developed and executed the Commissioner's legislative and political strategy for both state and federal policy.
- Coordinated legislative analysis, testimony and stakeholder engagement.
- Acted as principal policy advisor to executive team and Commissioner.

Knowledge and Skills

- Extensive knowledge of governmental structures at local, state and federal level.
- In-depth knowledge of health and human services delivery systems and funding mechanisms.
- Strong connections with wide array of advocacy organizations and coalitions with particular emphasis on health and human services.
- Highly effective strategic planner.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Skilled group leader and meeting facilitator.
- Experienced and effective trainer and presenter in a wide array of settings.

Current Clients

- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates (lobbying and consulting)
- Upstream (consulting)
- Pacific Source (consulting)

Past Clients (partial list)

- Committee for Children
- Youth Suicide Prevention Program
- Pierce County Human Services Coalition
- Pacific Treatment Alternatives
- American Federation of Teachers
- American Indian Health Commission
- SEIU 925
- Resolution Washington
- March of Dimes
- School Nurse Organization of Washington
- League of Women Voters
- Parent Trust for Washington Children
- Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work
- Washington State Association of Headstart and ECEAP
- Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- National Organization for Women, Washington State Chapter

Past Committee/Coalition Activities (partial list)

- Maternity Support Services Work Group, convener
- Welfare Advocates Group, co-convener
- Early Learning Action Alliance, Steering Committee member
- Healthy Washington Coalition, Medicaid expansion lead
- Law and Justice Round Table, chair
- Our Economic Future Coalition, steering committee member
- Family Leave Coalition, steering committee member
- Washington Dental Access Coalition, steering committee member
- Western Washington Advisory Committee, 1993 Washington State Health Reform Implementation, member