



Feeding Kentucky Advocacy Coordinator

Location: Frankfort

Reports to: Executive Director

Classification: Full Time

Salary range: \$35,000 - \$40,000

Position Description: The Advocacy Coordinator will coordinate the planning, implementation, expansion, and evaluation of Feeding Kentucky's work to address hunger and poverty through sound public policy. The coordinator will lead efforts to advocate for food security through legislative, budgetary and administrative initiatives.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Research opportunities and best practices for public policies that affect food security; share best practices and policy recommendations with stakeholders.
- Develop Feeding Kentucky's annual public policy priorities in coordination with Executive Director and board public policy committee.
- Identify key elected and appointed public policy officials and staff at the federal, state and local levels. Work to build, broaden, and enhance relationships with them in order to educate them on key issues and to encourage them to support anti-hunger policies.
- Develop and implement a plan for raising the voices of those directly impacted by food insecurity by inviting and facilitating opportunities for grassroots advocates to engage with elected and appointed public policy officials.
- Build the capacity of impacted individuals and anti-hunger practitioners to lead advocacy efforts.
- Coordinate site visits to key anti-hunger programming for elected and appointed public policy officials.
- Research, develop and issue action alerts on key policy issues.
- Coordinate convenings such as advocacy action days at both the Kentucky and US Capitols.
- Lead and/or support coalition work focused on ending hunger in Kentucky. Work to establish local Hunger-Free Community Councils in strategic locations across Kentucky in partnership with key stakeholders. Participate in meetings, conferences calls and other activities of state and national public interest partners, including Feeding America, Share Our Strength, Food Research and Action Center, Kentucky Equal Justice Center and Kentucky Center for Economic Policy.

- Work with Executive Director to develop and implement a communications plan designed to mobilize the public to take action against hunger, including through earned media, presentations and trainings.
- Support efforts of the Feeding Kentucky network to engage in outreach, enrollment and consumer assistance in public nutrition programs.
- Assist with efforts to identify and secure funds to support advocacy efforts.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree from a four-year accredited institution required; Master’s degree in public policy or related field preferred.
- A minimum of 2 years of related work experience.
- Knowledge of and experience with issues related to hunger, poverty and/or nutrition.

Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to work independently and manage multiple projects while maintaining attention to detail and adhering to deadlines.
- Excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills with public presentation experience.
- Sound administrative skills and computer/technology proficiency, including MS Office and Adobe Photoshop or similar photo-editing software.
- Experience with short- and long-range planning; ability to develop a strategy and to translate the plan into measurable results.
- High integrity and moral character, supporting the mission, philosophy, policies and ideals of Feeding Kentucky.
- Good judgment and discretion; strong ethical character capable of handling confidential information.
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as necessary.
- Must have a valid driver’s license and provide own transportation for in-state travel.

About Feeding Kentucky:

Feeding Kentucky is comprised of seven Feeding America food banks that reach all 120 counties of Kentucky and serve an estimated one in seven of all Kentuckians annually. Last year, its members distributed 72 million meals in partnership with more than 800 charitable feeding agencies such as pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. Visit FeedingKy.org.

Inquiries:

Submit resume to info@FeedingKy.org. Reference *Advocacy Coordinator* in the subject line. No calls please.

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