



**Posting:** Aug 7, 2017

**Title:** Advocacy Director

COHHIO is searching for a dynamic individual to join its team and lead its efforts on advancing the agency mission to help end homelessness and promoting safe, decent, fair and affordable housing through public policy advocacy at the state level and to help fight back threats at the federal level. This is a full-time job located in Columbus, OH.

**Purpose:** To assist the COHHIO's long time Executive Director with advocacy agenda through defining the advocacy objectives, development of the strategies and implementation of the plans. The Advocacy Director is also responsible for organizing and/or maintaining COHHIO's advocacy base as well as relationships with statewide allies.

**Qualifications:** Requires demonstrable community organizing, coalition building and/or issue campaign experience. Must be able to work independently, as a team leader and as part of a team. Excellent written and public speaking skills are required. Must maintain a high degree of integrity and ethical decision-making. Flexibility and ability to work various approaches, viewpoints and angles are a must. Travel within that state of Ohio is expected. Bachelors degree or higher or comparable experience is required.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

**Advocacy:**

- Contact and build relationships with local partner organizations around the state
- Communicate regularly with supporters on housing issues of importance at both the state and federal levels
- Offer opportunities for partners to become involved
- Work with the Communications Director on social media and press releases in support of an advocacy agenda
- Develop relationships with statewide allies and recommend opportunities to collaborate on and influence issues as they surface

**Lobbying:**

- Identify key legislative players and build relationships
- Communicate with and brief members of Congress, the state legislature, and their staff through in-person meetings, written communications and phone calls
- Set appointments and accompany ED on legislative visits
- Assist with the development of testimony around identified issues
- Deliver testimony as needed



**Policy Development:**

- Work both independently and as part of a team in policy development
- Research policy
- Develop written policy statements as needed

**Other duties may include:**

- Maintain database on local advocacy allies and statewide partners
- Utilizing on-line advocacy tools
- Maintain lobbying reporting requirements for state and federal agencies

*COHHIO is offering a competitive somewhat negotiable salary range plus a generous benefit package.*

**Applying for this position:**

1. Send via email to [douglas.argue@cohhio.org](mailto:douglas.argue@cohhio.org)
2. Subject line should read: Advocacy Position
3. Attach both resume and cover letter in PDF format
4. Applications received not following the above instructions will not be considered

**Deadline for submissions: This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is hired.**

**No phone call inquiries**