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EXPERIENCE

Office of Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, Washington, D.C.

April 2019 – Present

Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director

- Responsible for oversight of the legislative team.
- Serve as the primary personal office staff person for the Member on issues before the House Agriculture Committee, including the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations where she serves as Chair.
- Serve as primary staff person on issues related to k-12 education, budget and appropriations.
- Advise the Chief of Staff and the Member on legislative activities and coordinate the development of policy positions and legislative priorities.
- Meet regularly with constituent groups and work alongside the District Director to outreach activities.
- Write and review legislative memos, talking points, and fact sheets.
- Participate in the hiring of legislative staff alongside the Chief of Staff and the Member.
- Responsible for oversight of the District and Washington offices in the absence of the Chief of Staff.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Alexandria, V.A.

August 2017 – April 2019

SNAP Program Analyst

- Researched SNAP legislative and regulatory history to respond to sensitive and complex inquiries from regional offices, state agencies, SNAP clients, stakeholders, and the public.
- Drafted formal responses to state agency requests for waivers of SNAP regulations.
- Drafted policy memorandums, guidance, and briefing papers for state agencies and regional offices, internal briefing papers, and drafted responses to inquiries from SNAP clients.
- Served as co-lead on a multi-state project focused on improving State agency-issued client notices.
- Provided comments and recommendations on proposed policy guidance and other resources.
- Served as a lead on issues related to child support cooperation and client notices, as well as served as a member of the Disaster SNAP team.
- Provided input on administrative and legislative proposals and developed policy recommendations.

USDA Office of Congressional Relations, Washington, D.C.

March 2016 – August 2017

Acting Legislative Analyst (Detail)

- Provided technical assistance and support to congressional offices on issues related to federal nutrition programs administered by the Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) mission area.
- Tracked congressional actions related to the federal nutrition programs.
- Provided strategic advice and guidance to leadership regarding congressional engagement strategies.
- Notified relevant Congressional offices on FNCS-issued policy changes, press releases, and guidance.
- Served as an advisor to mission area leadership on congressional matters.
- Provided daily updates to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations on pending congressional and FNCS actions related to nutrition.
- At the request of the Obama Administration, served during the early months of the transition.

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Alexandria, V.A.

December 2014 – March 2016

Child Nutrition Program Analyst

- Used quantitative analysis methods to analyze data related to the child nutrition programs.
- Served as lead data analyst for the Child Nutrition Operational Support Branch on the ongoing analysis of school district level data related to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- Supported policy staff in the drafting of CEP related regulations, handbooks, and other resources.
- Served as liaison for internal and external program research and evaluation projects, assessed implications of research findings and developed Agency responses.

- Responded to data-related inquiries from Congress, State agencies, regional offices, and the public.
- Presented alongside policy staff at conferences and meetings on issues related to CEP.

Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), Washington, D.C. **January 2012 – December 2014**
Child Nutrition Policy Analyst

- Worked in targeted high-poverty States, school districts, and schools in collaboration with national and local anti-hunger organizations to increase the number of children participating school meals.
- Built support for school breakfast programs among national anti-hunger and education groups.
- Supported FRAC staff in the development of annual school breakfast reports.
- Tracked school breakfast participation data to identify target school districts for outreach.
- Represented FRAC at National conferences, forums, press events, school board meetings, and community meetings, to raise the profile of alternative breakfast models among high-poverty schools.
- Provided policy recommendations for inclusion in FRAC’s annual legislative priorities.

Office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Washington, D.C. **February 2007 – January 2012**
Legislative Assistant

- Advised the Member on issues related to the Federal budget, agriculture, welfare, labor, and trade.
- Focused mainly on the Member’s anti-hunger/poverty priorities.
- Drafted legislation, floor speeches, talking points, letters, and advised the Member on key votes.
- Raised the Member’s profile on anti-hunger related issues among local interest groups.
- Served as the primary staffer for the Member’s work on the House Budget Committee.

Office of Congresswoman Diane Watson, Washington, D.C. **August 2006 – February 2007**
Staff Assistant/Legislative Correspondent

- Managed constituent mail and email system and drafted response letters.
- Handled various office tasks including front office management and the supervision of interns.
- Worked with legislative staff to draft memos and talking points on a wide range of issues.

EDUCATION

The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK **Spring 2006**
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

USDA FNCS Leadership Institute **November 2016**
USDA Abraham Lincoln Honor Award **October 2015**
Friend of WIC Award, National WIC Association **March 2012**
Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic Community Leadership Council Member