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## Top Skills

Policy  
Research  
Government

## Certifications

Certified Professional Dog Trainer  
Knowledge Skills Assessed

## Publications

Hypothalamic neural systems controlling the female reproductive life cycle: Gonadotropin-releasing hormone, glutamate and GABA

The NMDA receptor subunit NR2b affects LH release and GnRH gene expression in female rats, with modulation by estradiol

Age-related changes in hormones and their receptors in animal models of female reproductive senescence

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Member Survey

We've Got Your Back: IAVA's Campaign to Combat Suicide

# Jackie Maffucci Ph.D.

Advisor, policy professional, and analyst with over a decade of experience building and advancing policy solutions  
Alexandria, Virginia, United States

## Summary

A neuroscientist by training and a policy professional in practice with a proven ability to understand complex issues, distill them down to defined problems, and build lasting solutions. I am a long-time public servant with experience advancing a policy portfolio that includes government operations, federal workforce, cybersecurity, and veterans and military issues. I have held positions in governmental and non-governmental organizations and am also a business owner overseeing operations and customer engagement. Most importantly, I am a curious, creative, and driven person with a demonstrated ability to adjust my skill set to meet the needs of the moment.

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## Experience

U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)  
Deputy Director, Congressional, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
December 2022 - Present (11 months)

Positive Dog Solutions  
Co-Founder  
January 2018 - Present (5 years 10 months)  
Alexandria, VA

Positive Dog Solutions strives to build strong and healthy relationships between people, their dogs, and the community in which they live, employing proven, positive, and practical solutions. We provide strategies and solutions to enhance communication between dogs and the humans with whom they interact. Founded by a team of behavior consultants with a diverse background and a combined 40+ years of experience and knowledge working with dogs and people, Positive Dog Solutions is committed to improving behaviors in dogs using science-based techniques while enhancing awareness, knowledge, and compassion in the families and the communities in which they live.

U.S. Senate, Office of Senator Thomas R. Carper  
Senior Policy Advisor  
December 2021 - December 2022 (1 year 1 month)

Responsible for advancing a policy portfolio that includes Government Affairs, Retirement, and Labor

U.S. Senate HSGAC Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management,  
Policy Advisor  
March 2019 - December 2021 (2 years 10 months)  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Professional staff member supporting U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Chair of the Government Operations and Border Management Subcommittee of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC). Responsible for advancing a policy portfolio that includes cybersecurity, government operations, Federal workforce, and Veterans Affairs.

Applied Data Solutions, LLC  
Founder  
March 2018 - March 2019 (1 year 1 month)  
Northern Virginia

Consultant across the academic, government, corporate, and nonprofit landscapes applying evidence to solve challenging issues.

Accomplishments:

- Collaborated on the publication of a policy report outlining the needs of working parents
- Provided strategy and support to advance an effort to increase Veterans' access to higher education
- Supported advocacy efforts to study the impact of medical marijuana on medical conditions such as chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America  
4 years 5 months

Research Director  
August 2013 - December 2017 (4 years 5 months)  
Washington D.C.

Advisor to Senior Management, setting policy program priorities, overseeing research implementation and policy development, and communicating outcomes through publications, presentations, and press. Built and mentored innovative, cross-functional teams to successfully execute policy programs.

Proactively built strategic plans to advance policy objectives while anticipating pitfalls in a changing political landscape.

Accomplishments:

- Directed the development, launch, and communication strategy for 8 products highlighting evidence-based policy initiatives, including in education, gender equity, and mental health.
- Served as an external representative for the organization. Quoted in over 40 publications, participated in radio and television interviews, and represented the organization in Congressional hearings, public policy forums, and Cabinet-level Administration and Congressional meetings.
- Guided cross-departmental and –organizational collaboration while building external partnerships with research, policy, and governmental organizations.
- Advised stakeholders on policy issues, including service on 8 advisory/steering committees.
- Supported and mentored 3 Chief Policy Officers, 2 Research Department staff, 10 interns, other internal hires and 50+ organization members in evidence-based advocacy initiatives.

#### Interim Chief Policy Officer

October 2016 - May 2017 (8 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Advisor to the Executive Office. Accountable for strategic oversight and management of policy initiatives and their integration into larger organizational priorities. Led cross-division collaborations to develop and execute policy programs, support development goals, and carry out external communications strategy. Built and mentored cross-functional teams within the Policy Division. Anticipated and mitigated unforeseen challenges in achieving policy programs goals.

Accomplishments:

- Successful execution of 2 data-informed advocacy campaigns.
- Developed and directed strategy for the launch of a weeklong Congressional advocacy event including 20 staff and member participants.
- Lead the development and launch of the 2017 organizational policy priorities and comprehensive agenda.
- Managed professional staff growth and development, including the hiring and training of 2 staff members and 5 interns.
- Strengthened partnerships across the Administration, Congress, and partner advocacy and research organizations as the lead external organizational representative in Washington D.C.

## Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC)

### Senior Advisor

January 2010 - August 2013 (3 years 8 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Advisor to senior Army officials and Department leaders in 4 contract positions, including Army Health Affairs and the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force. Served as liaison between the policy and research communities and synchronized initiatives between the Army and Department of Defense. Worked with a diverse team of experts enacting coordinated policies to improve personnel readiness and resilience.

#### Accomplishments:

- Improved operational processes to better meet client goals.
- Analyzed research program and policy initiatives, working across the Army and Department of Defense to synchronize initiatives and coordinate staff.
- Established collaborations and coordinated task completions across ~12 Army directorates, resulting in the implementation of over 125 policy recommendations for reform across the Army.
- Executed monthly strategy sessions with Senior Leaders to the Army policy agenda and ensure a data-driven approach.

## Research!America

### Science Policy Fellow

September 2009 - December 2009 (4 months)

Research!America, Alexandria, VA

Science Policy Fellow, September-December 2009

Awarded a Science Policy Fellowship to apply academic training in life sciences to science advocacy. Conducted research and disseminated information to the public on research initiatives.

#### Accomplishments:

- Analyzed federal health policy funding and monitor related legislation.
- Prepared briefing materials, reports and provide recommendations for Associate Director based upon analysis of industry publications, scholarly publications, and governmental reports.
- Strategized with coalition members to influence health policy funding on Capitol Hill at interagency meetings, briefings, and hearings.
- Developed and presented an independently managed research project – “Optimizing Research Outcomes by Improving Clinical Diversity,” to the organization with recommendations for adoption into organization priorities.
- Contributed to daily blog designed to generate public engagement in mission of the organization.

- Initiated policy research, compile data and analyze distribution of federal money for NIH funded research projects by congressional district.

### Austin Community College

#### Adjunct Professor

January 2009 - August 2009 (8 months)

- Lectured pre-professional students in the Health Sciences and instructed laboratory sessions.
- Compiled course content and evaluation materials based upon university curriculum goals.

### The University of Texas at Austin

1 year 1 month

#### Graduate Writing Consultant

August 2008 - August 2009 (1 year 1 month)

- Reviewed and edited manuscripts for publication, dissertations, thesis, and class assignments for content, clarity and syntax.
- Mentored undergraduate and international students to improve communication and writing skills.

### Education Specialist

January 2009 - May 2009 (5 months)

- Taught students advanced technical research methodologies.
- Developed lectures and supplemental course activities to reinforce core objectives in coordination with senior professor.

### Baylor College of Medicine

#### Research Technician

August 2000 - July 2002 (2 years)

- Managed complex scientific experiment involving genetic mutations of a large animal colony.
- Supervised and trained diverse technicians, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students on laboratory techniques and project dynamics.
- Designed and initiated scientific protocol to refine and enhance the research project.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to maximize research discoveries.

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## Education

The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., Neuroscience, Endocrinology, Toxicology · (2002 - 2008)

Cornell University

BS, Animal Science · (1996 - 2000)