



Progress Iowa - Partnerships Director

Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Organization Overview

Progress Iowa is a multi-issue progressive advocacy organization. Year-round, we promote progressive ideas and causes with creative earned media strategies, targeted email campaigns, and cutting-edge new media. Our organization serves as Iowa's progressive communications hub. We operate as a center for innovative research, data-driven messaging, training, and communication strategies for the progressive community and its elected allies in order to shift the narrative around good governance and reshape what is possible by advocating for progressive policies.

Position Overview

Progress Iowa is hiring a partnerships director to help bring our progressive community together around shared values and goals. The ideal candidate will have the opportunity to provide a vision and strategy for broadening the reach of our team, and deepening our ties with progressive organizations, labor unions, and elected officials. Our ideal candidate will strike a balance between developing positive relationships and building mutual respect in order to provide accountability to coalition partners as we execute a shared plan. We want someone who has experience leading and organizing in Iowa, and will approach building long lasting progressive change with positive energy and infectious enthusiasm!

Duties Will Include:

- Developing and executing a plan to engage with progressive organizations, leaders, and activists across the state of Iowa.
- Facilitating communication between partner organizations on a daily basis, assessing their needs and providing guidance whenever possible.
- Managing and participating in issue coalitions as needed.
- Managing, recruiting, and training Iowans who can share personal stories about the impact that public policy makes on their lives.
- Building and maintaining relationships with progressive allies and leaders.
- Travel throughout the state, as needed, and as COVID-19 safety protocols allow.
- Other duties as assigned.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience managing teams, staff, and/or coalitions in an issue advocacy setting.
- Experience and understanding of Iowa's political landscape is strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to draft and execute a political and/or partner outreach plan that includes measurable accountability.
- Demonstrate cultural competency and a track record of developing and maintaining strong working relationships with and among a diverse group of stakeholders.

- A team player with a positive attitude!
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with attention to detail.
- Passion for social justice, worker's rights, healthier communities and an economy that prioritizes working families.
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- Experience using organizing databases and online tools such as ActionKit, NGP, ActionNetwork, or similar programs.
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment with multiple projects, sudden deadlines, and curveballs.

Compensation:

The annual salary for this position is \$65,000. Benefits include health insurance and paid time off that includes federal holidays, and flexible paid leave including vacation and sick days, as well as personal and family leave. The position is based in Des Moines, Iowa, with COVID-19 protocols in place including the ability to work remotely.

This position will be on contract through November 30, 2022, with the expectation of becoming a permanent position with the organization.

How to Apply:

Please email a cover letter and resume to jobs@progressiowa.org and include "Partnerships Director" in the subject line.

Progress Iowa is an Equal Opportunity Employer and believes that the diversity of ideas, experiences and cultures that our employees contribute to our organization is our greatest advantage, and we are proud to be an inclusive and equal-opportunity workplace, where all applicants and employees are considered for hire, promotion and job status without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, or disability. Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.