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Please describe your primary workplace and role:

Professor in psychology department with graduate programs in community and clinical-community psychology

Please describe any work you do related to public policy (paid or voluntary):

Primarily evaluation research of innovative programs, which has led to policy influence directly, through my sharing findings with state officials, and indirectly, through supporting influential program directors who in turn have had important policy influence based on the positive evaluation findings, published and presented in multiple venues over many years.

What training/education do you have in community psychology? How has this training contributed to your work in public policy?

Ph.D. in Clinical/Community psychology. The ecological perspective, research skills, and overarching values have provided a foundation for such work.

What other training or experiences helped prepare you for your work in public policy?

Working closely with and contributing to innovative programs; developing relationships with influential individuals.

What advice might you give to students and others thinking about working in public policy?

There are many pathways to policy influence, and man vantage points from which to influence policy. Get involved with organizations working to effect change on the issues you are passionate about, develop policy-relevant relationships and skills by working closely with others on these issues, develop content expertise in your area(as) of interest, focus on small wins, be persistent, and maintain a long-term perspective for achieving change.

Is there anything else you would like to say about your involvement in public policy?

I'm working on a book that will depict the policy involvement of many psychologists, including a large number of community psychologists. Some of the highlights were presented in a recent SCRA webinar.

Please list any professional affiliations that relate to your involvement in public policy:

SCRA, including SCRA policy committee.

