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*Professional resume below, also has experience in screenwriting and comedy.*

Expertise

* Federal/state health care policy
* Advocacy planning and strategy
* Staff management
* Public affairs content creation
* Relationship/coalition building
* Grant and budget management

Experience

Senior Policy & Government Affairs Analyst

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

State Advocacy | Itasca, IL | 2000-Present

Senior advocacy and policy advisor to the AAP, all state AAP chapters, AAP policy and advocacy committees, leadership, membership, and national offices. Ongoing responsibilities include:

* Working together with advocacy and policy centers of the Academy to actively navigate and counsel state AAP chapters on portfolio of policy issues, including:
	+ Strengthening and protecting Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and other health care financing programs, often during budget duress. Other portfolio issues include private insurance regulation, vaccine financing, telehealth care, mental health, oral health, and others.
	+ Spreading policy innovations and related ideas for advocacy, such as Medicaid payment for health related social needs (nutrition, housing, others), firearm counseling, justice involved youth.
	+ Advising national committees on the creation of AAP policy, as well as policy implications for advocacy.
	+ Leading analyses of state/federal legislation, regulations, guidance, and court decisions; advising state and federal action on portfolio issues.
	+ Collaborating with AAP Federal Advocacy on strategy to influence federal legislation, regulations, guidance, and the implementation of the federal programs at the state level. This includes activating state advocates for key stakeholder engagement at the federal level.
* Managing full-time analyst, part-time consultant (previous), oral health grant project (previous); ensuring grant deliverables are met on time and on budget.
* Representing the AAP to outside organizations, grant and coalition partners, and other entities; presenting on policy issues and trends.
* Developing advocacy and public affairs resources, including issue briefs, e-updates, testimony, infographics, etc.
* Planning and hosting annual advocacy conferences (logistics and content).

Legislative Analyst
American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

Department of State and Socioeconomic Affairs | Chicago, IL | 1997-2000

Legislative analyst counseling state affiliates nationwide on achieving organizational policy goals. Responsibilities:

* Worked to directly influence state legislation toward goals of the AOA, with specific focus in managed care regulation, physician licensure, and hospital accreditation.
* Devealoped advocacy resources for state society use.
* Managed intern program.

Intern
US Congressperson William O. Lipinksi

Washington, DC | May-August 1997

Congressional intern in office of former Representative William Lipinski. Activities included speech writing, issue brief development, committee hearing reporting, and constituent casework.

Advisory Committee Member

* Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Institute (CAHMI) Data Resource Center (2008-2012)

Select Presentations

* *The Promise of Multi-Year Continuous Coverage* – National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Annual Conference, September 2024
* *Removing Medicaid Barriers to Successful Mental Health Integration* – AAP National Conference and Exhibition, Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) Section H Program, September 2024
* *New Medicaid and CHIP Access and Managed Care Rules: Overview and Opportunities* – AAP State Advocacy Webinar, June 2024
* *The Medicaid Unwinding and Children’s Coverage* – National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Annual Conference, August 2023
* *Pediatric Advocacy: It Works!*  - Wisconsin AAP Advocacy Day, February 2022
* *State Advocacy for Children –* Rocky Mtn. Oral Health Learning Network, August 2020
* *Medicaid Waivers and Other New Threats to Access, Coverage, and Care: Opportunities for Advocacy –* AAP Annual Leadership Forum, March 2019
* *The AAP and Medicaid Payment Advocacy –* AAP Section on Opthalmology Webinar, September 2018

Education

Master of Public Affairs (MPA)

Indiana University, O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs - 2022

• MPA Scholar Award recipient

Certificate in Non-Profit Management

DePaul University - 2011

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/Social Philosophy

Marquette University - 1997

• Academic scholarship recipient, 4 years, renewable

• Les Aspin Center for Government student, Washington DC, 1996