

MICHAEL ANDERSON

Policy Outreach Director

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Innovative Behavioral Sciences Outreach Specialist with a strong focus on policy advocacy and program development within the mental health sector. With 9 years of experience, I have successfully led initiatives aimed at enhancing access to mental health resources for underserved populations. My expertise lies in collaborating with government agencies, non-profits, and community organizations to influence policy changes that support mental health initiatives.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Outreach Director | Mental Health Advocacy Coalition

Jan 2022 – Present

- Led advocacy efforts that resulted in the passage of two key pieces of legislation enhancing mental health funding.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to develop comprehensive policy proposals addressing mental health disparities.
- Organized community forums to educate the public on mental health policy issues and gather input.
- Conducted research to support advocacy initiatives and inform policymakers about community needs.
- Established partnerships with other advocacy organizations to strengthen collective impact.
- Monitored policy developments and provided timely updates to stakeholders.

Community Program Manager | Access Mental Health Services

Jul 2019 – Dec 2021

- Developed programs that improved access to mental health services for low-income families.
- Implemented outreach strategies that increased service utilization by 50% in target communities.
- Trained staff on best practices in community engagement and service delivery.
- Monitored program effectiveness and made data-driven recommendations for improvement.
- Engaged community members in program planning to ensure responsiveness to local needs.
- Presented program outcomes to stakeholders and advocated for continued funding.

SKILLS

policy advocacy

program development

stakeholder engagement

research analysis

public speaking

community mobilization

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work

2015 – 2019

Columbia University

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully advocated for a \$1 million increase in state funding for mental health programs in 2021.
- Published a report on mental health service access disparities that influenced statewide policy changes.
- Awarded the 'Outstanding Advocate Award' for exemplary service in mental health policy advocacy in 2022.

LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

French