



The Commit! Partnership Manager, Advocacy Position Opening

65 percent of regional jobs in 2020 will require education beyond high school. Yet, only 14 percent of public high school students in Dallas County and 20 percent in Tarrant County graduate from high school college and career ready. The Commit! Partnership is a coalition of 190+ partners that uses data to strategically work together to improve student education outcomes from cradle-to-career.

The Manager of Advocacy will help ensure all students have an excellent and equitable education by advancing a policy agenda aligned with community partners. In this role, s/he would focus on advancing both state and local policy, initially in two important priority areas for the Partnership related to strengthening our regional educator pipelines and providing a quality early childhood education to all students

Responsibilities

- Work with leadership teams to define the organization's policy agenda (initially focused on Early Childhood and Educator Pipelines) and keep the organization updated on policy developments, including regular briefings for the leadership team during session
- Communicate and brief members of the Legislature and State agencies (e.g. Texas Workforce Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) - through in-person meetings, written communications, and phone calls – to advance relevant legislation and to help strengthen the brand of Early Matters Dallas and Commit!
- Provide strategic analysis – both qualitative and quantitative- on state and local policies to help inform policy agenda
- Develop and advocate for policy proposals individually and in conjunction with allies
- Implement strategy for advancing policy goals with key decision-makers in both Austin and Dallas
- Work with other collective impact organizations in the state to explore policy alignment.
- Lead implementation of strategies to mobilize communities in Dallas, especially parents, students, and community-based organizations, to help advance policy priorities

Qualifications:

- Has at least 5 years of experience in positions that involve education reform and leading advocacy efforts that have produced meaningful change;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze public policy proposals, including drafting legislative language;
- Experience in and comfort communicating with high level Legislative teams and Executive teams at state agencies;
- Ability to use data in shaping policy messages;
- Experience in coalition-building and working in a team environment;
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly in writing and in oral presentations to a range of audiences;
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills;

- Master's or higher degree in a related field preferred

Description of The Commit! Partnership

Currently representing over 1.3 million students in Dallas and Tarrant Counties from pre-K through college, Commit! is the largest member of the national StriveTogether Network, comprised of 64 chapters who commit to rigorous quality standards and who share research, practices and new approaches across their communities for collective impact. Founded in 2012, Commit! is actively supported by civic leaders and some of the region's most prominent CEO's, foundation directors, college presidents, K-12 superintendents and non-profit executives. A backbone staff of 20 employees supports the work of the Partnership through measurement, communications, convening, and project management.

This position offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and one-page resume to Sagar Desai at sagar.desai@commit2dallas.org. Please reference the "Advocacy Manager" position in the subject line. For more information, [read more about us](#) or contact Sagar with questions.