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# Policy & Advocacy Program Manager

#### About SisterLove

Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, and with offices in South Africa, SisterLove, Inc.'s (SLI) mission is to eradicate the impact of HIV and sexual and reproductive oppression upon all women, their families, and communities locally and internationally. Established in 1989, SLI was the first organization in the US South to explicitly focus on the needs of Black women living with HIV (WLHIV) and other communities disproportionately impacted and least recognized in direct services, research, and advocacy in the HIV epidemic. SLI utilizes an interdisciplinary human rights, harm reduction, and Reproductive Justice (RJ) approach to its direct services (testing, counseling, sexuality education), community mobilization and support among WLHIV, its Policy and Advocacy Program (PAP), and research program.

#### **Position**

SisterLove, Inc. is seeking a full-time Policy & Advocacy Program (PAP) Manager. This position will lead strategy for organizational policy agenda, educate and engage elected officials, conduct workshops and trainings, and will champion external relations to advance the sexual rights and reproductive justice for HIV positive women, their families and communities. Must approach advocacy as a matter of Human Rights and Reproductive Justice and apply a Reproductive Justice lens in the way SisterLove conceptualizes HIV policy issues and innovates community-based solutions to those issues from the grassroots up. The PAP Manager serves as a primary member of the SLI Leadership Team and serve as a designated organizational spokesperson for digital, written and all other media platforms.

# **Duties and Responsibilities**

#### **POLICY COUNSEL & ADVOCACY**

- Educate and engage elected officials, and other key stakeholders through drafting model legislation, resolutions and MOUs, providing testimony, etc.
- Lead State advocacy efforts including testimony, and assisting with annual legislative education day
- Serve as program manager supervising, leading and motivating policy and legal staff including fellows
- Conduct policy research and writing to increase organizational prominence as a thought leader including policy briefs, publications, journal submissions, law review articles, scholastic writing, and white papers from the unique perspective of Black women
- Work in tandem with the Health Education Department Manager to ensure cross-collaboration with across programing and with interns; this may include convening joint trainings
- Participate in Days of Action on Capitol Hill annually

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- Participate with In Our Own Voice, the National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, and assist in the publication of policy briefs, roundtable discussions, and policy briefings; including Congressional testimony
- Research and support the procurement of funding for policy/advocacy initiatives and projects
- Actively engage in extensive coalition work in Georgia, regionally and nationally to assist in the collaborative agenda-setting, campaigns, publication of policy briefs, roundtable discussions, and policy briefings

## Administrative\_

- Reports to the Executive Director and Deputy Director
- Participate in strategic organization-wide planning and leadership as part of the Senior Management Team
- Serves on various SLI teams and committees
- Responsible for researching and collecting information from legal, state mandated policy and published information
- Performs other duties as assigned

# Required Qualifications

- Juris Doctorate (JD) degree
- Advanced knowledge of the Reproductive Justice movement
- Superior knowledge and experience with HIV issues
- Experience working with people of color and affected communities
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice
- Comfort and familiarity with small nonprofit environment, ability to use limited resources efficiently and effectively

This is a full-time position based in Atlanta, Georgia, with an anticipated start date in mid-June 2020. The salary range for this position is \$52K- \$60K. SisterLove offers paid time off and health benefits to all full-time employees. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this position may start remotely until we can return to work in the Atlanta MotherHouse office.

Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, short writing sample demonstrating prior advocacy experience, highlighting relevant reproductive health and justice experience to hr@sisterlove.org with subject line "Policy & Advocacy Program Manager: First and Last Name." No phone calls or email inquiries, please. We look forward to hearing from you!

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