

FELISHA G. LENNARD, PHD

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SUMMARY

- Policy analyst and community advocate with 8 years' combined experience in policy research, community building, and organizing.
- Broad policy knowledge in areas of disabilities, opioid addiction, child welfare, education, and mental health.
- Organized and hosted large-scale forums and events for governors, policy makers, and community stakeholders.
- Conduct quantitative research, analyze data, and synthesize findings; deliver presentations to policymakers and community organizations.
- Engaged in university and community leadership roles and served on a policy advisory committee.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration
Walden University | Minneapolis, MN | Aug 2020

Dissertation Topic: *Impact of opioid use on perceptions of neighborhood safety.*

Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership
Walden University | Minneapolis, MN | 2013

Specialization: Local Government Management for Sustainable Communities

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
City College | Philadelphia, PA | 2009

SELECT COURSEWORK

- Ethics and Social Justice
- Governance and Public Policy
- Research Theory, Design, and Methods
- Advanced Mixed-Methods Reasoning and Analysis
- Tools for Sustainable Community Development
- Current Issues in Regional and Local Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Health Policy Analyst
National Governors Organization | Washington, D.C. | Feb 2018 - Present

- Conduct evidence-based research on opioid addiction to impact state policy development.
- Synthesize complex policy issues and repurpose research for multiple audiences, including partner organizations and policymakers.
- Organized 20+ large scale events with governors' health advisors, cabinet members, and high-ranking policymakers to foster collaboration and thought leadership.

Policy Analyst
Stratton Family of Agencies | Washington, D.C. | Jun 2013 - Jan 2016

- Conducted quantitative research and analyzed data, policies, and budgetary reform initiatives at the state level.
- Engaged in advocacy activities to mobilize support for child welfare, education, and mental health policies at the local, state, and federal level.
- Built relationships with advocacy organizations, legislators, and policy makers to represent the organization in the legislative process.
- Served on the Employee Resource Committee to support diversity, equity, and inclusion within the organization.

Community Engagement Coordinator
AMR Group | Philadelphia, PA | Jun 2010 - May 2013

- Supported the public policy director and two senior advocates in areas of civil engagement, community outreach, and legislative advocacy.
- Contributed disability policy content to AMR's website, social media platforms, and internal newsletter.
- Developed public policy presentations, organized webinars, and crafted correspondence to promote disability policy education.

- Coordinated 100+ volunteers for local and state events and helped organize three large-scale advocacy events at the state capitol.
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Member

Community Development Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. | 2018 - Present

Volunteer Fundraiser

Stevens Place, Washington, D.C. | 2016 - 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Alumni Ambassador

Walden University Alumni Association | 2018 - Present

- Represent Walden University during local networking events and serve as a resource to graduates and current students.

Peer Mentor

Walden University | 2018 - 2019

- Mentored and guided 15 new doctoral students to help them succeed in their academic programs.
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PRESENTATION

Lennard, F.G. (2018, January). *Impact of opioid use on perceptions of neighborhood safety*. Poster session presented at the Walden University Research Symposium, Tampa, FL.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and MS Project
 - Data analysis software including SPSS and Atlas
 - WordPress, Squarespace, and Facebook Group Administration
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AFFILIATIONS

Member

National Society of Leadership and Success | 2018 - Present

Member

America Society for Public Administration | 2012 - Present

Board Member, Conference Committee Member

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management | 2012 - 2016