

Dovetailing Affiliated Consultant

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Kristin is a sharp, dynamic public policy strategist known for political acumen and success working with diverse groups. With nearly two decades experience in government relations, Kristin has strong comprehension of the levers that influence change at the community, budget, and policy levels. Her work predominantly focuses on early learning, education, and issues that impact children and families. She is also experienced and highly-organized in research, outreach, project management, and event planning.

As Washington State Director for the Mission: Readiness WA and ReadyNation WA chapters of the Council for a Strong America, she crafted member education and recruitment plans, policy development, and advocacy strategy for early childhood priorities in Washington. As the past Deputy Director of the public-private partnership Early Care and Education Coalition (EC²), Kristin served as the policy point-person and created effective early learning policy alliances. As a consultant, Kristin has provided strategic advice, lobbying support, advocacy coaching, messaging, research, and reports that have help increase effective investments and policies and further develop sustainable systems. Additionally, she has served on numerous state early learning technical advisory committees to inform policy development and implementation as well as statewide coalitions that support our youngest learners and most vulnerable families.

Kristin has hands-on experience inside and outside government as well as in the classroom working in rural, urban, and international settings. She taught for three years in Japan to grades preschool-16 including students with special needs and hearing impairment. She was promoted to Prefectural Advisor where she provided professional development training and mental health counseling to more than 100 educators, helped bridge cultural barriers in healthcare and the workplace, and served as a liaison between international contract workers and high-ranking Japanese education officials.

With a multi-dimensional perspective of systems, policies, programs, and services, Kristin's approach is thoughtful, strategic, and respectful. She is a dedicated parent to her school-aged children and a committed volunteer in her son's and daughter's public schools. When she is not having adventures outdoors and traveling with her husband and children, she works in her garden, completes home improvement projects, and lifts weights at the gym.

Successful Projects and Honors

- Developed and implemented advocacy strategies for policy and budget items involving a variety of tactics.
- Created messaging and advocacy collateral for numerous clients used at the local, state and national levels to advance specific causes.
- Conducted key informant interviews at local-, state-, and national-levels to inform strategic planning and policy development.
- Assisted state legislators with policy and capital budget agenda development, planning, and advancement.
- Successfully planned, facilitated, and led numerous training and special events for audiences of 25-500 in local, state, national, and international settings.
- Graduated the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation's Community Leaders Program.
- Awarded the prestigious Honorary Associates Award from the Governor of Miyagi (Japan) for contributions in international affairs and education.

Recommendations

"Kristin is a professional that I have come to depend upon over the years. She has an all-too-uncommon ability to combine deep knowledge with powerful strategies to achieve success. Her insights would be of significant value to any organization focused on children and youth. And due to her expertise and discretion, she is trusted among policymakers, advocates, parents, business leaders, and grassroots communities."

Brian Jeffries, Policy Director, Washington Roundtable/Partnership for Learning

"Kristin's mix of smart political instincts, persuasive communications skills, and strong work ethic makes her an invaluable asset to any organization. I've seen Kristin's work inside and outside the legislative arena, and she emanates confidence and credibility. Her strategic-thinking and analytical skills, high degree of professionalism and energetic, positive can-do attitude make the difference."

Hyeok Kim, Former Deputy Mayor, City of Seattle

"Kristin is an effective, talented, and credible strategist in the legislative arena. I was impressed with her ability to employ solid research, comprehend community assets and needs, think strategically and map relationships to help me achieve meaningful policy and budget victories for my constituents. Kristin has the ability to see the best role she can play in each situation. She is respectful when dealing with constituents, community stakeholders, and elected officials even under difficult and politically-sensitive circumstances. Kristin's integrity, sophisticated communication skills, and commitment to meaningful policy work set her apart."

Rep. Eric Pettigrew, State Representative, 37th LD Washington State Legislature