



The Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness seeks an Executive Director to lead the organization and its Board of Directors in the continued development and implementation of a 10 Year Plan to end homelessness in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Founded in 2004, the Mercer Alliance is a consortium of leaders from the county's business, government and nonprofit sectors, who are implementing innovative strategies to prevent and end homelessness in Mercer County, New Jersey. Many of our member agencies provide direct client services, and do not have the time or resources to individually identify and implement the comprehensive strategies necessary to mediate the root causes of homelessness. Acting as an umbrella agency, the Alliance reviews, recommends, and facilitates the public awareness, research, training, advocacy, and policy changes needed to end homelessness.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Foster the development of a common vision for the Alliance among Board of Directors. Provide clear direction and priority agenda.
- Cultivate collaborative relationships with and support from local and state government agencies, homeless service providers and the business community for the Alliance's 10 Year Plan.
- Update and revise the Alliance's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness through shared planning process that includes, but is not limited to a planning conference and release of a revised 10 Year Plan by the spring of 2007.
- Oversee the successful continued implementation of current Mercer Alliance initiatives.
- Develop new collaborative initiatives pursuant to the continued implementation of the Alliance's 10 Year Plan, which leverage and coordinate the resources of the government, nonprofit and business sectors.
- Facilitate formation of board structure and/or working committees to develop initiatives, and support the organization's operation and growth.
- Act as primary public spokesperson for the Alliance, actively seeking press coverage of the Alliance's activities and issues related to homelessness and housing in Mercer County.
- Manage financial resources through clear and transparent accounting. Establish financial agreements and systems as necessary to administer and/or implement collaborative initiatives.
- Manage and raise funds to support an approximately \$300,000 annual operating budget.
- Manage and supervise two employees currently responsible for financial literacy and training initiatives, conference coordination and data collection.

Required Skills and Experience

- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum of three to five years in nonprofit management and development
- Successful team-building and consensus-building skills

- Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills
- Proven success in fundraising and grant writing
- Knowledge of homelessness and housing issues

Preferred Skills and Experience

- Knowledge of comparable organizations and efforts throughout the country to end homelessness
- Understanding of current environment in Mercer County and New Jersey to effect systemic change related to housing and homelessness

The Mercer Alliance is an equal opportunity employer. Please submit a resume and cover letter, preferably via email, by August 24th, to:

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