

Missouri Health Care for All St. Louis Grassroots Organizer



Missouri Health Care for All, a non-partisan, faith and community-based grassroots movement committed to securing access to affordable, high-quality health care for all Missourians is seeking a full-time St. Louis Grassroots Organizer.

Location: This person will work from our office in Benton Park (South St. Louis City). There will be frequent regional travel and periodic statewide travel (1 trip per month, average). Some trips will require an overnight stay.

About the Organization: Missouri Health Care for All was founded on the principle that every Missourian should have access to quality affordable health care. We work with faith communities, community groups, service providers, people who need health care, and grassroots supporters statewide to advocate for these principles. We work to defend current health care programs and funding and to advance policies that improve access to care. We are actively working to become an anti-racist organization.

About the Job: The St. Louis Organizer will work with Missouri Health Care for All to build, develop and engage a broad base of Missourians in support of increased access to health care. We are looking for a flexible, detail-oriented, passionate and personable candidate to strengthen the work of our growing organization. This organizer will focus on the St. Louis region, with some work in nearby communities, in addition to assisting with statewide work.

Reporting & Staffing Structure: The St. Louis Organizer will report directly to Missouri Health Care for All's Organizing Director, who is based in St. Louis, Missouri. Other staff are based in St. Louis, Joplin, Springfield, Festus, and Jefferson City, Missouri.

Major Responsibilities:

- Recruit new individual supporters and develop relationships with existing supporters in the St. Louis, MO region.
- Identify and engage supportive organizations, including those that have already partnered with Missouri Health Care for All and those that are potential partners.
- Mobilize individual and organizational supporters to participate in advocacy tactics. Tactics may include petition signature-gathering, legislator meetings, visibility events, canvassing, phonebanking, writing letters to the editor, and more.
- Identify and build leadership capacity among active volunteers.
- Assist with statewide Story Collection Project. Implement tactics to identify, interview, and engage local Missourians who are personally impacted by health policy issues.
- Participate in local coalitions.
- Assist with statewide organizing activities such as in-Capitol Lobby Days.
- Conduct educational presentations on health care issues.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have the following skills and experiences:

- Passion for Missouri Health Care for All's mission of *quality, affordable health care for all people*
- Strong grounding in values and ethics and an ability to connect values to health care
- Strong ability to analyze social power and identify structural oppression and privilege
- Connections to and relationships within the local community
- Experience in volunteerism, grassroots organizing or campaigns (paid, volunteer, or internship), or other demonstrated commitment to the values of Missouri Health Care for All
- The ability to connect with a diverse array of community members
- Experience working and connecting with diverse communities
- Ability to clearly explain issues and activities through verbal and written communications
- Ability to tell compelling stories
- Leadership qualities and the ability to mobilize others to action
- Commitment to anti-racist work, and enthusiasm about participating in organizational efforts to become an anti-racist organization.
- Basic computer skills and ability to learn new software programs
- Reliable transportation and driver's license

Salary and Benefits:

Salary of \$39,140 per year. Benefits include generous health, dental and vision insurance; generous vacation and sick leave; paid holidays; and paid parental leave. Intangible benefits include great coworkers, a growing and thriving organization, and an opportunity to make a difference.

Please note: MHCFA will be entering into collective bargaining negotiations soon. The compensation and benefits package is subject to change through those negotiations; however, it is our intention that the package will not get less generous than it currently is.

To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume to Chelsea Berkhout at chelsea@mohealthcareforall.org. Please use "St. Louis Organizer" as your subject line.

Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. For greatest consideration, please submit your application by Sunday, March 8.

Missouri Health Care for All is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military service, or any legally protected status.

People of color, people with disabilities, and members of other minority groups are encouraged to apply.