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Top Skills

Program Evaluation

Fundraising

Grant Writing

Debra Fitzpatrick

Policy and Research Director at Children's Defense Fund
Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States

Summary

Public policy leader with demonstrated success in working with policy-makers across political parties and levels (national, state, local; executive, judicial and legislative), government agencies, community members and nonprofit organizations to advance systemic, institutional and policy change. Successfully leading, managing and coordinating multi-million dollar, multi-year projects that increase social, economic and political equity; Specializing in leadership and facilitation of diverse, multi-sector, interdisciplinary learning communities that build collective and individual capacity to lead. Learn more at debrafitzpatrick.com

Experience

Children's Defense Fund

Policy and Research Director

January 2020 - Present (2 years 11 months)

Minnesota

Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy

Co Director

November 2009 - January 2020 (10 years 3 months)

- Engaging students, faculty, the public and decision-makers of all genders in dialogue, policy-making and action for the common good
- Conducting community-engaged research that helps solve the most pressing disparities and challenges at the intersection of sex, gender, and other aspects of identity (e.g. race, place, class, ethnicity, etc.)
- Supporting women leaders and leaders of all genders who contribute to a more gender-equitable world
- Sustaining a network of faculty, students, alumni, policymakers and partners that grounds the Center's work and enables high impact action

Center on Women and Public Policy, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota

Associate Director

March 2006 - December 2009 (3 years 10 months)

Center for School Change, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota

Program Director

1997 - 2006 (9 years)

School of Public Health, University of Minnesota

Project Administrator

1991 - 1996 (5 years)

Minnesota Senate

Committee Administrator, Legislative Assistant

January 1986 - January 1991 (5 years 1 month)

Education

Humphrey School, University of Minnesota

MA, Public Policy, Public/Nonprofit Management · (1989 - 1996)

University of Minnesota

BA, Political Science · (1983 - 1996)