

The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and invigorate civic life.

We are an independent nonprofit organization – the sole beneficiary of seven individual trusts established between 1948 and 1979 by two sons and two daughters of Sun Oil Company founder Joseph N. Pew and his wife, Mary Anderson Pew.

Our work lays the foundation for effective policy solutions by informing and engaging citizens, linking diverse interests to pursue common cause and insisting on tangible results. Our projects encourage efficient, responsive governments – at the local, state, national and international levels – serving the public interests.

With offices in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Brussels and London and staff in other regions of the United States as well as Australia, Pew provides an exciting learning environment and the opportunity to work with highly talented individuals. We are a dynamic, rapidly evolving organization that values creativity and innovative thinking and fosters strong teamwork with mutual respect.

Project Description:

The substance use prevention and treatment initiative works to develop and support policies that: (1) reduce the inappropriate use of prescription opioids while ensuring that patients have access to effective pain management and (2) expand access to effective treatment for substance use disorders, including through increased use of drug and non-drug therapies for withdrawal management, treatment, and long-term recovery.

The project provides direct technical assistance to states on how to improve access to evidence-based, high-quality treatment for people with substance use disorders. The project also conducts advocacy in states and Washington, DC, to achieve its programmatic objectives.

To inform this work, the project conducts and publishes research and other information on evidence-based and emerging practices and maintains relationships with external experts and other stakeholders. The team comes from a wide variety of professional backgrounds with policy, advocacy and research experience.

Position Overview:

The officer, based in Pew's Washington, DC, office and reporting to the project director for the substance use prevention and treatment initiative, will play a central role in the project's work to expand access to evidence-based, high-quality treatment for substance use disorders. As a content matter expert, the officer will advise project staff and external stakeholders on topics related to the use of medication-assisted treatment, effective treatment models, and insurance coverage of substance use disorder treatment, among other topics. The officer will also assist the project director in defining research objectives and provide strategic and programmatic support to achieve the goals of the project. This work includes research and analysis, legislative and regulatory advocacy, communications, and outreach activities. The ideal candidate will have significant and demonstrated knowledge of issues related to substance use disorders and experience conducting effective outreach to a broad range of stakeholders.

The officer will work closely with staff from government relations, research, state strategy, communications, and other Pew departments. The position has a set time frame that could be extended based on the success of the program, funding sources, and board decisions on continued support.

- Identify and evaluate opportunities for state and federal policy change to further the strategic objectives of the substance use prevention and treatment initiative.
 - Provide content expertise to support the project's technical assistance team working to expand access to evidence-based treatment in campaign states.
 - Identify strategies that Medicaid and commercial payers could implement to improve access to high-quality treatment and engage in national efforts to increase uptake of these strategies.
 - Identify, develop, and maintain relationships with key stakeholders from the public health, public safety, scientific research, and policymaking communities.
 - Sustain an informed awareness of topics related to substance use prevention and treatment, including maintaining a thorough understanding of national and state initiatives related to the issue.
 - Participate in the strategic direction and campaign strategy of the substance use prevention and treatment initiative, including collaborating with the project director in the identification of key policy issues and development of research, advocacy and communication strategies to advance the project's goals.
 - Represent the project and Pew as a subject matter expert on substance use disorder prevention and treatment in work with diverse stakeholders, at speaking engagements, and for media interviews.
 - Plan, organize, and coordinate stakeholder meetings and conferences as needed.
 - Contribute to and participate in other tasks of the project, including mentoring and advising colleagues within the project and sharing information with other teams within the broader Pew community.
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- A bachelor's degree in public policy, public health, or related discipline required. Professional or advanced degree preferred.
 - Minimum of eight years directly related professional experience, including demonstrated skills in thought leadership and previous experience implementing complex projects aimed at informing and advancing effective public policy at the state or federal level of government.
 - Detailed knowledge of health insurance coverage policies for medications and behavioral health care services in Medicaid, Medicare, and private payers preferred.
 - Experience analyzing the impact of legislation, funding, regulations, and guidance on the structure and provision of substance use disorder prevention and treatment preferred.
 - Ability to synthesize and summarize large amounts of information and focus quickly on the essence of an issue as well as identify, understand, and explain different policy perspectives.

- Ability to develop and manage productive relationships with a range of constituencies who represent different perspectives, including the ability to foster consensus and collaborate with national partners and others to advance pragmatic solutions.
- Prior experience and demonstrated proficiency presenting complex information, including the ability to write clearly and cogently for internal audiences, policymakers, the media and the public. Previous experience with media interviews strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated project- and time-management skills, including the ability to think strategically, juggle multiple priorities, adjust to changing circumstances, resolve problems creatively and logically, organize time efficiently and remain attentive to details.
- Ability to thrive in a creative, fast-paced, and highly professional corporate culture that emphasizes excellence, collegiality and teamwork.

Travel:

Overnight or short duration travel as required for meetings and conferences.

Compensation and Benefits:

As this is a full-time position, we offer a competitive salary and complete benefit program, including: comprehensive, affordable health care through medical, dental and vision coverage; financial security with life and disability insurance; opportunities to save using health savings and flexible spending accounts; retirement benefits to help prepare for the future; and work/life benefits to help you maintain a good balance.

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