

SEAN **HUGHES**

New Ways To Work Policy Director

LOCATION

Napa, California

EXPERTISE

Public Policy Development & Implementation

Systems Change & Reform

Workforce Development

Cross-System Collaboration

Strategic Planning

Stakeholder Engagement

Sustainable Funding Strategies

EDUCATION

Willamette University
B.A., History
2001

WORK EXPERIENCE

Partner & Co-Founder 2014–Now
Social Change Partners, LLC

Director of Congressional Affairs 2010-2014
Child Welfare League of America

Legislative Director 2009-2010
U.S. House of Representatives (Rep. Nydia Velázquez)

Senior Legislative Assistant 2001-2009
U.S. House of Representatives (Rep. Jim McDermott)

ABOUT ME

Sean Hughes has more than two decades of experience advancing public policy and systems change on behalf of children, youth, and families. His career spans federal government, national nonprofit leadership, and consulting, providing him with a unique perspective on how policy is developed, implemented, and sustained across systems.

During nearly a decade in the U.S. House of Representatives, Sean helped develop and enact numerous federal laws, including the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351), which established the federal extended foster care and subsidized guardianship programs.

As Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Social Change Partners, Sean works with public agencies, foundations, and community organizations to design and implement systems change initiatives that improve outcomes for children and families. His recent work includes: successful budget requests to establish the California Youth Apprenticeship Program (CAYAP), California Youth Apprenticeship Committee (CYAC), California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship (COYA), and Emergency Medical Services Corps (EMS Corps) grant programs. Enactment of ACR 16 to develop a comprehensive statewide plan for serving Opportunity Youth, and facilitation of the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) OY Working Group, Co-sponsorship of AB 805 to establish the Career Apprenticeship Bridge (CAB) program, Co-sponsorship of California's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Out-of-School Youth (OSY) waiver, Development and establishment of the Congressional Bipartisan Opportunity Youth Caucus.

LEVERAGING THE PUBLIC POLICYMAKING PROCESS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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