



# Wyoming Nonprofit Network

***Advocacy is not only legal –  
it's one of the most effective means for nonprofits to advance their missions.***

## **Lobbying & Advocacy 101: Legal Tips for Nonprofits**

January 18, 2018 Webinar

12:00pm Mountain Time (1:00pm Central Time)

Whether influencing your state's budget, protecting an existing program, or passing laws, there are many reasons that 501(c)(3) public charities choose to lobby to achieve their policy goals. Federal law allows 501(c)(3) public charities (including houses of worship and public foundations) to lobby within generous limits. This comprehensive, introductory-level session will help explain what lobbying is and why it is so important.

This webinar is provided in partnership with Forefront and the Alliance for Justice. Forefront is the statewide membership association for Illinois nonprofits and grantmakers. Alliance for Justice offers tools and guidelines for safe, effective advocacy and lobbying.



### **Presenters:**



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*Nikhil consults with and trains nonprofit organizations on the rules and strategies for legal and effective advocacy. He received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and B.S. from the Ohio State University. Before joining AFJ, Nikhil was Associate Counsel at Working America, the community affiliate of the AFL CIO. In that role he was responsible for drafting and negotiating operational agreements, advising staff on prospective legal concerns, and ensuring compliance with campaign finance and lobbying laws. Prior to that, he was a law fellow at AARP. In his free time, Nikhil enjoys cooking, playing music, and watching trashy reality TV.*

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