

**PRIDE Month Presentation
An Introduction to Advocacy
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 12:00 to 1:00 PM**

Presenter Bio

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Nicole Fedeli has been working in healthcare since 2001, starting as the Director of Legislative Affairs and Corporate Communications for the Home Nursing Agency and joining UPMC's Government Relations Department in 2014 as Director of Public Policy and Engagement. She is pursuing a Master's in Public Health.

Elizabeth Labacz, MA

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Liz Labacz began working with UPMC as a fundraiser for UPMC Mercy and then transitioned to working in Patient Relations then Patient Experience. She has a Master's in Public Policy and Management from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

Name and Narrative Description of your Presentation

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Introductory

Nicole will give an overview of the work done by UPMC's Office of Government Relations and some of the work they do advocating for better policies for patients.

Liz will give an overview of some of the ways that individuals can advocate for better policies for patients in their own communities.

Three (3) learning objectives

By the completion of this session, participants should be able to

1. Recognize the work UPMC does to advocate for better policies.
2. Identify three ways individuals can advocate in their own communities for better policies.
3. Recognize the difference between UPMC advocating as an organization and UPMC employees advocating as individuals.