

## **Rachel Barkley**

### **Project Manager, Alliance for Opportunity**



Rachel is an experienced coalition and community builder at the state and national level. She recently started her own small business, RK Barkley Consulting, Inc., to help organizations move forward policies that advance freedom and promote human dignity through coalition building and policy strategy.

Previously, Rachel worked as External Relations Senior Advisor for Rep.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05), Director of Outreach for the U.S. House of Representatives Conference Chair, and as Director of Coalitions and State Outreach for the largest caucus in Congress. In her roles, she partnered with outside think tanks, advocacy groups, trade associations, and state leaders to advance legislation and coordinate messaging strategies.

Rachel got her start at a national non-profit for state policy think tanks, the State Policy Network (SPN), where she worked as a liaison between state and national organizations. She served on the board for a DC charter school start-up and on the advisory council for Pepperdine University School of Public Policy's American Project.

Rachel is originally from Ocala, Florida, and graduated from the University of Florida with dual degrees in Public Relations and Political Science. She lives with her husband and son near Washington, DC.