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**Jessica Layton** is a Junior Policy Consultant with Harbage Consulting, where she supports the Medicaid Policy team on various projects providing policy research and analysis.

Before joining Harbage, Jessica worked as a Nutritionist and Chronic Health Educator for a primary care medical groups based in Sacramento and West Sacramento. She worked collaboratively with primary care providers to provide patients with chronic health education and access to community health programs. It was in this role that Jessica recognized the barriers to health access and equity. Jessica was responsible for tracking changes in quality measures and patient health outcomes and reporting directly to their primary care doctor. Jessica was also responsible for researching best practices to help improve patient care and health outcomes.

Jessica completed her graduate practicum with the Health Promotion Practice journal. During her time as a graduate intern, she conducted numerous literature reviews on various health care policies and practices. Special projects included researching and writing synopsis on articles that address health care policies and practices that confront barriers to health equity in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) communities, and participating in the manuscript collection and review with the Federal Drug Administration's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. Jessica was also worked directly with the journal's editor to establish a social media messaging campaign to help disseminate current research trends and increase outreach.

Jessica received her Master of Public Health degree from San Jose State University and her B.S in Nutrition and Foods from California State University, Sacramento. In her free time, Jessica can be found exploring new hiking trails with her husband, daughter and Malamute mix. She also enjoys tending to her succulent garden, cooking and baking, arts and crafts, movie nights, and reading.