

DPPC is Hiring!

The Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) is an independent state agency responsible for the investigation and remediation of instances of abuse committed against persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth. The DPPC's mission is: *To protect adults with disabilities from the abusive acts or omissions of their caregivers through investigation oversight, public awareness and prevention.* To further its mission, DPPC is launching a Sexual Assault Response Unit (SARU) to help ensure that sexual assault survivors with disabilities can fully access multi-disciplinary trauma services throughout the Commonwealth. These will be contracted positions with hourly wages commensurate with experience, located primarily in Braintree, MA.

Protective Services Navigator – Job Description

Description of Duties: The goal of the Protective Services Navigator (PSN) is to provide sexual abuse/assault victims with disabilities with supported access to available services for victims of sexual abuse, including multi-disciplinary mental and medical health services. PSNs perform telephone and in-person outreach to sexual abuse/assault survivors with disabilities, their families, their guardians, and their support staff. PSNs inform sexual abuse/assault survivors of their options and assist them to access chosen services, such as Victim Compensation, Department of Developmental Services, Rape Crisis Centers, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, peer support, mental health services, forensic medical services, legal services, and spiritual resources. PSNs provide survivor-focused, empowerment-based support. Navigators will:

- Provide information and supported access to a range of sexual abuse/assault and disability support services to survivors with disabilities;
- Provide technical assistance, outreach, and case consultation to professional peers throughout the state, including MA VOCA-funded agencies, Victim Witness Advocates, law enforcement, rape crisis centers, long-term mental health practitioners including therapist referral services, and MA Victim Compensation;
- Maintain an annual caseload of 75-100 sexual abuse/assault survivors with disabilities;
- Coordinate closely with other DPPC staff, including Investigators and Oversight Officers;
- Follow up with persons with disabilities and agencies as appropriate to document use/success of referrals;
- Input accurate and complete data for all case contacts; and
- Other duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in disability studies, social work, law, psychology or related field, and at least three years of work experience in a relevant field, plus:

- Knowledge of local, state and national resources available to violent crime victims;
- Trauma experience with vulnerable populations;
- Experience working with persons with disabilities;
- A strong sense of, and respect for, confidentiality involving persons with disabilities and their families;
- Ability to work collaboratively in a variety of settings with culturally diverse families;
- Ability to provide case consultations with peers in a wide variety of disciplines, including law enforcement, criminal and civil justice, behavioral and medical health; and
- Access to a vehicle and a MA Driver's License for regional travel.

How to Apply: Please send cover letter and resume to: Audrey Drinan, Personnel Officer, Disabled Persons Protection Commission, 300 Granite Street, Suite 404, Braintree, MA 02184. Resumes and cover letters can also be sent via email to: audrey.drinan@massmail.state.ma.us

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