

## **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 Supervisor**

**Description of Duties:** The Protective Services Navigator (PSN) Supervisor will oversee the PSNs, who provide survivor-focused, empowerment-based support by ensuring that sexual abuse/assault victims with disabilities are aware of the variety of services available to assist victims, identifying what services, if any, the victim is interested in pursuing, and facilitating the connection of the victim to those services, addressing any barriers to service. The PSN supervisor will ensure both telephone and in-person outreach to sexual abuse/assault survivors, families, guardians, and support staff. PSNs will facilitate access to services such as Victim Compensation, Department of Developmental Services, Rape Crisis Centers, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, peer support, long-term mental health services, forensic medical services, legal services, and spiritual resources. The Supervisor will:

- Ensure quality provision of 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;
- Oversee a caseload of over 800 sexual abuse/assault survivors with disabilities per year;
- Ensure coordination with other DPPC staff, including Directors of Intake/Oversight and Investigations;
- Ensure PSNs follow up with persons with disabilities and agencies as appropriate to document use/success of referrals;
- Ensure PSNs 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 preferred, with at least three years of work experience in a relevant field, and two years of supervisory experience. In addition,

- Broad knowledge of local, state and national resources available to violent crime victims;
- Broad sexual abuse/assault experience with vulnerable populations;
- Experience working with persons with disabilities, including persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- A strong knowledge of the confidentiality rights of 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](mailto:audrey.drinan@massmail.state.ma.us)

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