ODVN seeking a contract attorney to serve as part time Policy Director

Position will assist with state and federal legislative initiatives

Ohio law license required

Send a cover letter and resume to ODVN Executive Director Mary O’Doherty at maryo@odvn.org by December 13, 2019.

Core requirements

- Working knowledge of Ohio’s domestic violence laws and legal system
- Understanding of the state and national legislative process
- Proficiency in policy analysis and strategy development
- Working knowledge of other statutes that directly affect domestic violence victims and perpetrators
- Strong negotiating, presentation and networking skills
- Strong communication skills

Preferred requirements

- Experience working with the Ohio Legislature
- Working knowledge of Ohio’s domestic violence programs
- Understanding of the political, social, financial and external issues affecting domestic violence service providers
- Working knowledge of family violence issues and circumstances faced by those experiencing family violence

Position responsibilities

- Work with ODVN’s Executive Director and staff to determine the agency’s public policy goals and initiatives
- Advocate for the best interests of diverse groups of victims and their children
- Analyze existing state statutes and statutes of other states to assist in the development of new domestic and sexual violence laws or amendments to existing laws
- Monitor policy and/or legislative proposals and their effect on diverse communities of victims
- Work with ODVN’s contract lobbyist to build relationships with legislators
• Represent ODVN at Interested Party meetings and in meetings with legislators
• Testify and communicate, as requested, before the Ohio Legislature and Congressional delegation in coordination with the Executive Director
• Engage in policy-related meetings (legislative and public), as assigned
• Conduct or promote studies and research to measure the impact of policy and legislation on diverse populations of survivors of sexual and domestic violence and their children
• Prepare materials for use in public policy advocacy
• Assist members to develop effective relationships with state and federal policy makers
• Organize events to engage member agencies and community members in public policy including social media and advocacy days
• Represent ODVN through participation in national domestic violence legislative advocacy efforts
• Conduct media interviews, as requested

Additional Responsibilities

As needed and as assigned. Travel required.

Position reports to the Executive Director.

About the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN): ODVN provides a strong statewide voice for Ohio’s 72 domestic violence programs that serve all 88 counties. ODVN advocates on domestic violence-related issues at the state and federal level and runs a Training institute for advocates and allies, a legal assistance and relocation program for survivors and a statewide prevention program.