



**AmeriCorps**



ODVN Financial Freedom Corps Position Description  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network Housing Empowerment Specialist

**General Statement of Duties:** In support of the mission of The Ohio Domestic Violence Network, the ODVN Empowerment Specialist will work with ODVN staff to develop activities and materials for the program sites to use in their housing/financial/youth empowerment work.

**Service Location:** Ohio Domestic Violence Network

**Direct Supervisor:** Sarah MacLennan

**Service Dates:** October 1, 2022- August 31, 2023

**Service Position Type/ Required Minimum Service Hours:** Half-time, 20 hr/wk (900 hrs total) or Full-time, 40 hr/wk (1700 hrs total)

**General Service Schedule:** Recommended schedule: M-F

**Duties Include:**

- Provide connections & referrals between survivors and program staff with the REACH Rapid Re-Housing program for Balance of State counties
- Create materials to educate potential landlords about domestic violence and the barriers it creates for survivors in the area of housing.
- Assist with ODVN's Fresh Start Housing program by working with program staff to refer to applicable housing programs available across the state
- Build housing resource sheets for survivors that can be disseminated to local agencies to build awareness
- Assist ODVN in gathering data to accurately address community needs and program effectiveness to strengthen prevention efforts.
- Ensure accurate data entry and evaluation of any surveys conducted. Surveys may be conducted to determine satisfaction with services received, or to understand knowledge of housing resources/assistance.
- Share survey results with program staff and partners (as applicable). • Engage in program site supervision regularly with Site Supervisor.
- Comply with all AmeriCorps program guidelines by maintaining service hours, training hours, and service projects as outlined in the AmeriCorps Service Agreement.

- Interact in a positive, professional and cooperative manner with survivors, DV program & ODVN staff; refer appropriate questions or concerns to AmeriCorps Program Coordinator.
- Attend all required training courses and staff meetings and participate in AmeriCorps service projects.
- Understand and promote the Mission and Vision of The Ohio Domestic Violence Network that values diversity and celebrates the positive aspects of a multicultural society.

**• Other tasks and projects may be assigned which are not listed here. Any new activities will focus on 1 of the 3 program areas: housing assistance, financial empowerment or youth empowerment.**

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- At least 18 years of age
- Ability to pass criminal background check
- Working knowledge of Microsoft office software and data entry programs
- Positive and professional written and oral communication skills
- Vested interest in social service & serving community
- Comfortable speaking in front of a group

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Associates/Bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, or related field · Experience working with marginalized populations, including but not limited to folks who are: low income, experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, programs that work with People of Color or individuals living with disabilities. · Highly organized and detail oriented
- Experience with public speaking or speaking to groups
- Experience teaching others
- Experience conducting surveys and collecting data
- Fluency in languages in addition to English, such as Spanish or ASL, is helpful but not required.

#### **Member/Program Benefits**

- **Living Allowance** up to \$1,022.37 bi-weekly taxable income for a Full-time member, or \$587.58 bi-weekly taxable income for a Half-time member (\$587.58)
- **Education Award** up to \$6,495 (for a Full-time member) and up to \$3,247.50 (for a Half-time member)

Housing Allowance of \$200.00 per month

- Training on Domestic Violence Advocacy Fundamentals, additional trainings and CEU's available throughout year
- Access to member health care (full-time only)
- Access to childcare subsidy (full-time only)
- Get valuable entry level experience in the domestic violence field · Serve the

- community and build capacity at your program site to serve others in the future
- Increase positive outcomes for survivors and their families.
- Interested in cultivating a long-lasting career in the domestic violence service field? Members will also receive guidance and one-on-one support on how to pursue becoming a Registered Advocate in the State of Ohio once their service has ended.
  - All members will have free access to ODVN's Domestic Violence Advocacy Fundamentals course.
  - \*\*please note that AmeriCorps members are prohibited from engaging in political advocacy & lobbying. Registered Advocate is a certified position in Ohio which involves case management and the support of clients in their short-term goals.**
  - Visit [this link](#) to learn more about becoming an RA with OAN (Ohio Advocate Network).

**Application Process:**

We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. ODVN encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, or veteran status.

**To apply:** Please submit a resume with a cover letter or equivalent, to Sarah MacLennan at sarahm@odvn.org. Please do not submit anything by mail. No telephone inquiries please.

**The review of applications and scheduling of initial interviews of first round candidates will begin immediately,** progressing until a qualified applicant is hired.

ODVN is an Equal Opportunity Employer

*ODVN recognizes the relationship between domestic violence and oppression. Thus, it is committed to becoming an exemplary diverse, equitable and inclusive organization by:*

- *Welcoming diverse people and perspectives*
- *Focusing on areas of inclusion via advocacy, training and leadership*

I have received a copy of this position description and I understand the expectations of this position.

Member Name (Print)

AmeriCorps Staff (Print)

Member Signature

Date

AmeriCorps Staff Signature

Date