



Nothing About Us, Without Us!

The Peer Support Network helps people with disabilities who are also survivors of sexual violence link together, lead and support each other.

This a powerful advocacy leadership tool to support survivors on their path to healing. The Peer Support Network works together with agencies, advocacy organizations and survivors across all states.

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Peer Support Network

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Disabled Persons Protection Commission
Sexual Assault Response Team



STRONGER Together

A partnership to address sexual violence against persons with disabilities

What is the Peer Support Network

The Peer Support Network (PSN) is a network created by and for people with disabilities who are also survivors of sexual violence.

Its creation and ongoing operation are supported by **Building Partnerships Initiative** and the **Disabled Persons Protection Commission**.

What We Do

- Raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual violence against persons with disabilities
- Collaborate in state and national projects
- Provides awareness of the importance of trauma-informed supports
- Provide awareness for the use of accessible formats
- Communicate survivor needs
- Create training for APS professionals
- Provide free services

Our Mission

Have a network led by and for people with I/DD to ensure victims of sexual violence have access to peer support, tools, and community resources.



Our Vision

A future where no child or adult with an intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) will be a victim of sexual violence.



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PSN Partnerships

Building Partnerships for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities Initiative

Building Partnerships for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities Initiative (BPI) is a statewide initiative in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that uses a multidisciplinary team approach to link law enforcement, adult protection, human services, self-advocates, and others to address abuse, neglect, and crimes committed against persons with a disability.

Disabled Persons Protection Commission

The mission of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) is to protect adults with disabilities from the abusive acts or omissions of their caregivers through investigation oversight, public awareness, and prevention.

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance

Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance (MOVA) is an independent state agency governed by the Victim and Witness Assistance Board. MOVA strives to advance victim rights by ensuring all victims and survivors of crime across the Commonwealth are supported and empowered through access to high-quality services that are trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and reflective of diverse communities.