

Opportunities in Northern Michigan Chapter

Disaster Services

Preparedness:

- **Home Fire Campaign Volunteer:**
 - Working with your local fire department and your community to educate and install free smoke alarms
 - Test current smoke alarms
 - Install up to three smoke alarms per home.
 - We offer free training.
 - We offer tools necessary to do the job.
 - Our goal is to reduce fatalities by 25%
 - Being part of the bigger picture of giving back to your community
- **Pillowcase Project Volunteer:**
 - Present preparedness education material to grade school children in a school setting
 - Assist in the development of school relationships
- **General Preparedness:**
 - General preparedness education during events
 - Assist in the development of community partners
 - Attend local events within the chapter

Response:

We help people affected by disasters ranging from home fires to hurricanes by providing food, shelter, clothing, comfort and hope. Each year, volunteers respond to approx. 2,300 local disaster across the state of Michigan.

- **Disaster Action Team Member (Disaster Services Member):**
 - DAT Members work on a scheduled, on-call basis and respond to disasters in their local community/geographical area
 - **Day and overnight shifts available 24/7 – 365 days a year**
 - **Shifts are scheduled in advance (by the responder). Responders are expected to answer emergency calls and respond while on-duty.**
 - Work with clients to begin the recovery casework process
 - Length of shift will vary by geographical area

Recovery:

- **Recovery Caseworker (Disaster Services Member):**
 - To assist clients in bridging the gap between what they can accomplish on their own and what is necessary to allow them to move through the recovery process
 - Usually completed during daytime, weekday business hours (may differ by geographical area)

Those with professional licenses:

- **Disaster Health Services:**
 - **MUST HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Active unencumbered license as Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Advance Practice Nurse, Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, Physician's Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic**
 - Provide health-related services and secure resources to meet the health needs of people affected by disaster.

- Provide support to persons who have disaster-related or disaster-aggravated health needs; help clients find resources to meet health-related financial obligations
- **Disaster Mental Health:**
 - **MUST HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - **CURRENTLY LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.** Must have at least a master's degree in one of the mental health professional below; AND currently hold a license (any level, including non-clinical licenses such as a Licensed Master Social Worker/LMSW) from any U.S. State or territory as a social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist or psychiatrist.
 - **CURRENT SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS:** Must have at least a minimum of a Master Degree in school psychology or school counseling; AND currently hold a state license or state certification issued by a state board of election
 - **CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC NURSES:** Must have a state license as a RN; AND have a minimum of 2 years' experience working in a psychiatric setting
 - **RETIRED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:** Must meet the above educational criteria for a specified profession; AND held a license or certification (any level license) from any US State or territory as a social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist or psychiatrist, within the 5 years prior to on-boarding as a DMH worker and retired in good standing with the issuing state licensing or certification board
 - Provides crisis interventions, mental health screening and assessment, emotional care and support, referrals, advocacy, mediation, consultation, psychosocial education and mobilization and psychological triage.

Not interested in being on the front line but want to be part of the Disaster Cycle? Other positions are available within Disaster Cycle Services and will vary by geographical location. Opportunities may include:

Workforce Management
Clerical
Front Desk
Special Projects

Responders will be eligible for National Deployment after the required training had been completed and a corresponding position within a Disaster Relief Operation is available.

Service to the Armed Forces

- **Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Family Contact Volunteer:**
 - Provide Get To Know Us (GTKU) preparedness education to military families via phone outreach
 - Great for nights and weekends or works from home
- **VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) Lead – Iron Mountain**
 - Act as liaison between a VA Health Care Facility and the local Red Cross
 - Attend and participate in quarterly VAVS meetings and assist with the coordination of the Annual Joint Review
- **VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) Program Volunteer – Iron Mountain**
 - Volunteer at a local VA Health Care Facility
 - Requires Masters level mental health professional licensure
- **Copying with Deployments Instructor:**

- Provide courses to military members, veterans and their families in various community-based settings
- Stay up-to-date on mental health research and practices for military veterans their families
- **Critical Community Service Caseworker:**
 - Maintain strict confidentiality of clients
 - Ensure military family's needs are met when faced with an urgent need
- **Engagement Lead:**
 - Consults with department managers on position on-boarding, planned growth and career development
 - Reassigns volunteers to other departments or positions as needed
 - Consults, coaches and trains to promote positive workforce relationships and effective on-going volunteer engagement
 - Follows up with volunteers and departments to ensure proper placement and job satisfaction
- **Family Contact Card Caseworker:**
 - Call military families to provide Red Cross preparedness information
 - Provide information and referral services as necessary
 - Documents case activity in the case management system
- **Military Entrance Data Outreach Manager:**
 - Ensures all cards with contact information are entered
 - Assigns all cases to be followed up with by a Family Outreach volunteer
 - Monitors progress of these cases and timely completion
- **Mind-Body Facilitator:**
 - Teach mind-body skills to service members, veterans, and their families in various community-based settings
 - Stay up to date on complementary and integrative research and practices for the military, veterans and their families
 - Performs duties within the scope of license requirements, training instruction, and supervision
- **Reconnection Workshop Facilitator-Adult:**
 - Master's level or higher mental health professional degree
 - Personal or professional experience working with the military is a plus
 - Available to mentor and co-teach training with the new RW facilitators
- **Reconnection Workshop Facilitator- Child:**
 - Master's level or higher mental health professional degree
 - Must have experience working with children
 - Stay up-to-date on child abuse registry and fingerprint check by state
- **Family Follow-Up:**
 - Support and assist with the full range of client services to military members, veterans and their families
- **Animal Visitation Program Volunteer:**
 - Provide trained and certified animals for visits in medical treatment facilities, wounded service member barracks and other approved locations

Volunteer Services

- **Community Engagement Ambassadors:**
 - Recruitment of prospective volunteers
 - Assist with community outreach events
 - Community engagement

- **Intake Volunteer:**
 - Welcome perspective volunteers and process new volunteer applications
 - Monitor new applications submitted in Volunteer Connection
 - Call and email prospective volunteers to remind them to complete all application steps in the intake path
- **Recruitment Volunteer:**
 - Recruit volunteers for all lines of service and departments
 - Research outreach events and fairs
 - Plans and carries out recruitment events in the community
 - Promotes volunteer opportunities and community events
- **Volunteer Services Instructor:**
 - Teach Volunteer Services courses to build and enhance volunteer engagement
 - Responsible to teach approximately 3 times per year
 - Prepare course materials and evaluations
- **Engagement Center Volunteer:**
 - Gauge volunteer and client satisfaction as well as pinpointing problems that need to be addressed