

Request for Disaster Psychosocial Volunteers!

The Provincial ***Disaster Psychosocial (DPS) Program Volunteer Network*** (Provincial Health Services Authority) is made up of Registered Psychologists, Clinical Counsellors, Social Workers, Police Victim Services and Spiritual Care. ***DPS Volunteers*** have responded to large scale emergencies or disasters in B.C. since 2001. We have used our skills in supporting evacuees impacted by interface forest fires, flooding, slides, apartment fires or other events – events that create difficulties in coping for people, such as high anxiety, distress, loss and grief or any number of reactions.

The types of services the ***DPS Program, Volunteer Network*** offers are:

1. Worker Care for responders
2. Psychological First Aid
 - One on one support
 - General assessment of immediate need
 - Crisis counselling
3. Stress Management Education
4. Spiritual Care
5. Consultation to Emergency Management staff and volunteers
6. Community Assessment of needs

These supportive activities help build individual and community capacity and fosters resilience in the longer term, a rewarding experience to be a part of!

Other Benefits

- Access to tailored disaster psychosocial training and exercises
- Learning about emergency management and Emergency Social Services
- Opportunities to develop new skills
- A chance to provide essential support in your community at times of need
- Access to a dedicated professional network
- Excellent karma!

Application process

If you are interested in applying to become a ***Disaster Psychosocial Volunteer*** please contact the DPS Program at DPSProgram@phsa.ca or call 604-877-6000 ext. 2481.

“you can provide the calm in the storm”