

**Central MN Sexual Assault Center**

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**Position: CMSAC Self-Advocate Volunteer**

**Advocates for Survivor Accessibility Advisory Group Member**

The Central MN Sexual Assault Center (CMSAC) is looking for Self-Advocate Volunteers (*Advocates for Survivor Accessibility Advisory Group Members*) to work with the '*Services for Women with Disabilities Coordinator*' to help talk about problems that survivors who have a disability face when getting help for a sexual assault. These problems or barriers can happen when survivors work with sexual assault advocates, police officers, social workers, therapists, or other helpers. Self-Advocate Volunteers help raise awareness about these problems and barriers to people working in the sexual violence field.

**What is a CMSAC Self-Advocate?**

A CMSAC Self-Advocate is someone who lives with a disability and wants to share their experiences of facing barriers to make sexual violence services better for other survivors. A CMSAC Self-Advocate is also someone who wants to help raise awareness about disability issues in the sexual violence field. A CMSAC Self-Advocate is willing to work on a team of professionals and other Self-Advocates to accomplish the goals of the A.S.A. Group.

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*Self-Advocate Volunteer Must Haves:*

- At least 18 years' old
- Be living with a disability (including mental health diagnoses)
- Have or have done work in the disability community as a self-advocate or peer-advocate to others who have a disability
- Interested in raising disability awareness in the sexual violence field

*Self-Advocate Volunteer Activities May Include:*

- Being a member of the **Advocates for Survivor Accessibility Advisory Group or A.S.A. Group**
- Helping 'Services for Women with Disabilities Coordinator or SWDC' make plans to do outreach to the disability community
- Helping SWDC plan meetings for the A.S.A. Group
- Helping SWDC make programming for other survivors who have a disability to use in a group
- Be a co-group leader with SWDC during groups with survivors who have a disability
- Help plan meetings with police officers, county attorney offices, domestic violence program staff, sexual violence program staff, and others to talk about issues survivors with disabilities face when they ask for help

For more information about how to get involved with CMSAC as a Self-Advocate Volunteer for the A.S.A Group, please call, stop in, or email to set up a meeting time with **Samantha the 'Services for Women with Disabilities Coordinator'**.

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For more information about the A.S.A. Group go online at:

<https://cmsac.org/advocates-for-survivor-accessibility-advisory-group/>