



## ***Adult Protective Services***

### ***Dearborn & Ohio County Prosecutor's Office***

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**Keep Seniors Safe!** The Adult Protective Services program was established to investigate reports and provide intervention and protection to vulnerable adults who are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. APS investigators operate out of offices of county prosecutors throughout the state. The Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor's Office in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, is the hub for Unit 12 Adult Protective Services. Unit 12 is a vast region and includes 10 counties across Indiana: Dearborn, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley, Rush, Union, Switzerland and Wayne Counties

The goal of the Adult Protective Services staff is to help seniors and/or endangered adults to live as independently as possible in the least restrictive environment, free from physical, emotional and financial abuse or the threat of abuse. As part of our team, you will work with 3-4 other investigators within the Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor's Office to investigate claims on elder abuse. The team researches complaints made through the Indiana State Hotline and if the APS unit has reason to believe that an individual who is 18 years or older is an endangered adult, then the team brings resources together and often coordinate with local Law Enforcement and other Agencies to create a solution. In addition to investigating reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation, the APS staff also educates the public to improve prevention and public awareness.

#### **Adult Protective Services Investigator Job Description**

The Investigator will receive and investigate reports of abuse and will assist in utilizing available legal, medical, psychiatric, residential and social services that are necessary to protect the health and safety of an endangered adult. The Investigator will also assist in obtaining protective services for the endangered adult when appropriately indicated. Services provided (directly or through referral) may range from safety monitoring, linkages with other service providers (health, mental health, aging, etc.), assistance in obtaining benefits, informal money management, to appointment as a representative payee, to petitioning a court for appointment as a guardian or for some other legal intervention.

#### **Specific responsibilities include:**

- Investigation and assessment of the adult's needs and risk of harm
- Coordinating counseling for the victimized adult and their family
- Case management including location and arrangement of medical and mental health assessments and services, home health care, home-delivered meals, and homemaker or housekeeper chore services. This could include ongoing assessments and monitoring to assure that the services place continues to be appropriate
- Advocacy to assist in obtaining benefits and services the adult is entitled to
- Finding alternative living arrangements
- Money management to assist adults who are unable to manage their own resources on their own behalf or protect themselves from exploitation. This can range from informal to more

formal means of money management. A representative payee can be established to manage public assistance benefits

- Crisis interventions
- Long-term involuntary interventions, such as seeking guardianship for persons who lack capacity and need protection to care for their person, property, or both.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree required
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Well-organized individual with the ability to multi-task and manage a large volume of work
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of the investigative team
- Proficient computer and technology skills
- Social work experience preferred

Full-time Investigators can expect a starting salary at \$45,000 and may be adjusted to compensate for additional experience, skills, and training. Competitive County Government benefits also provided.

Interested candidates should apply by August 2, 2024. To apply, please provide the following via email:

- Resume and cover letter addressed to Suellen Cauble [scauble@dearbornohioprossecutor.com](mailto:scauble@dearbornohioprossecutor.com)
- Reference List