Improving Rural Enrollment, Access, and Health in Rural Veterans

Partner with VA and provide care to Veterans!

Michigan Center for Rural Health

- Ask the Question...
 "Have You Served?"
 It's the right thing to do!
- 567,919 Veterans in Michigan
- Over 2/3 receive community care, some through the VA
- Less than 50% are receiving all their earned benefits

Community providers play a vital role in ensuring Veterans receive the care they earned.

There are <u>many success stories</u> of providers connecting Veterans and their families with resources.



But there's still work to be done. Sadly, one Veteran struggling with chronic head pain and other difficulties <u>had been to three</u> <u>different healthcare facilities and</u> <u>not one asked if he had ever</u> <u>served in the military</u>. He had been in IED explosions and lost his roommate in an explosion. He was given pain meds and sent home. He never received an accurate diagnosis or relevant treatment. The Veteran died by suicide.

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR VETERANS, CAREGIVERS and their FAMILIES

The Veterans Administration offers many programs designed to benefit Veterans, their families, and their Caregivers. <u>https://www.va.gov/</u>

• Provide care to Veterans by joining the new VA Community Care Network. Community providers are critical to Veteran's health!

Community Care Overview / homepage: LINK

Quick link to Provider Overview: LINK

Veterans Crisis Line DIAL 988 then PRESS ()

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- **Community Provider Toolkit.** Health services co-occurring disorders toolkit for health care professionals working with Veterans outside of the VA healthcare system. LINK
- Encourage use of the new VA Health and Benefits mobile app. <u>LINK</u>

MICHIGAN SUPPORT FOR VETERANS, CAREGIVERS and their FAMILIES

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency provides support and service to Veterans and their families. <u>https://www.michigan.gov/mvaa</u>

- Become a Michigan Veteran Connector. Connection to benefits saves lives; help by Asking the Question: "Have You Served?" <u>LINK</u>
- Join a Veterans Community Action Team. Service providers and community members serving Veterans and their families. LINK
- County VA Offices and Veteran Service Officers (Find VSO's). Accredited claims services for Veterans and their families. <u>LINK</u>

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MORE RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, CAREGIVERS and their FAMILIES

There are many organizations and individuals that provide service, support and programs to Veterans, their families, and their caregivers.

- VA Telehealth Services. https://telehealth.va.gov/
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) treatment locator: https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/
- Make the Connection. Stories of Help and Hope. Find Stories Like Yours. https://www.maketheconnection.net/
- VA Caregiver Support Program (CSP). Offers clinical services to eligible caregivers. https://www.caregiver.va.gov/
- Caregiver Incentive Project. Supporting in-home caregivers and those in need of care. https://caregiverincentiveproject.org/
- Native American Veterans. High representation in the armed forces. https://www.benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-tribal.asp
- Center for Women Veterans. https://www.va.gov/womenvet/
- WINC: For All Women Veterans. Promoting the health of female Veterans. https://wincforall.com/
- Michigan 2-1-1. Dial 211 to find help in your area. https://mi211.org/
- Walking with Warriors. Find a MDHHS Veteran Navigator. https://www.michigan.gov/mvaa/health-and-welfare/warriors
- Wounded Warrior Project. For Post 9/11 warriors, their families, and caregivers. https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/
- Military OneSource. 24/7 connection to information and support to help you reach your goals. https://www.militaryonesource.mil/
- Michigan Substance Use, Prevention, Education and Recovery (MiSUPER). https://www.canr.msu.edu/misuper/index
- MSU Extension. Programs for Veterans and their families. https://www.canr.msu.edu/veterans
- PsychArmor. Educational products. <u>https://psycharmor.org/</u>
- Department of Defense. Learn about our forces. https://www.defense.gov/About/our-forces/

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- Man Therapy. An interactive mental health campaign for men that employs humor to address mental health. https://mantherapy.org/
- findhelp.org. Search and connect to support. Financial, food, medical, other free or reduced-cost help. https://www.findhelp.org/
- Michigan Veterans Coalition. Veterans helping veterans get their benefits. https://miveteranbenefits.org/ (833) MI-VET-CO

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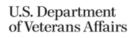






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Are you fully connected to all of your earned benefits? Call 1-800-MICH-VET for a free benefits consultation.

Learn more at Michigan.gov/MVAA









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