VA Veterans Outreach Event for Faith-based, Nonprofit and Community Leaders and Organizations

*An Overview of VA Resources for Veterans: What Faith-based, Community, and Nonprofit Organizations Need to Know*

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VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP)
Mission Statements
United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan,” by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans.

VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

To develop partnerships with and provide relevant information to faith-based, nonprofit and community organizations, expanding their participation in and increasing their knowledge of VA’s programs and services, in order to serve the needs of our Veterans, their families, Survivors, caregivers and other beneficiaries.
VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

History and Background – Center Established by Presidential Executive Order

• June 1, 2004 – VA Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI)
• February 2009 – VA Center name was changed to Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP)
• The VA CFBNP is one of fourteen FBNP Centers at Federal Agencies
White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
Supporting America’s Veterans

Mission
Centers for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
Policy Goals
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Agency Centers
Veterans Affairs
Health and Human Services
Housing and Urban Development
Homeland Security
U. S. Agency for International Development
Agriculture
Commerce
Education
Corporation for National and Community Service
Justice
Labor
Small Business Administration
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of State
What is a Partnership?

A partnership is a strategic alliance or relationship between two or more people.

Successful partnerships are based on trust, equality, and mutual understanding and obligations.
### VA CFBNP Pursues Collaborative Opportunities

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<th>What are your ministries?</th>
<th>Do you have a transportation program?</th>
<th>What are the interests of your youth group?</th>
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<td>What programs do you currently have in place?</td>
<td>Do you have members that are retired and looking for ways to keep busy?</td>
<td>Single adults?</td>
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<td>What services do you offer to your community?</td>
<td>Do you have a food program?</td>
<td>Do you host community events?</td>
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Center Programs

VA CFBNP Steering Committee

- Representatives from VHA, VBA, and NCA
- Representatives from the Program and Staff Offices
- Center hosts Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings

VA CFBNP Quarterly Conference Calls

- Opportunity to provide ListServ members with relevant information on VA programs and services to enhance their work with Veterans, their families and survivors
- ListServ sends information from other agencies on collaborative opportunities
The 21\textsuperscript{st} century VA will be built around 3 guiding principals

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<th>People-Centric</th>
<th>Results-Driven</th>
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In VA’s Pursuit of Excellence, We Have Three (3) Priority Goals

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<th>Eliminate Veteran Homelessness</th>
<th>Increase Access to Health Care</th>
<th>Decrease Claim Backlog</th>
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CFBNP  Building Collaborations  Empowering Veterans
U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA PTSD RESOURCES
National Center for PTSD – www.ptsd.va.gov

VA PTSD Programs – www.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD.asp

VA Health Benefits – 1-877-222-8387

Military OneSource – 1-800-342-9647

Mental Health Service Locator – http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/databases/

Suicide Prevention Hotline – 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Homeless Veterans Chat Live 24/7 ~ 24 Hours A Day / 7 Days A Week

- Homeless Veterans or Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness have 24 hour access to Trained Counselors

- The Hotline is intended to assist
  - Homeless Veterans and their families
  - VA Medical Centers
  - Federal, State and Local Partners
  - Community Partners
  - Service Providers
  - Others in the Community
HOMELESS VETERANS IN NEED OF HELP?
CALL 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838) ~
http://www1.va.gov/homeless/

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU CALL?

- You will be connected to a trained VA staff member.
- Hotline staff will conduct a brief screen to assess your needs.
- Homeless Veterans will be connected with the Homeless Point of Contact at the nearest VA facility.
- Family members and non-VA providers calling on behalf of a homeless Veteran will be provided with information regarding the homeless programs and services available.
- Contact information will be requested so staff may follow-up.
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