



U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

**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”***

Ivy Tech Community College

Richmond, Indiana

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Presenter ~ Stephen B. Dillard, Deputy Director

VA Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP)



Mission Statements

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"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.

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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.



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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.



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VA CFBNP Pursues Collaborative Opportunities

What are your ministries?

What programs do you currently have in place?

What services do you offer to your community?

Do you have a transportation program?

Do you have members that are retired and looking for ways to keep busy?

Do you have a food program?

What are the interests of your youth group?

Single adults?

Do you host community events?



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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



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The 21st century VA will be built around 3 guiding principals
We Are

People-Centric

Results-Driven

Forward-Looking



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In VA's Pursuit of Excellence, We Have Three (3) Priority Goals

Eliminate Veteran
Homelessness

Increase Access
to Health Care

Decrease Claim
Backlog



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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)



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NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

HOMELESS VETERANS IN NEED OF HELP?

CALL 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)

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



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<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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