

OBJECTIVES:

To promote the quality sound services to veterans and their families. In order to meet the goal of the program, the Vet Centers have the following objectives:

- Outreach to locate eligible Veterans and engage them in programs that meet their readjustment needs.
- Provide counseling and other Services to eligible veterans and their families.
- Refer veterans to appropriate community agencies and service providers.
- Provide follow-up to ensure that eligible veterans receive adequate service.
- Officer community education to inform the public of the needs of veterans who served in combat or other situations of armed hostilities and the services of the Vet Center.



Mission of Readjustment Counseling Service

Vet Centers serve combat veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families, and communities. Care that includes professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations, the brokering of services with community agencies, and provides a key access link between the veteran and other services in the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.



SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Bereavement Counseling for families of Active Duty service members
- Marital and Family Counseling
- Alcohol Counseling
- Benefits Assistance and Referral
- Employment Counseling, Referral and Counseling
- Spouse / Significant Other Counseling
- Community Education
- Liaison with VA Facilities
- Referral to Community Agencies
- Information regarding local and national veteran's organizations and projects.

Background and Eligibility of Readjustment Counseling Services

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other period of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. Those other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. Those other periods of armed hostilities are identified as Yugoslavia, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Korea, World War II, American Merchant Marines, Operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard and Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Global War on Terrorism.

The Veterans Health Program Act of 1992 authorizes counseling for veterans who have experienced acts of sexual violence or harassment while on active duty.

Vet Centers also provide Bereavement counseling for parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died while in service to their country. Family members of Reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty are included.

Locations

Phoenix Vet Center
4020 N. 20th St. #110
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Phone: (602) 640-2981

Mesa Vet Center
1303 South Longmore, Suite 5
Mesa, AZ 85202
Phone: (480) 610-6727

West Valley Vet Center
14050 N. 83rd Avenue Suite 170
Peoria, AZ 85381
Phone: (623) 398-8854

Prescott Vet Center
3180 Stillwater Drive, Suite A
Prescott, AZ 86305
Phone: (928) 778-3469

Tucson Vet Center
2525 E. Broadway Blvd Suite 100
Tucson, AZ 85719
Phone: (520) 882-0333

Chinle Outstation
Navajo Route 7, Old BIA Complex-B59
Chinle, AZ 86503
Phone: (928) 674-3682

Hopi Outstation
P.O. Box 929, 1 Main St.
Hotevilla, AZ 86030
Phone: (928) 734-5166

Lake Havasu
1720 Mesquite Ste. 101, P.O. Box 3237
Lake Havasu, AZ 86403
Phone: (928) 505-0394

Yuma Vet Center
1450 E. 16th St, Suite 103
Yuma, AZ 85365
Phone: (928) 271-8700



READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICES



Welcome Home

In Crisis? Call:
877-WAR-VETS
OR
Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255