



I&R Support Center's Technical Assistance Call
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Community Partnerships for Veterans with Disabilities: Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services (VDHCBS) and Beyond

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSKzuNV4fvs&feature=player_embedded

Community Veterans Project

Mission Statement

- The Prince William Area Agency on Aging will empower independence and enhance the quality of life and enjoyment of aging by offering a supportive network for older persons, Veterans of all ages, and family caregivers through advocacy, education, coordination, and implementation of programs and services for older adults in the tri-jurisdictional area.

How do we Define Veteran?



A veteran is someone, who in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount "up to and including my life."

Workshop Objectives

- Explore/Develop creative “think outside of the box” collaborative efforts to provide needed services for veterans within their community.
- Examine /Prioritize community needs assessments to better identify/target services for Veterans
- Provide steps to developing collaborative partnerships that will benefit veterans.

VDHCBS-Thinking outside the box



- Growing interest and demand for VDHCBS
- Studies support Veterans desire to receive care in their community rather than a nursing home.
- Significant culture change for VA

Veteran Directed = Consumer Directed



- April 2012-VDHCBS-
serving nearly 1400 Vets,
- Across 23 states and
District of Columbia.
- Over 40 VA/MC in
partnership with more
than 90 Aging and
disability network
agencies.
- VDHCBS programs
continue to increase

Veterans and the Military Family Culture



To offer the most effective care and service, it is critical to understand the unique culture of the military.*

Realize that 70% of military families live outside the gates of a military installation and will often seek health care treatment in the community and not on a installation.

- www.militaryfamily.org
- www.myarmyonesource.com/

Military Culture continued...



Community Needs Assessment

- Coalition of Human Services of the Greater Prince William Area
- Membership organization: Over 30 diverse nonprofit groups and County government agencies
- Address a multitude of residents' needs
- Partnerships developed to avoid duplication and to build a seamless safety net for residents' needs

Veterans Committee of the Prince William Commission on Aging (VCPWCOA)

- Community and Veteran Buy-In started with Strong veteran representation- August 2011
- VCPWCOA was the precursor to the area Chamber of Commerce Veterans Advisory Council
- Committee Members represented a broad, cross section of veterans/groups, community leaders, public service professionals, political leaders and supportive agencies/organizations

Veterans Council of Prince William Chamber of Commerce

Mission: Provide a vehicle for veterans from all walks of life to participate in the improvement of life for others and for themselves in Prince William.

Vision: Become an example of how local community veterans programs can connect local need to local capability as well as channel national, state and regional programs and resources to meet local requirements.

Prince William Area Veterans Demographics*

- Almost 15% of population age 18 and over
- Greatest concentration of vets by age, 35-54 19,500
- 2nd highest 55-64—10,000
- 3/4th highest-18-34 and 65-74---@ 5,000

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http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/news_conferences/20121203_acs5yr.html

Period of Service

- Gulf War (8/1990-2/2001) Veterans-17,000
- Vietnam Era Veterans—13,000
- Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Afghanistan Veterans—10,000
- Korean War Veterans-2,000
- World War II Veterans-1,100

Serving our Veterans Beyond VDHCB

RSVP Partnership with PWAAA for V.E.T.S.

Veterans Enhanced Transportation Service

- Dual Focus: Referral for Volunteer Drivers and Referral for transport service. MOU
- Purpose of Program
- Volunteer Duties
- Volunteer Qualifications
- Volunteer Training Provided
- RSVP-Liability coverage provided.
- Meet transportation needs for homebound vets/widowed spouse
- Win-Win



In-home-Behavioral Health= **In Home Care for PTSD**

- Veteran Contracted Home Health Agency
- Tricare accepted
- “Journey” Behavioral health service
- Trusted/Comfortable Environment-Vet’s home
- More Vietnam Vets utilize service

Older American's Act Title III-E

PWAAA utilizes Title III E Grant monies

- Provides Caregiver support to Pre-911 vets and Caregivers
- Can prevent long delays in receiving needed support/services for vets/caregivers

**PWAAA Title III E
Caregiver Support**



- **Services Funded by Area Agency on Aging:**
- Outreach
- Public Education Referral
- Screening/Assessment
- Caregiver Forum
- Caregiver Training/Support-OT/PT
- Counseling Support Group
- Adult Day Care Day Care Respite
- **Sitter Transportation**
- **Chore**
- **Housing Improvement**
- **Legal Assistance**
- **Supplies & Services Medical**

Project Mend-A-House (PMAH)

- 1989 PMAH History---Started within PWC/AAA
- Now-501c-3-Non-Profit/tax exempt status
- Program has grown/evolved over the years
- Initially served Elderly, now includes Persons with Disabilities. <http://www.pmahweb.org/aboutus.html>

PMAH Supports Benefit Veterans

- Eligibility process-shorter
- Assessment of Need(s)-shorter
- Modification Project Plan-shorter
- Implementation-cadre of motivated Volunteers
- Project completion-Shorter
- Satisfied Vet

Habitat for Humanity International

- PWC Habitat for Humanity selected for Veteran Support Initiative July 2012/ Critical Home Repairs for Veterans and Weatherization
- Habitat for Humanity Repair Corps and Home Depot Foundation
- Home Repair grants up to \$15,000

<http://www.habitatpwc.org/repairs/bwk.php>



Hearts of Valor TM

- **Support Groups**- to improve the lives of those who care for wounded warriors.
- **Retreats**- opportunities to relax, reflect and rejuvenate
- **Forums**- Connecting with other caregivers who share similar interests, common concerns or a kind word when needed/Opportunities to become a Support Group Leader



Veterans Service Representative

- The Veteran's Benefit Administration, provides a range of different benefit services for our veterans. Within the VBA, the VSR's can assist a vet w/ disabilities in applying for eligible benefit pensions that may/may not be service-connected or related to the military service.

Services that Target Homeless/At-Risk Veterans

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Veterans Administration grant to community organizations to administer funds for Housing stabilization and prevention (Grant monies to assist w/ security deposit, 1st month's rent, rent arrears, utility bills, etc.)

www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/SSVF/Fact_sheet_SSVF_112011.docx

QUESTIONS?????

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