



RESOURCE GUIDE



TAKING ACTION TO SERVICE AMERICA'S MILITARY FAMILIES



WHO IS JCF?

As an entity of the Colorado National Guard Family Program office, Joining Community Forces is a voluntary military and community cooperative partnership organized to allow service providers to engage in a multi-service networking that assists with connecting Service Members and families to local military or community resources.

JCF's strengthens preexisting ISFACs (Inter-Service Family Assistance Centers) across the Nation. JCF initiative's mission includes guiding and informing community leaders and local commanders across America on how to establish and sustain collaborative community, state, and regional. By building community capacity from the ground up, JCF will enable proactive and effective assistance right where veterans, service members, and their families live.

Vision:

We unite resources across Colorado to bridge the gap between military service and lifelong empowerment. By delivering tailored regional support, we ensure no veteran, service member, or family stands alone and every sacrifice builds a more resilient community.

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POST 9/11 GI BILL

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to honorably discharged Veterans with at least 90 days of aggregate service on Title 10 Active Duty or title 32 Active Guard Reserve Duty after September 10, 2001, or individuals full tuition and fees directly to the school for all public school in-state students, attending classes at a greater than part-time rate.

A monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependent's are also provided. Distance learning enrollee's housing allowance is equal to half the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents, annual books and supplies stipend is paid proportionately based on years of active duty service.

Visit: GiBill.va.gov

**GI BILL HOTLINE:
(888) 442-4551**

What is MyVoEdPath?

Get the education you need for the advancement you want- no matter where you are.

With MyVoEdPath mobile app, you have a wealth of military education resources in the palm of your hand. You can maximize the use of your military education benefits and create a customized path to education and advancement- anytime, anywhere.

With a user-friendly design, comprehensive checklists, and a step-by-step process already laid out, MyVoEdPath provides a clear path to follow for military advancements, a college degree or a civilian career.



FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE

What is it?

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a soldier's professional and personal self-development goals. How do I qualify?

Tier 1:

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed AIT, WOBC or BOLC.
- Have not attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, associates or bachelor's degree or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate or undergraduate academic certificate or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree w/out FTA and wish to pursue master's degree.

Tier 2:

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either ALC, WOAC, CCC, or equivalent.
- Have attained a bachelor's degree w/ FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.
- Service Requirement/Obligation: Enlisted: Have ETS or MRD after completion of FTA funded course(s).
- Officers and Warrant Officers: Subject to a two-year active service obligation (ADSO) or four-year RC obligation (RDSO).

What Do I Get?

- Up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year.
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours.
- Up to 21 additional semester hours towards an academic certificate.
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more.

How do I Apply?

- Go to www.armyignited.com and establish an account by clicking "Get Started".
- Request an Education Path (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your School-Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for courses you want to use TA for.

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338).
- Visit Us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: CPT Nicole Jackson at Nicole.e.jackson2.mil@army.mil or (720) 250-1325

GI Bill is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

EDUCATION RESOURCES

Better Business Bureau

Denver-Metro

Info@denver.bbb.org
www.bbb.org
3801 E Florida Ave. #350 Denver, CO 80210

Northern Colorado/Wyoming

Info@wynco.bbb.org
www.bbb.org
8020 S County Road 5 #100 Fort Collins, CO 80528

Southern Colorado

(719) 636-1155
Info@bbbsc.org
www.bbbsc.org
3801 E Florida Ave. #350 Denver, CO 80210

Great West + Pacific

(208) 994-6896
Info@thebbb.org
www.bbb.org

About: BBB's mission is to be the leader in advancing marketplace trust. BBB is a non-profit, business-supported organization that sets and upholds high standards for fair and honest business behavior. All BBB services to consumers are free of charge. BBB provides objective advice, free BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.3 million businesses, 11,000 charity reviews, dispute resolution services, alerts, and educational information on topics affecting marketplace trust. We do this by setting standards for marketplace trust, encouraging and supporting best practices by engaging and educating consumers and businesses, celebrating marketplace role models, and calling out and addressing sub-standard marketplace behaviors.

Eligibility: All consumers.

Castle Rock Artist Alliance

Arcdiver@gmail.com
www.castlerockartistalliance.com
6228 Leilani Ln Castle Rock, CO 80108

About: Castle Rock Artist Alliance is an artist non-profit serving the community of Castle Rock. We offer Veterans Art Therapy, which is a joint program between CRAC and Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation (DCVMF)--both Colorado-based 501(c)(3)'s-- to assist local veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. The program is designed to use the healing qualities of art to help veterans battling PTS. We offer program's such as photography, sculpture, watercolor and more. We are actively recruiting both veterans as well as artists/instructors to teach the courses.

Eligibility: Veterans and first responders.

Challenge America

Info@challengeamerica.com
www.challengeamerica.com

About: Connect Service Members, Veterans and their families to resources and solutions that build community and give purpose to their lives.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their families.

Colorado Department of Law-Consumer Protection Section (Stop Fraud Colorado)

(720) 508-6006

Stopfraud@coag.gov

www.stopfraudcolorado.gov

1300 Broadway 9th Floor Denver, CO 80203

About: The Colorado Attorney General is dedicated to protecting Colorado consumers and businesses against protecting consumers from being targets of fraud. Whether scammers are attempting to concoct elaborate investment schemes, to bait and switch advertising, or to lender and elderly fraud, the various Criminal and Civil Units within the office are devoted to keeping Coloradans safe.

Eligibility: All consumers.

Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book

(303) 894-7951

Info@coloradohumanities.org

www.coloradohumanities.org

7935 E. Prentice Ave. Suite 450 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

About: The Colorado Center for the Book is an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. As a department of Colorado Humanities, its mission is to encourage a love of reading among people of all ages through diverse cultural activities. Colorado humanities inspire the people of Colorado to explore ideas and appreciate our diverse cultural heritage. Passing on the knowledge of the past, the inspiration of the present, and the hope for the future, we envision a Colorado that celebrates its heritage and its diversity; that reads, embraces cultural activities, participates in critical discussions, and listens, teaches, and learns; where communities, families, individuals, and especially our youth, apply humanities in their everyday lives. Colorado Humanities strives to bring the humanities to life in Colorado.

Eligibility: N/A.

Colorado Mesa University- Veterans Services

(970) 248-1020

Veterans@coloradomesa.edu

www.coloradomesa.edu/veterans

1100 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81506

About: Colorado Mesa University proudly complies with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Principles of Excellence and is committed to supporting those who have served our country. Veterans and their eligible dependents can count on CMU for the current information they need to receive education benefits through the VA.

Eligibility: Interested in attending or attending college.

Colorado Technical University Patriot Scholarship

Colorado Springs Campus:

(719) 598-0200

www.coloradotech.edu/military/ctupatriot

1575 Garden of the Gods Rd. Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Denver South Campus:

(303) 632-2300

www.coloradotech.edu/military/ctupatriot

3151 S. Vaughn Way Aurora, CO 80014

About: Awards scholarships to service members. CTU makes it possible for those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces—along with their families and caregivers—to earn a university degree anywhere, anytime. Scholarship recipients have the option to complete an Associate, Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree program online or at one of CTU's campuses in Colorado Springs or Auora.

Eligibility: Active-duty members or honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces (including Reserves and National Guard) with service-connected disability.

Caregivers/non-medical attendants of a service member with a service-connected disability. 8

Grand Canyon University

(602) 639-7500

www.gcu.edu

3300 W. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85017

About: Grand Canyon University is an exceptional university that prides itself on the abilities of full-service counselors. We are a proud supporter of our military – and prepared to walk students through various steps associated with tuition assistance, benefits at VA.gov, FAFSA. Military specific scholarships for service members, veterans and their spouses. Call today to meet your LOCAL Aurora GCU representative to help answer all of your online education questions and scholarship details.

Eligibility: Any current or prior service member, spouses and children.

Onward To Opportunity

(315) 443-0141

Jfprunty@syr.edu

www.ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/o2o-locations/fort-carson/

About: Onward To Opportunity (O2O) is a free career training program that provides professional certification and employee support services to transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses. O2O combines industry-validated curricula, strong partnerships with leading veteran service organizations and private sector companies, and comprehensive career coaching services to prepare and match you with your next career.

Eligibility: Active-duty military (US Army, USMC, US Air Force, US Navy and USCG), Any veteran who has already separated or retired from the military with at least 180 days of active-duty service and a “honorable” discharge spouse of eligible veterans.

Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center

(719) 667-3803

Info@pikespeaksbdc.org

www.pikespeaksbdc.org

559 East Pikes Peak Avenue Suite 101 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

About: The Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center offers free business consulting, practical training, and business resources that maximize the economic potential of entrepreneurs within the Pikes Peak region. Our mission is to help existing and new businesses grow and prosper. Our goal at the Pikes Peak SBDC is to help emerging and existing entrepreneurs gain control of their business operations. Let us help you maximize your business potential.

Eligibility: Any entrepreneurs, aspiring small business owners, and existing business owners. veterans, active-duty, separated and retired individuals would be eligible to meet with our Leads Veterans Program consultants and take part in additional veterans only educational events.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



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Emergency Assistance

Alternatives to Violence Loveland

(970) 669-5157

www.alternativetoviolence.org

541 East 8th Street Loveland, CO 80537

About: Provides shelter, advocacy, education and resources for people impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Eligibility: N/A.

American Red Cross- Service to the Armed Forces & International Services

(303) 722-7474

COWSAF_IS@redcross.org

www.redcross.org/about-us/careers/pbjob-types/services-to-the-armed-forces.html

About: "Services to Military and Veteran Families: The RC helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service. Volunteers provide home comforts and critical services on bases and in military hospitals around the world. We support military families during reemployments and emergencies. We continue serving our nation's veterans after their service ends. Every day, the RC provides 24/7 global emergency communication services and other support in military and veteran health care facilities across the country and around the world."

Eligibility: Military service members, veterans and their families. Dishonorable or honorable discharges are accepted.

Broomfield FISH

(303) 465-1600

Info@broomfieldfish.org

www.broomfieldfish.org

6 Garden Center Broomfield, CO 80020

About: Provides food, emergency financial assistance and one-on-one mentoring support to Broomfield residents in need.

Eligibility: Check online.

Colorado Low Income Energy Assistance Program

1 (866) 432-8435

www.cdhs.colorado.gov/leap

About: Federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working families, seniors and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating cost. Our goal is to help bring warmth, comfort and safety to your home and family by assisting with heating costs. We accept applicants between November and April.

Eligibility: Income is up to 6-% of the state median income level and you may qualify for heating assistance through LEAP.

Colorado National Guard SHARAP/SAPR

24hr Help Line: (720) 847-7272

PSARC: (720) 315-9119

CONGSHARPSAPROFFICE@army.mil

6848 S. Revere Pkwy. Centennial, CO 80112

About: The SAPR Program's missions is to develop an organization culture where those who bring reports of sexual assault forward are: Protected, treated with care, dignity and discretion, suffer no hindrances to their personal or professional advancement, and are not stigmatized for reporting a sexual assault. The Colorado National Guard and Buckley Air Force Base Joint SAPR office have continued to work diligently this past year to develop and implement a comprehensive policy that strengthens military readiness through compassionate response, enhancing victim support, and improving system accountability. Our ongoing sexual assault awareness and prevention outreach efforts and command support have helped reduce obstacles to reporting sexual assaults and reinforced a climate of confidence that has encouraged victims to seek help.

Eligibility: Guardsman, technician, spouse, dependents over 18, federal civilians.

Family Tree

(303) 420-6752

www.thefamilytree.org

3805 Marshall St. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

About: Family Tree partners with all people to prevent and overcome the interconnected issues of child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to promote safety, healing and stability across generations.

Eligibility: N/A.

Fort Collins Rescue Mission

(970) 224-4302

www.Denverrescuemission.org/who-we-are/locations/fort-collins-rescue-mission/

316 Jefferson St. Fort Collins, CO 80524

About: Serves the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Northern Colorado by providing meals, shelter and assistance towards self-sufficiency.

Eligibility: All consumers.

Home Front Military Network

(719) 577-7417

Info@homefrontmilitarynetwork.org

www.homefrontmilitarynetwork.org

1235 Lake Plaza Drive Suite 127 Colorado Springs, CO 80906

About: Home Front Military Network connects military service members, veterans and their families throughout Colorado to essential resources, including financial assistance provided by HFMN and our partners, in order to meet the full range of needs of individuals and families.

Eligibility: Contact for details.

House of Neighborly Service

(970) 667-4939

www.honservice.org

1511 East 11th Street Suite 100 Loveland, CO 80537

About: Through the necessities of food, clothing, utility assistance, resources and far more families and individuals challenged by the effects of low income or situational crises.

Eligibility: Low income or situational crises.

Operation Second Chance

(301) 938-2834

Cindy@operationsecondchance.org

www.operationsecondchance.org

20251 Century Blvd. Ste 325 Germantown, MD 20874

About: Providing emergency assistance to post 9/11 wounded, injured and ill combat veterans with a 70% VA rating or higher in the form of rent, mortgage payments, utility and emergency transportation and lodging.

Eligibility: 70% or higher VA rating.

Redistribution Center Inc.

www.redistributioncenter.org

About: Warriors Warehouse provides active-duty military, veterans and their families with food and new household items. These families and individuals are referred to The Redistribution Center Inc. By advocates from the VA, VFW American Legions, Wounded Warrior Transition Units, AW2, Police and Fire departments and other organizations.

Eligibility: Active-duty military, veterans and their families.

TESSA of Colorado

Emergency Number: (719) 633-3819

Main Office Number: (719) 633-1462

www.tessacs.org

435 Gold Pass Heights Colorado Springs, CO 80906

About: TESSA offers confidential support and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children.

Eligibility: Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Kingdom Builder's Family Life Center

(719) 247-8190

Info@kbflc.org

www.kbflc.org

411 Lakewood Circle Suite C-201 Colorado Springs, CO 80910

About: The Kingdom Builder's Family Life Center recognizes the importance of providing support to families affected by domestic violence (intimate partner as well as sexual violence (non-intimate). Our services are dedicated to nurturing stronger family bonds and empowering individuals in every facet of life. By offering comprehensive services, we aim to positively impact our community.

Eligibility: Experiencing or experienced sexual violence and or domestic violence.

Three Birds Alliance

Emergency Number: (303) 343-1851

www.threebirdsalliance.org

P.O. Box 914 Aurora, CO 80040

About: Three Birds Alliance (formally Gateway Domestic Violence Services) provides pathways to healing and hope for individuals and families impacted by domestic violence. Established in 1979, Three Birds Alliance is the only domestic violence agency providing safe shelter and holistic programming for adults, families and their pets in the City of Aurora and Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

Eligibility: We serve anyone impacted by domestic violence, including those with disabilities, their children and their pets in the City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, Adams County, and Douglas County.

Wish For Our Heroes- Rocky Mountain Chapter

www.wishforourheroes.org

About: A volunteer, nationwide, 501 (c)(3), CFC non-profit dedicated to helping Military families in times of need and hardship by granting wishes. W4OH has only one paid employee; every other team member is a volunteer, keeping our efficiency rating at 96%.

Eligibility: Military Families in times of hardship (some grants available for veterans.)

FOOD PANTRIES

Adams County Food Bank

(720) 878-3563

www.adamscountyfoodbank.org

7111 E. 56th Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022

About: Adams County Food Bank is the largest organization in Adams County working to alleviate hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease, and obesity. By partnering with community organizations and distributing food directly into the hands of those in need.

Ansar Pantry

(303) 459-2153

16251 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO 80011

About: Community food bank that offers food and other resources to community members.

Bienvenido's Food Bank

(303) 433-6328

Director@bienvenidosfoodbank.org

www.bienvenidosfoodbank.org

3810 Pecos St. Denver, CO 80211

About: Since our founding, Bienvenido's Food Bank has provided Denver individuals and families with food assistance in a safe, welcoming place. Whether it's at our storefront market, mobile pantry, or emergency food locations at schools and at other nonprofits, Bienvenido's is an essential source of fresh, healthy food for those in need.

Blanca Fort Garland Pantry

(719) 379-3450

17591 East Hwy. 160 Blanca, CO 81123

About: Community food bank that offers food and other resources to community members.

Break Bread at Littleton United Methodist Church

(720) 335-5525

Community@break-bread.org

www.break-bread.org

5933 S. Fairfield St. Littleton, CO 80120

About: Free hot community meals on Wednesday and Saturday from 4:00-6:00pm. Wednesday meals are served at 5933 S. Fairfield St. Littleton, CO 80120 and the Saturday meals are served at 5894 S. Datura St. Littleton, CO 80120.

Care and Share Food Bank

(719) 528-1247

www.careandshare.org

2605 Preamble Pt. Colorado Springs, CO 80915

About: At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go hungry. Every day we provide food to partner agencies across Southern Colorado.

CommUNITY Food Pantry

(719) 985-8935

CommUNITYpantry@SolidrockCDC.com

3219 S. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: Drive-thru food distribution on the second Friday of every month. Additional information necessary for pick-up: Please bring your own bags if you can (pick your own items with limits). We also have dry dog food, just ask for it.

God's Pantry Ministry

(719) 382-0643

Godspantry@gmail.com

www.godspantryco.org

30 Widefield Blvd. Suite A Colorado Springs, CO 80911

About: Emergency boxes of good, female products, hygiene fountain goods, and other support is given. There may also be clothes for the homeless.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

(719) 392-5782

www.gsumc-cs.org/pantry/default.htm

1201 Leta Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80911

About: Mostly canned goods and bags of food are offered at the church pantry.

Mercy's Gate- Holiday Meal Kit

(719) 277-7470

www.mercysgatecs.org/get-help/seasonal-services-program/holiday-meal-kit

4360 Montebello Drive Suite #300 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

About: If you are a neighbor in need of assistance, go to Mercy's Gate to pick up a holiday meal kit during open ministry sessions from Nov. 14-Dec 23. On whichever available date you choose, you'll come to Mercy's Gate and receive a meal and a holiday meal kit.

Ministry Outreach Center- Denver Rescue Mission

(303) 297-1815

5725 East 39th Avenue Denver, CO 80207

About: We are committed to helping people who are experiencing homelessness and addiction in our city change their lives. Thanks to the support of friends like you, we meet their needs through emergency services, rehabilitation, transitional programs, and community outreach.

Pueblo Rescue Mission

(719) 924-8413

Thepueblorescuemission@gmail.com

www.thepueblorescue.org

728 W. 4th St. Pueblo, CO 81003

About: Transform lives through food, shelter and navigation services for those experiencing homelessness.

St. John's Baptist Church

902 S. Prospect Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

About: Some of what may be offered include basic needs such as clothing, canned food, fresh fruits, and volunteers may serve a hot meal.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

1 (855) 855-4626

www.peak.my.site.com

About: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income households in Colorado purchase food. It provides a monthly benefit that helps families and individuals buy the food they need for good health. You can apply for SNAP on their website.

The Sanctuary West Side Food Pantry

4120 E. Fountain, CO 80910

About: Food pantry that is open on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays. 1-3pm.

The American Red Cross Message Process:

When a military family experiences a crisis, The American Red Cross is there to help. Wherever their military service takes them service members can rest assured that the Red Cross will deliver notification of an emergency such as death or serious illness of an immediate family member, as well as the good news of the birth of a service member's child or grandchild.



American Red Cross Message Process

(877)-272-7337

When a military family experiences a crisis, the American Red Cross is there to help. Wherever their military service takes them, service members can rest assured that the Red Cross will deliver notifications of an emergency such as the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, as well as the good news of the birth of a service member's child or grandchild.

Twenty-four hours a day, 180 days a year, the Red Cross relays urgent messages containing accurate, factual, complete and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members stationed anywhere in the world, including on ships at sea and at embassies and consular locations.

Even if the service member receives an email or phone call from home, Red Cross-verified information sends the member and his/her commanding officers with making a decision regarding emergency leave.

When initiating Red Cross messages be prepared to provide as much of the following information about the service member as is known:

- Full legal name
- Postciting
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)
- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Military unit address
- Nature of the emergency
- Where the emergency can be verified (hospital, doctors, office, funeral home)
- Name of contact for immediate family member experiencing the emergency

Red Cross process video:

www.redcross.org/military/7746C-Amt5330a33-1-14octobert-15



Download the FREE **ReadyState** app

Access the emergency and notification services anytime, anywhere and using features:




FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.redcross.org/military



READYSTATE

SERVICE FOR THE ARMED FORCES

To contact your service member regarding an emergency, call 1 (877) 272-7337. Be ready to give the following information. (Keep in a safe place):

Full Legal Name _____

Social Security # (not M-1000) _____ Date of Birth _____

Branch _____ Rank _____ Duty Station _____

Complete Military Unit Address _____

Service Member's Telephone/Cell/Military/Postal # _____

Local Red Cross Phone # _____

EMPLOYMENT



CAREER FAIRS AND JOB OPENINGS

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ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

Learn about eligibility requirements for Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)- formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. If you're a service member or veteran and have a disability that was caused-or made worse-by your active-duty service and that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, you may be able to get employment support or services to help you live as independently as possible.

If I'm a Veteran, am I eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment?

You're eligible to apply for VR&E benefits and services if you meet both of the requirements listed here:

All of these must be true:

- You didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, and
- You have service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from the VA.

When we receive your VR&E application, we'll schedule your initial evaluation with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC). The VRC will determine if you're entitled to receive VR&E benefits and services.

If you were discharged from active-duty before January 1, 2013, your basic period of eligibility ends 12 years from one of these dates, whichever comes later:

- The date you received notice of your date of separation from active-duty, or
- The date you received your first VA service-connected disability rating.

The basic period of eligibility may be extended if a VRC finds that you have a serious employment handicap (SEH). Having an SEH means your service-connected disability significantly limits your ability to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment (a job that doesn't make your disability worse, is stable, and matches your abilities, aptitudes, and interests).

If you were discharged from active-duty on or after January 1, 2001, the 12 year basic period of eligibility doesn't apply to you. There's no time limit on your eligibility.

If I'm still on Active-Duty, am I eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment?

You may be eligible for VR&E benefits and services if you're a service member and you meet at least one of the requirements listed below:

At least one of these must be true:

- You have a 20% or higher pre-discharge disability rating (memorandum rating) and will soon leave the military, or
- You're waiting to be discharged because of severe illness or injury that occurred while you were on active-duty.

Note: Severally injured active-duty service members can automatically receive VR&E benefits before VA issues a disability rating. This is according to Sec. 1631(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act (PL 110-181).

Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BD) If you have an illness or injury that you believe was caused- or made worse- by your active-duty service, you can file a claim for disability benefits through the BDD program 180 to 90 days before you leave active-duty. This may help speed up the claim decision process so you can get your benefits.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Arapahoe Douglas Works

(720) 672-6135

Martin.bangert@state.co.us

6974 S. Lima Street Centennial, CO 80112

www.adworks.org

About: Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Provides a variety of no-cost services to job seekers and businesses, serving as a critical resource to connect talent and industry in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties and throughout the Denver/Aurora metropolitan region.

Eligibility: Service members and veterans.

Army Reserve Readiness

(571) 488-4295

Alecia.r.grady.civ@army.mil

www.usar.army.mil/p3

13137 E. 23rd Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Job Assistance for Army reserve, spouses and veterans to include resume review, interviewing techniques. And placement assistance.

Eligibility: Army reserve soldier, veteran or spouse of the soldier or veteran.

Carlos Gonzalez State Farm Insurance Agency

(719) 900-7431

www.guardianofthecommunity.com

334 Main Street Colorado Springs, CO 80911

About: Carlos is a retired Colorado Army National Guardsmen who understands your needs. This agency sells insurance and financial service products. We offer life insurance, car insurance, homeowners' insurance, renters' insurance, and health insurance. Additionally, the agent is licensed to discuss and sell securities (mutual funds).

Eligibility: N/A.

Colorado National Guard Employment Program

(720) 288-2344

Laura.farlett.civ@army.mil

www.coloradojcf.org/employment

6848 S. Revere Pkwy. Centennial, CO 80112

About: The Colorado National Guard Employment Program prepares and connects service members with education and career readiness services, to enhance readiness and boost resilience. The mission is to maintain a ready and resilient force capable of accomplishing State and Federal missions by connecting ARNG Soldiers, Dependents, Veterans and Retirees with financial and career education plus employment opportunities throughout the Soldier's Life Cycle.

Eligibility: ARNG soldiers, dependents, veterans and retirees.

Culinary Arts Bootcamp for Veterans

(720) 987-5294

Cbcforvets@gmail.com

www.culinaryartsbootcampforveterans.org

5400 E. Yale Avenue Denver, CO 80222

About: Support and provide our fellow veterans with life skills, confidence, self-advocacy and job training through culinary arts job training through culinary arts and resources needed to lead a productive and independent life.

Eligibility: Veterans.

CWT/ Vocational Employment Services

(720) 857-5068

Dawn.murphy4@va.gov

1700 N. Wheeling St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: VA sponsored recovery-oriented program for veterans with severe mental illness wishing to obtain competitive employment. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Eligibility: Must be a veteran who is eligible for VA service, referred by a VA PCP or VA mental health provider, has a severe mental illness diagnosis and be willing to pursue competitive employment.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

(800) 336-4590 Option 6

Osd.userra@mail.mil

www.esgr.mi

About: Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the Reserve Components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws and resolves employment conflicts between the service members and their employers.

Eligibility: All employers, all uniformed service members, and families of affected service members.

Fort Carson ACS Employment Readiness Program

(719) 524-3816

www.carson.armymwr.com/programs/employment-readiness

Usarmy.carson.imcom-fmwrc.list.dfmwr-w-accs-employ-readiness@army.mil

6303 Wetzel Avenue Bldg. 1526 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) offers resources to help with your career plan and job search. Whether you're a military spouse or family member who just moved to a new installation, retiree, DoD Civilian looking for new opportunities, or active-duty military, active reserve, national guard members, or wounded warrior, we're here to help.

Our services include:

- Up-to-date information on local, national, and international employment opportunities, job market trends and education, and volunteer resources.
- Information on job fairs (in person and virtual) and other hiring events.
- Assistance with employment applications.
- Career counseling and individual career assessments.
- Resume critiques.
- Classes and seminars on self-assessment and career exploration, resume writing, interviewing techniques, dressing for success, networking, and entrepreneurship.
- Information on spouse licensure reimbursement (re-licensing at a new duty station can be costly.)

Eligibility: Active-duty, military spouse, retiree, family member dependent, DoD civilian (basically anyone with a DoD ID Card).

Goodwill of Colorado

(719) 635-4483

www.goodwillcolorado.org

1460 Garden of the Gods Road Colorado Springs, CO 80907

About: Goodwill of Colorado offers a variety of community programs including job training programs. Employment services, home care, community transportation, and energy bill assistance.

Eligibility: Varies by service.

Mesa County Workforce Center

(970) 244-1800 Telecommunications Device for Deaf Line: (970) 256-1530

Mcadmin@mesacounty.us

www.mesacounty.us

544 Rood Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501

About: We are the Mesa County Workforce Center, a One-Stop Shop designed to efficiently serve the needs of business and job seekers to promote economic development and vitality. Our no-cost services, which include assessments, workshops, recruitment assistance, business services and much more, continue to propel our community into the future with education, training, and resources invaluable in making our community prosperous and globally competitive. Our exceptional collaboration with local education establishments, business and other resources, dedicated to economic development and growth, make us a fundamental link between businesses and prospective employees.

Eligibility: Varies by program. To be eligible for Veteran Priority of Service= 1 day of active duty, any discharge other than dishonorable.

Project: Return to Work, INC

(720) 359-1541

www.return2work.org

600 17th Street Suite 2800 South Denver, CO 80202

About: Project Return to Work Inc. (R2W) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1998, provides personalized employment service to veterans, their spouses, and Americans with disabilities.

Eligibility: Veterans, spouses and disables Americans.

USO Pathfinder

Usofortcarson@uso.org

www.uso.org/programs/uso-transition-program

Bldg. 6236 Rm. 126 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: The USO Pathfinder Transition Program extends professional development services throughout the duration of the service member or military spouses' career, as well as when they transition out of the military and settle into their new communities. The USO Pathfinder Transition Program works with strategic partners to connect service members and military spouses to resources through a holistic approach, focusing on employment, education, financial readiness, mentorship, and increased access to relevant veterans benefits in their communities.

Eligibility: The USO Pathfinder Transition Program extends the USO experience to active-duty, veterans, reserves, National Guard and military spouses.

Warriors4Wireless

(202) 603-6131

www.warriors4wireless.org

About: This non-profit attempt to bridge the gap between the demand for trained and deployable communication infrastructure technicians and the thousands of qualified service men and women eager to transfer the skills they've learned in the military. Provide training, advanced certification and transitional support, giving veterans the building blocks they need for an exciting and fulfilling career in this rapidly growing industry. Warriors4Wireless seeks to place qualified Veterans into open job positions.

Eligibility: Currently or previously served in the military.

Wounded Warrior Project (Warriors to Work)

(888) 997-2586

Resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

1 S. Nevada Ave. 205 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

About: The Wounded Warrior Project is a Veteran employment program that provides career guidance and support services to Wounded Warriors and their families as well as caregivers interested in transitions to the civilian workforce. We match your skills and experience to the needs of hiring managers. These services are also open if you are registered with family support.

Eligibility: Wounded Warrior Project serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, coincident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001.

Workforce Centers

(303) 318-8000

www.cdle.colorado.gov/jobs-training/workforce-centers

633 17th Street Suite 201 Denver, CO 80202

About: Workforce Centers provide a variety of free services to assist employers and job seekers. These include job listings, computer and internet access, and career counseling and training. Veterans receive additional support with their job search.

Eligibility: Anyone can utilize the services at county Workforce Centers. Veterans receive priority of service in all federal funded programs at the Workforce Center. If applicable to qualify for the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP), the veteran must first meet with an employment specialist at the Workforce Center. If appropriate, intensive services for veterans with significant barriers to employment will be provided.

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Ability Connection Colorado

(303) 691-9339

Info@abilityconnectioncolorado.org

www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org

801 Yosemite Street Denver, CO 80230

About: Provides inclusive education pathways to employment and statewide family support programs to create opportunities and sustainable change for families.

Eligibility: N/A.

Abraxas Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center

(719) 276-7500

www.rehabnow.org/center/abraxas-southern-peaks-regional-treatment-center-canon-city-co/

700 Fourmile Parkway Canon City, CO 81212

About: Aims to offer innovative and quality services to adolescents. They focus on addressing complex needs through specialized programs that cater to diverse behavioral and mental health challenges.

Eligibility: N/A.

Airman & Family Readiness Center- CO National Guard 140th Wing

(720) 847-9184

www.140wg.ang.af.mil/Home/Family-support/

18860 E. Breckenridge Ave. Bldg. 801 Rm. N-259 Buckley SFB, CO 80011

About: The A&FRP provides targeted support services contributing to mission readiness and the well-being of the Air Force community.

Eligibility: Military members, both active and retired, any branch of service.

Airman and Family Readiness Center- Peterson SFB

(719) 556-6141

21fss.fsfr@us.af.mil

135 Dover St. #1203 Peterson SFB, CO 80914

About: Provide targeted Airman and family support and services, contributing to the mission readiness, resiliency, and well-being of the Air Force community.

Eligibility: Active-duty military, retirees, and DoD-connected civilians.

Airman and Family Readiness Center- Schriever AFB

(719) 567-3920

Family@us.af.mil

www.50ffs.com/mfrc

101 Falcon Pkwy. Schriever SFB, CO 80912

About: This Family Support Center offers transition training including deployment support, personal financial management, personal and work life skills development, relocation assistance, employment assistance, volunteer resources, military child education information, exceptional family member support, transition assistance, wounded, ill and injured support services, and support to the community during disaster crisis/evacuation situations.

Eligibility: DoD Military, AFR, ANG, DoD civilians and their eligible family members.

Airman and Family Readiness Center- USAFA

(719) 333-3444/3445

10fss.fsh.afrc@us.af.mil

www.usafasupport.com/military-family-readiness-center

6248 W. Pine Loop USAF Academy, CO 80840

About: The Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) serves as one-stop information and referral center and is the cornerstone of the Air Force Academy's family support system, helping airmen and their families enhance their readiness and quality of life. The A&FRC offers proactive, preventive, and remedial services that foster self-sufficiency and sustain the personal and family readiness of the total force.

Eligibility: We serve active-duty military members from all services, guard and reserve, veterans, DoD civilians and their family members.

Alternative Homes for Youth

(970) 353-6010

www.alternativehomesforyouth.org

1110 M Street, Greeley, CO 80631

About: Teach, support, and model healthy life skills to youth and families by providing therapeutic and educational interventions to end violence.

Eligibility: Check online for eligibility.

Alternatives to Violence Loveland

(970) 669-5157

www.alternativestoviolence.org

541 East 8th Street Loveland, CO 80537

About: Alternatives to Violence provides shelter, advocacy, education and resources for people impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Eligibility: N/A.

Angel Eyes

(303) 320-7771

Info@angeleyes.org

www.angeleyes.org

422 21st Street Units 4&5 Denver, CO 80205

About: Provides grief support to families whose lives have been impacted by the loss of an infant, toddler or pregnancy loss. We offer free professional counseling, support group, peer connections and community referrals.

Eligibility: N/A.

Angels of America's Fallen

(719) 377-7352

hello@aoafallen.org

www.aoafallen.org

10010 Devonwood Ct. Colorado Springs, CO 80920

About: Encourage and fund healthy positive activities for the children of fallen firefighters, military, and law enforcement. Between grief counseling and scholarships others provide, Angels stands beside the children all year, every year until adulthood.

Eligibility: Children of fallen firefighters, law enforcement and military.

Army and Community Services- Fort Carson

(719) 526-4590

www.carson.armymwr.com/ACS

1481 Titus Blvd. Ste. 7492 Colorado Springs, CO 80913

About: Regardless of what stage of life you and your family are in, Army Community Service has services and programs to make your Army life more successful. If you are new to Fort Carson Colorado area, make sure to stop in and pick up a welcome packet, get maps and directions about the local area, and meet our professional staff. ACS offers monthly classes on parenting, finances, relationships, volunteerism, exceptional family members and much more. All designed to improve the quality of your life. Our mission at ACS is to prepare and empower our total military family to meet the challenges of military life by providing essential programs, resources, and services that enhance knowledge, life skills, well-being, quality of life and retention. ACS supports the commander's ability to sustain mission readiness to fight and win on any battlefield.

Eligibility: Active-duty, veterans, spouses, DA civilians.

Ascend Behavior Partners

(720) 961-3764

hello@ascendbehavior.com

www.ascendbehavior.com

8354 Northfield Blvd. Building G Ste. 3700 Denver, CO 80238

About: Autism is a diagnosis that can impact your entire family. What sets Ascend apart is our family-centered approach to care. We recognize both the importance of early intervention and of supporting your family—parents, siblings, and caregivers.

Eligibility: N/A.

Aurora Community Connection

(720) 975-0147

www.auroracommunityconnection.com

9801 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO 80010

About: Aurora Community Connection offers 20+ programs and services designed to celebrate families' strengths and respond to community needs.

Eligibility: N/A.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

(303) 433-6002

www.biglittlecolorado.org

7355 E. Hampden Ave, suite 225 Denver, CO 80231

About: Makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), age nine through young adulthood in Colorado. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Eligibility: N/A.

Blue Star Families

(844) 202-7827

www.bluestarfam.org

About: Builds communities that support military families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support.

Eligibility: Active-duty, national guard, reserve, caregiver, and transitioning service members and their families from all ranks and services, as well as veterans.

Boulder Voices for Children

(303) 440-7059

www.vfcboulder.org

5408 Idylwild Trail Boulder, CO 80301

About: Builds a healthier community by delivering services, support, and advocacy to children who have experienced trauma.

Eligibility: N/A.

Buckley AFB Community Support

(720) 847-9642

Crested Butte Ave. Bldg. 630 Buckley AFB, CO 80011

About: Supports service members and families by being a cross-organizational liaison between on- and off-based resources/services. Provides installation resiliency training.

Eligibility: Active-duty military members, guard and reserve members, retired military members, and Department of Defense civilians. We also serve their family members.

Buckley Office Family Advocacy: Dads 101

(720) 847-6453

www.buckley.spaceforce.mil

13611 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

About: A unique class for dads taught by dads. Join experienced dads from Buckley SFB for a fun and interactive training class for expectant and new fathers. – By appointment.

Eligibility: Service members and their families.

Buckley Office Family Advocacy: New Parent Support Program

(720) 847-6453

www.buckley.spaceforce.mil

13611 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

About: A voluntary program designed to assist all expectant military families in transition into Buckley School Liaison Officer

(720) 847-6694 (720) 661-7411

Stephanie.iverson@spaceforce.mil

17851 E. Breckenridge Ave. Bldg. 350 Aurora, CO 80011

About: Specialized in serving military families and offers a wide spectrum of services enabling families to military school-aged children and collaborates with local school districts to enhance education opportunities.

Eligibility: Service members and families.

parenthood and also families with children up to three years of age. A registered nurse offers tailored home visits to address your needs, concerns, and questions during pregnancy, birth, lactation, and after the baby arrives.

Eligibility: Service members and their families.

Buckley Office Family Advocacy: Love & Logic

(720) 847-6453

www.buckley.spaceforce.mil

13611 E. Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Two-session parenting class for ALL ages providing tools to raise responsible, respectful and happy children. – By appointment.

Eligibility: Service members and their families.

Buckley School Liaison Officer

(720) 847-6694 (720) 661-7411

Stephanie.iverson@spaceforce.mil

17851 E. Breckenridge Ave. Bldg. 350 Aurora, CO 80011

About: Specialized in serving military families and offers a wide spectrum of services enabling families to military school-aged children and collaborates with local school districts to enhance education opportunities.

Eligibility: Service members and families.

Colorado National Guard Family Assistance

1 (866) 333-8844

Buckley AFB: (720) 250-1963

Colorado Springs: (720) 250-4885

Denver: (720) 250-2771

Grand Junction: (720) 250-5771

Recruit Sustainment Program: (720) 250-2773

www.co.ng.mil/family

About: The mission of the Family Assistance Team is to provide support and resources to Service members and their families regardless of their location, deployment status, branch of service, or duty status (active, reserve, retired). We are here to provide the six essential services in addition to a multitude of other necessary resources, information, crisis intervention and referral and community information/outreach.

Eligibility: Service Members and their families regardless of their location, deployment status, branch of service or duty status.

Colorado WIC

(303) 692-2400

AskWIC@state.co.us

www.coloradowic.gov/homepage

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246

About: WIC gives you resources, knowledge and tools to help you and support your family. It's free for moms, dads, grandparents, foster parents and all Colorado families who qualify. Whether you're pregnant, already a mom or raising a child younger than 5, you can get the right personalized support for you and your family.

Eligibility: N/A.

CPCD- Giving Children a Head Start

(719) 635-1536

Martyc@cpcd.org

www.cpcdheadstart.org

2330 Robinson St. Colorado Springs, CO 80904

About: CPCD is the tuition-free preschool for families with children aged five years old. CPCD's two generation programming supports children and/or parents and caregivers in the following areas: Education, economic supports, health and wellness and social capital.

Eligibility: All veterans and service members. Based on income or developmental concerns.

Dogs on Deployment

Info@dogsondeployment.org

www.dogsondeployment.org

About: Dogs on Deployment is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit which provides an online network for service members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments. Dogs on Deployment promote responsible, life-long pet ownership by military pet owners by advocating for military pet owner rights, providing educational resources, and granting financial assistance for military pet owners during times of emergency.

Eligibility: Military members in need of assistance with pet concerns.

Flying Horse Foundation

(303) 660-3583

Info@flyinghorsefoundation.org

www.flyinghorsefoundation.org

9663 E. Palmer Divide Ave. Larkspur, CO 80118

About: We offer three separate programs. A weekday Equine-assisted learning program during the week (2 hours curriculum-based life skills) a weekend respite program for kids who have experienced trauma (ages 7-17) and a senior program visiting with our mini donkeys. All programs are detailed on our website and are free of charge.

Eligibility: Detailed on website.

Guided Hope

(303) 717-8372

Info@guidedhope.org

www.guidedhope.org

1028 N. County Road 21 Berthoud, CO 80513

About: Come to learn, work, and have fun in the country! We desire to mentor children, strengthen families, share hope, and inspire service. Free of charge. All ages are welcome. Our roundup program schedule and registration information may be found on our website.

Eligibility: All consumers.

Military Family Life Counselors Child and Youth

(720) 876-8325

About: CYB-MFLCs are MFLC's specializing in child and youth behavioral issues, who provide broad-ranging support to military children and youth and to the family members and other adults who support them.

Eligibility: Service members children.

Military and Family Readiness Center Office: Bundles for Babies

(720) 847-6681

460mss.dpf@us.af.mil

Airman and Family Readiness Center Aurora, CO 80011

About: Hosted by the Military and Family Readiness Center and the Air Force Aid society, this class enhances financial awareness of the cost of raising a child and tips on how to successfully navigate your new normal. Topics include communication, new parent support program, WIC, dental care for pregnant women and children, and car seat safety taught by the Colorado State Patrol.

Eligibility: Service members and their families. This event is hosted quarterly. Please call MR&FRC on (720) 847-6681 for dates and registration.

Military OneSource

(800) 342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

About: At Military OneSource, we have one mission-to connect you to your best MilLife.

Eligibility: Active-duty, military spouse, dependent, surviving spouses and dependents, Veterans up to 180 days after separation.

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center

(719) 309-4753

Frontdesk@mtcarmelcenter.org

www.veteranscenter.org

530 Communication Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80905

About: To provide best practices for our military, veterans and their families through accessible programs. Integrated resources, and collaborative partnerships that empower lives and strengthen our community. Mt. Carmel provides transition and employment assistance, behavioral health and wellness, supportive services, connection to community resources, and event space.

Eligibility: Services are confidential and open to military, veterans, of all eras regardless of discharge status, and their families.

Operation Home Front

(719) 358-7127

Colorado@operationhomefront.org

www.operationhomefront.org

3726 E. Pikes Peak Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80909

About: Operation Homefront is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families, so they can thrive- not simply struggle to get by – in the communities they have worked so hard to protect. For over fifteen years, we have provided programs that offer: RELIEF (through critical financial assistance and transitional housing programs) RESILIENCY (through permanent housing and caregiver support services) and RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT programs throughout the year that help military families overcome short-term bumps in the road, so they don't become long-term chronic problems.

Eligibility: Currently serving active-duty ranks E1-E6, wounded ill, or injured service members or veterans who have received honorable discharge within the past 7 years.

Peak View Behavioral Health

(719) 316-5526

www.peakviewbh.com

7353 Sisters Grove Colorado Springs, CO 80923

About: Peak View Behavioral Health is 112-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital providing care for youth, adults, and seniors struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. We also offer outpatient services for all populations.

Eligibility: Accepts all major insurances including TRICARE, Medicaid, and Medicare.

Peterson SFB Child and Youth Program

(719) 556-7220

21FSS.FSYY.YouthCenter@us.af.mil

100 Selfridge St. Bldg. 1555 Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: “Discover the heart of our military community with Child and Youth Programs! Our Child and Youth Programs are the backbone of support for our brave military families. Imagine a world where your child's needs are met with precision, no matter where duty calls. From top-notch educational support to exciting recreational adventures, we provide a safe and nurturing haven for your kids to thrive, even in the face of frequent moves and deployments. Join us in ensuring your children grow up strong, resilient, and ready for whatever for life throws their way.”

Eligibility: Service members.

Project Sanctuary

(720) 561-9193

Info@projectsanctuary.us

www.projectsanctuary.us

135 Country Center Dr. Suite F274 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

About: Project Sanctuary believes that every military family has the right and ability to heal. Veterans and service members often struggle to transition into a “new normal” after service or deployment. Faced with higher rates of unemployment, addiction, suicide, and other challenges, military families too often fight their battles alone. We are proud to be one of the only organizations serving veterans, spouses, caregivers, and children as a family unit. Veterans have a 50% higher risk of dying by suicide than civilians. Active-duty suicide rates have reached an all-time high since 2012, and 123 military spouses succumbed to suicide in 2017. Our mission is critical. Our members from all branches of the military, and veterans from all eras of service. We reconnect with families, restore hope, and change lives through therapeutic retreat and long-term family support services.

Eligibility: Active-duty, veterans, families. All branches and all eras.

Regis Center for Counseling and Family Therapy Colorado Springs

(303) 458-3558

Hcc@regis.edu

www.regis.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/rueckert-hartman/counseling-family-therapy/index

7450 Campus Drive Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

About: The Regis Centers for Counseling and Family Therapy have been set up to provide low-to-cost counseling services for our surrounding communities.

Eligibility: Individual, family, couple and children/adolescent outpatient mental health counseling services provided for any discharge status, any era, and any affiliation (Active/Guard/Reserve/Veteran).

Warriors of Faith Military Ministries Inc.

(970) 986-7781

wofministryco@gmail.com

www.wofministryco.org

P.O. Box 336 Clifton, CO 81520

About: Veterans families resource programs. Outreach and community services, resource information, spiritual leadership and counseling.

Eligibility: Must have a DD-214 or Red Report. Verification through local VA or DEERS officer. Active or retired duty. Assistance for veteran, spouse, and children of said Veteran are eligible.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



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Colorado Enterprise Fund

(303) 860-0242

Info@coloradoenterprisefund.org

www.coloradoenterprisefund.org

1888 Sherman Street Suite 530 Denver, CO 80203

About: Provide business consulting services and connect budding small businesses entrepreneurs to relevant resources. Our loans vary in size from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000.

Eligibility: N/A.

First Command Financial Services

(303) 695-1199

Jrbennett@firstcommand.com

www.advisor.firstcommand.com/us/co/aurora

3033 S. Parker Road Ste. 400 Aurora, CO 80014

About: First Command is committed to coaching our nation's military families in their pursuit of financial security. Since 1958, First Command Financial Advisors have been shaping positive financial behaviors through face-to-face coaching. We help you build successful financial behaviors early in your military career and together we apply them consistently throughout your lifetime. Our advisors are in the 175+ offices worldwide- with emphasis on being near major military installations- to keep you financially squared away wherever life takes you. The financial advisors at our Aurora, CO office are a team of highly-knowledgeable professionals – many of whom are veterans or military spouses themselves.

Eligibility: Military members and their families.

Goodwill Farmable Program

(303) 551-2296

Mhughes@goodwillcolorado.org

www.goodwillcolorado.org/farmable-program/farmable/

About: Goodwill of Colorado is excited to offer the FarmAble program in collaboration with the USDA, supporting veterans and underserved farmers and ranchers across Colorado. FarmAble provides access to USDA resources, hands-on education and training, industry-based best practices, community outreach, collaborations, job security, and financial sustainability.

Eligibility: N/A.

Greenpath Financial Wellness

(800) 550-1961

www.greenpath.org

About: Financial counseling and guidance that empowers people to live financially healthy lives.

Eligibility: Anyone interested in regaining control of their finances.

Office of Financial Readiness- Personal Financial Counseling

Denver Metro: (720) 495-6508 or pfc.centennial@magellanfederal.com

Colorado Springs: (719) 313-3775 or kings3@magellanfederal.com

Grand Junction: (970) 307-1904 or layt@magellanfederal.com

About: Personal Financial Counselors provide free and confidential financial counseling, including everything from budgeting to retirement planning.

Eligibility: Active-duty, active reserve, dependents of active-duty/reserve, gold star eligible dependents, and service members for the first 180 days of retirement.

Operation Homefront

(719) 358-7127

www.operationhomefront.org

3726 Pikes Peak Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80909

About: Operation Homefront builds strong, stable and secure military families so they can thrive, not simply struggle to get by, in the communities they've worked so hard to protect.

Eligibility: Military families.

Rodger Banks

1 (844) 995-2484

support@roger.bank

www.roger.bank

About: Revolutionize and modernize the banking experience for service members. To safeguard and grow their money. To serve those who serve us. ROGER is veteran owned, led and operated, and is backed by FDIC-insured Citizens Bank of Edmond. Geared towards the military, but open to all. Military, family members and civilians can join the ROGER mission.

Eligibility: Service Members, Veterans and Families.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



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Facts About Veteran Suicide:

- 13-14% of all deaths by suicide among U.S. adults were veterans.
- There were more than 6,000 veteran suicides each year from 2010-2022.
- 17-18 veterans die by suicide each day. This highlights the importance of collaboration between DOD, VA, and community partners “It takes a village”.
- It is estimated that 25-40% of veteran suicides have a history of previous suicide attempts.
- Veterans are more likely than a general public to use firearms (the most lethal means) for suicide.
- Specific higher risk groups: Younger/newly separated/transitioning, older veterans (with extensive health issues such as chronic pain), women veterans.

What is being done to combat Veteran Suicide?

- VA working in multiple areas:
- Improving access to care (within VA system & education, partnership with community resources & supportive organizations).
- Collaboration with Federal, State & Local government agencies (Governor’s challenge, DOD/VA Collaboration) & building community partnerships.
- Lethal Means Safety (partnering with firearm community to support shared safety messaging & resources).
- Peer support (Deploying suicide prevention education & training about resources for community agencies/organizations & developing a workforce of peers with lived experience in health care organizations, adding peer support specialists to veterans crisis line).
- Resource Collaboration & collection (Statewide resources listings for Veteran-specific community resources via 211, various projects such as interactive online portal).
- Ongoing research regarding at-risk populations to continuously improve strategies including awareness & intersectionality.
- Expanding VA Suicide Prevention Team to improve services, enhance current roles & provide more comprehensive care & connections. (Community outreach-100% position).



VETERAN MEDICARE RESOURCES

What Every Medicare Eligible Veteran Should Know:

1. Generally, veterans are eligible for Medicare when they turn 65 or are under 65 and entitled to Social Security disability benefits for 24 months.
2. Enroll in Medicare when Medicare eligible. Not enrolling may result in a financial penalty.
3. Veterans have PAID INTO and are ENTITLED to all benefits of the Medicare system.
4. Enrolling in Original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage Plan, or a Prescription Drug Plan does not affect entitlement or eligibility to Veteran Benefits or TRICARE For Life.
5. Medicare eligible veterans who are not TRICARE for Life or enrolled in the VA Health Care System need a prescription drug plan. Failure to do so may result in a financial penalty.
6. For free assistance in determining the best option or to have questions answered, contact Rich Lewis, (719) 339-1835.

VA Health Benefits and Medicare

VA benefits and Medicare do not work together to coordinate your care. The VA recommends that you enroll in Medicare Part B as soon as you are eligible. Failure to do so will result in a Part B premium penalty when you enroll at a later date. Having both VA and Medicare gives veterans options and control of their health care. VETS.GOV states:

- We don't know if Congress will provide enough funding in the future years for us to provide care for all veterans who are signed up for VA health care. If you're one of the lower priority groups you could lose VA health care benefits in the future
- Having Medicare means you're covered if you need to go to a non-VA hospital or doctor- so you have more options to choose from.
- If you delay signing up for Medicare Part B (coverage for doctors and outpatient services) and then need to sign up later because you lose your VA health care benefits or need more choice in care options, you'll pay a penalty. This penalty gets bigger each year you delay signing up- and you'll pay it every year for the rest of your life.
- If you sign up for Medicare Part D (coverage for prescription drugs), you'll be able to use it to get medicine from non-VA doctors and fill your prescriptions at your local pharmacy instead of through the VA mail-order service. But you should know that VA prescription drug coverage is better than Medicare coverage- and there's no penalty for delaying Medicare Part D.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Adaptive Adventures

(303) 679-2770

info@adaptiveadventures.org

www.adaptiveadventures.org

9053 Harlan St. #34 Westminster, CO 80031

About: Provide progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities.

Eligibility: Youth, adults, or veterans who are injured or have a disability.

Adaptive Sports Association

(970) 259-0374

www.asadurango.com

463 Turner Drive #105 Durango, CO 81303

About: Adaptive Sports Association helps to enrich and transform the lives of people with disabilities through sports & recreation. By working with participants to overcome physical and cognitive challenges in a supportive environment. ASA helps participants to explore possibilities.

Eligibility: Must have a disability.

Allegiance Ranch and Equine Rescue

(720) 774-8803

Info@allegianceranch.org

Erie, CO

About: Help horses and heroes by offering a safe place for healing, developing a sense of purpose and establishing meaningful connections between horses and humans.

Eligibility: Service members and veterans.

Alzheimer's Association

(720) 699-9283

Badaddario@alz.org

www.alz.org/co

455 Sherman St. #500 Denver, CO 80203

About: The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter is the premier source of information and support for Coloradans living with dementia and their families and caregivers. Through our statewide network of eight offices, dementia research, and advocacy efforts on behalf of Coloradans.

Eligibility: Free care and support services to people living with dementia and their caregivers.

American Addiction Centers

(888) 987-1784

www.americanaddictioncenters.org

About: Offers the largest network of rehab facilities nationwide and a success rate that's double the national average. We treat drug & alcohol addiction along with mental & behavioral health issues.

Eligibility: N/A.

American Heroes in Action

(303) 931-3639

Dave@americanheroesinaction.org

www.americanheroesinaction.org

About: American Heroes in Action provides all expenses paid therapeutic outdoor adventures to veterans and injured first responders.

Eligibility: DD214.

American Military Family

(484) 544-3211

QRF@amf100.org

www.americanmilitaryfamily.org

P.O. Box 238 Firestone, CO 80520

About: Providing a reprieve from their many stresses as we address their physical, mental and emotional wounds, thereby providing them with the necessary services and resources they urgently need.

Eligibility: Veterans and first responders.

Ardent Grove Foundation

(303) 704-4062

Info@ardentgrove.org

www.ardentgrove.org

300 S. Jackson St. Suite 210 Denver, CO 80009

About: Provides low-cost therapy services, including EMDR therapy and Medicaid therapy to individuals and families in need throughout Denver.

Eligibility: N/A.

Banyan Treatment Center

(720) 817-0640

Kamcdonald@Banyancenters.com

www.banyantreatmentcenter.com/facilities/castle-rock/

1055 S. Perry St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

About: Our facility offers a comprehensive range of services, including detoxification, individual and group therapy, and family counseling for substance use and mental health. We focus on mind and body wellness, ensuring that patients receive the necessary support to achieve lasting recovery.

Eligibility: N/A.

Begin Again Ranch

(720) 467-4143

Terri@beginagainranch.com

www.beginagainranch.com

3316 Christy Ridge Rd. Sedalia, CO 80135

About: Offer clients the unique experience of learning from the wisdom and spirit of the horse to overcome the obstacles blocking their way to a rich and full life. She works with clients in individual sessions and with families.

Eligibility: Self-reported brain injury.

Boulder Vet Center

(303) 440-7306

www.va.gov/boulder-vet-center/

4940 Pearl East Circle boulder, CO 80301

About: We offer confidential help for veterans, service members and their families at no-cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, PTSD and MST.

Eligibility: DD214.

Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado

(303) 355-9969

Info@biacolorado.org

www.biacolorado.org

7900 E. Colfax Ave. Ste. B Denver, CO 80220

About: The Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado is the go-to resource for help and services for survivors of an injury to the brain, their families, and providers.

Eligibility: N/A.

Break The Silence

(970) 380-2145

Kelly@breakthesilenceinc.org

www.breakthesilenceinc.org

612 E. Railroad Ave. Fort Morgan, CO 80701

About: Break The Silence was created to raise awareness for suicide prevention and mental health. We hope that together we can save lives by doing community events and starting hard conversations.

Eligibility: N/A.

Bridge to Well Being

(412) 778-8660

Info@bridgetowellbeingcounseling.org

www.bridgetowellbeingcounseling.org

221 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15221

About: Committed to providing experienced and compassionate counseling services based on the assumption that focusing on the present will help clients to overcome the past and prepare for the future. All our services are offered in-person at one of our convenient locations or by telehealth.

Eligibility: N/A.

Brookdale Hospice Denver

(303) 771-3304

www.brookdale.com

5600 S. Quebec St. Suite 375C Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Locations all over Colorado

About: We provide end-of-life care to the terminally ill and their families. We accept VA benefits. We also connect community veterans to dying veterans throughout Denver and Colorado Springs through a special Vet 2 Vet volunteer program.

Eligibility: Anyone can call for information on receiving hospice care or volunteering. Must receive a physician order to evaluate hospice eligibility. To volunteer, one must apply, pass a background check, drug screen, and complete training.

Bruce McCandless Veterans Community Living Center

(719) 784-6331

Fitzsimon@state.co.us

www.cdhs.colorado.gov/vclc-florence

903 Moore Drive Florence, CO 81226

About: Long-term care state veterans nursing facility.

Eligibility: Veteran, spouse of veteran, widow/widower of veteran.

Buckley Space Force Base Integrated Resilience Office

Sbd2.integrated.primaryprevention@spaceforce.mil

Buckley Space Force Base

About: Organization that aims to support individuals who have different experiences across the continuum of harm. The IRO works with leaders throughout the installation to build healthy climates and creative environments free from abuse from harm. The IRO has several goals and objectives, including integrating Primary Prevention efforts with the goals of reducing risk factors shared across multiple forms of violence, promoting common protective factors and ensuring research-based prevention practices are employed.

Eligibility: Active-duty.

Cambium Counseling

(970) 235-0913

Melissa@cambiumcounseling.com

www.cambiumcounseling.com

About: Cambium offers counseling services that utilize a creative and solution-focused approach for emerging adults, couples, and families impacted by significant stress and addiction.

Eligibility: Out-of-network provider with reduced fee options upon request and based on availability.

Cedar Springs Hospital

(719) 633-4114

Cedarspringsadmissions@uhsinc.com

www.cedarspringsbhs.com

2135 S. Southgate Road Colorado Springs, CO 80906

About: As a progressive organization, Cedar Springs is always working to improve access, convenience and quality of care through innovation, research and training. We provide acute inpatient and residential psychiatric treatment as well as partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs for children, adolescents and adults. From assessment to discharge planning, all services are individualized to address patients' needs. Cedar Springs Hospital qualified, behavioral health professionals. We are always standing by to facilitate mental health assessments, discuss treatment options, provide crisis intervention and assist in determining the appropriate level of care for your loved one or patient. We also accept direct referrals.

Eligibility: N/A.

Center for People with Disabilities- Veterans Independence Program

(303) 442-8662

Veterans@CPWD.org

www.cpwd.org/veteran-independence-program/

1675 Range St. Boulder, CO 80301

About: CPWD's Veterans Independence Program (VIP) is a Veteran-Directed Care program for eligible veterans to help them remain in their homes and community. It allows veterans to direct their own programs and to receive services in their homes and community. Veterans decide what goods and services they need and who they want to perform those services. VIP helps veterans with non-medical support and services, assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and getting dressed), and other important activities (such as fixing meals and taking medications).

Eligibility: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA. For others CPWD services, to be eligible, an individual need to self-identify as someone with a disability and be willing to work with CPWD staff to develop a goal towards independence.

Challenge Aspen

(970) 923-0578

Info@challengeaspen.org

www.challengeaspen.org

1000 N. 3rd St. Aspen, CO 81611

About: Provides specialized equipment and professional support that enables any person, with any disability, to pursue their desired outdoor activity. Challenge Aspen strives to build an inclusive, supportive community that encourages participation in outdoor activities for people with disabilities.

Eligibility: Service-connected disability.

Colorado Discover Ability

(970) 257-1222

Office@cdagj.org

www.cdagj.org

601 Struthers Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501

About: CDA provides outdoor recreation programs for people with disabilities, their families, and friends including adaptive cycling, river rafting, kayaking, and skiing. Many of the programs are free of charge to veterans thanks to a VA adaptive Sports Grant.

Eligibility: Participants must be a veteran with a disability to qualify for funding under the VA Adaptive Sports Grant.

Colorado Springs Vet Center

(719) 471-9992

www.va.gov/colorado-springs-vet-center/

3920 N. Union Blvd. Ste. 310 Colorado Springs, CO 90907

116 South Main Street Fountain, CO 80817

About: We offer confidential help for veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma. We can also connect you with more support in the VA and community.

Eligibility: You do not need to be registered for care at the VA or receiving any form of VA benefits. On your first visit we will look for one or more of the following:

-Discharge documents such as a DD214

-Receipt of certain awards

-Deployment orders

If these documents are not readily available before you visit, we can assist you in the process of obtaining these documents.

Colorado Springs Vet Center- United States Air Force Academy

Equestrian Center

(719) 471-9992

7063 Cottonwood Dr. Air Force Academy, CO 80840

About: We offer confidential help for veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma.

Eligibility: DD214, receipt of certain awards, deployment orders, if you don't have these documents on-hand, come in and we can work with you to establish your eligibility and answer any questions you might have.

Comeback Yoga

(303) 416-4961

Kelly.comebackyoga@gmail.com

www.comebackyoga.org

About: We are removing barriers and making yoga accessible to the entire military community. We go where our students are and where they already feel comfortable.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

Comfort Keepers

(970) 241-8818

www.comfortkeepers.com

Multiple locations around the state.

About: Comfort Keepers provides in-home care and is an excellent resource for individuals who wish to remain in their home. We offer caregiving and nursing care. We also hire caregivers and CNAs to help with the needs of our clients.

Eligibility: Having a need to stay in their home while we tend to their everyday personal care as well as home care. We accept private pay as well as VA, Medicaid and insurance.

Community Reach Center

(303) 853-3500

www.communityreachcenter.org

Locations around the state

About: Community Reach Center provides mental health and substance use treatment throughout Adams County, Colorado. Services include individual, family, and group therapy. We have 24/7 social detox and other programs, including crisis. Please visit our website for more information and access our intake program.

Eligibility: We accept private insurance, self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare. We are currently out-of-network with TRICARE. We accept VA authorization.

Creative Remedies LLC

(720) 780-0111

Creativeremediesllc@proton.me

www.creativeremediesllc.com

12341 E. Cornell Ave. Aurora, CO 80014

About: Offers clinical mental health counseling, music therapy, play therapy, expressive arts therapy and music lessons.

Eligibility: N/A.

Cycling Without Age Littleton

(720) 456-0570

Jbsnet50@gmail.com

www.cwalittleton.com

P.O. Box 620711 Littleton, CO 80162

About: Be a positive force in the community, bringing all walks of life together by providing a trishaw experience which positively benefits passengers physically, mentally, socially and psychologically.

Eligibility: N/A.

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

(800) 870-9244

info@dvbic.org

www.msktc.org/TBI

1400 Crystal Drive 10th Floor Arlington, VA 22202

About: DVBIC was established by Congress to serve active-duty military (Reserve, Guard, All Branches) their beneficiaries and veterans with traumatic brain injuries through clinical care, recovery support, research and education.

Eligibility: Open and available to all.

Denver Hospice

(303) 418-3000

www.thedenverhospice.org

8289 Lowry Blvd. Denver, CO 80230

About: The Denver Hospice is the region's leading, largest and most trusted not-for-profit providers of life-enhancing hospice and palliative care. We offer more expertise, more resources and a more complete continuum of compassionate care to patients facing life-limiting illnesses and end-of-life transition.

Eligibility: All insurances are accepted including Medicare, Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Colorado Medicaid, private insurances and self-pay. The Denver Hospice is an independent, community-based, not-for-profit healthcare provider. We offer hospice services to those that do not have the resources to pay or are not eligible for insurance.

Denver Mind Spa

(303) 327-0350

info@mindspadenver.com

www.mindspadenver.com

5340 South Quebec St. 230s Greenwood Village, CO 80111

About: We specialize in Interventional Psychiatry to empower meaningful and lasting change for individuals struggling with depression, anxiety, PTSD, and other mental health conditions. Our compassionate team uses a combination of cutting-edge, evidence-based therapies, including Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), Ketamine Infusion Therapy, and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, to create personalized treatment plans tailored to your unique needs.

Eligibility: N/A.

Denver Regional Council of Governments- Area Agency on Aging

(303) 480-6700

AreaAgencyonAging@drcog.org

www.Drcog.org/programs/area-agency-aging

1001 17th St. Suite 700 Denver, CO 80202

About: The Area Agency on Aging offers the Veteran Directed Care program for eligible veterans to help them remain in their homes and community. It allows veterans to direct their own program and to receive services in their homes and community. Veterans decide what good and services they need and who they want to perform those services. VDC helps veterans with non-medical support and services, assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and getting dressed), and other important activities (such as fixing meals and taking medications).

Eligibility: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA. For other AAA services, individuals 18 y/o and older with a disability or adults over 60 y/o, living in: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, or Jefferson counties, can call the information and assistance line.

Denver Vet Center

(303) 326-0645

www.va.gov/denver-vet-center/

7465 East First Avenue Denver, CO 80230

About: We offer confidential help for veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma.

Eligibility: DD214, receipt of certain awards, deployment orders, if you don't have these documents on-hand come in and we can work with you to establish your eligibility and answer any questions you might have.

Director of Psychological Health- 140th ANG Wing at BAFB

Office: (720) 847-9438

Cell: (720) 982-0156

140 S. Aspen St. Bldg. 706 Buckley AFB, CO 80011

About: The primary role of the Director of Psychological Health is to support the mental health resilience of our military members and their families, by providing assessment, brief interventions, and referrals to sustainable resources within the community.

Eligibility: Services available to Traditional, AGR, Technician, Title 5, DSG, and dependents of the CO Air National Guard.

Director of Psychological Health- COARNG

720-219-0749

Shannon.m.bennett-tuke.civ@army.mil

Bldg. 1000 Sunlight Way Buckley Space Force

About: The primary role of the Director of Psychological Health is to support the mental health and resiliency of our COARNG soldiers by providing assessments, brief interventions, case management services, crisis interventions, profiles, referrals to community resources, education, command consultations and medical boards.

Eligibility: Services available to all COARNG soldiers and family members.

Eagle's Nest Ranch

(720) 655-6924

info@eaglesnestranch.org

www.eaglesnestranch.org

36998 Timer Dr. Elizabeth, CO 80107

About: We provide interactive sessions free of charge with horses to help with the invisible wounds of life. We exist to provide a place of hope, trust and growth for people and horses so they can soar above the adversities of life.

Eligibility: Active-duty and veteran service members, their spouses and children are eligible.

Ellie Mental Health

www.Elliementalhealth.com/locations

12 locations throughout Colorado and growing. See websites for locations, addresses, hours, phone numbers and emails.

About: Ellie Mental Health isn't your average therapy clinic. Many of us are veterans too. Our mission is to compassionately transform the culture of mental health care by providing creative solutions that make wellness accessible in every community. We've created a comfy, judgement-free zone where you can be authentic, get real about where you're in your mental health, and receive the compassionate care you deserve. We strive to break down treatment barriers and provide you with customized counseling services that meet your therapy needs.

Eligibility: Open to civilians, service members, veterans and their families – all ages. Most private and public insurances accepted at all locations – including Tricare, Medicaid, and Medicare. Some Ellie locations are also part of the VA Community Care Network.

Emory Healthcare: Veterans Healthcare

(404) 712-2000

www.emoryhealthcare.org

About: If you are a post 9/11 veteran or service member with invisible wounds such as PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), depression or anxiety, the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program is here to help.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members, regardless of location, discharge status, deployment history, or length of service.

Family Care Center

(888) 374-5066

asasse@fccsprings.com

www.fcwellbeing.com

Locations throughout Colorado and growing. See websites for locations, addresses, hours, phone numbers and emails.

About: We provide mental health services to people aged 5 and up. We provide counseling (individual, couples, and family) medication management, and TMS services. We are in network with all major insurances except for Medicaid. Other locations can be found throughout CO, check out the website for more information.

Eligibility: N/A.

FirstLight Home Care

(844) 879-7300

www.firstlighthomecare.com

Locations throughout Colorado, check out the website for more information.

About: FirstLight offers non-medical home care services.

Eligibility: The Home Connections Program is available through VA referral and payment or private pay.

Footprints to Recovery

(844) 979-2301

www.footprintstorecovery.com

Locations throughout Colorado and growing. See websites for locations, addresses, hours, phone numbers and emails.

About: Footprints to Recovery offers primary substance use disorder treatment services designed to support adults throughout their recovery journey. We offer Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) and traditional outpatients (OP) aftercare services, and Evening IOP on Mon/Tues/Thurs evenings from 5:30-8:30pm. We also offer Virtual IOP and Enhanced OP (one- 90-minute group per week on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm). In addition to the levels of care that we offer, we work with community partners who provide sober living housing, and we transport to and from our treatment center. We are in-the-network with TRICARE and TriWest.

Eligibility: Adults, SUD primary treatment.

Freedom Hunters

(303) 884-0059

info@freedomhunters.org

www.freedomhunters.org

PO Box 600 Elizabeth, CO 80107

About: Military outreach program dedicated to honoring those who protect our freedoms. We carry on the American tradition of hunting, fishing and marksmanship by sharing these traditions with veterans and service members.

Eligibility: Individuals from all branches of the military.

Freedom Service Dogs

(303) 922-6231

Info@freedom servicedogs.org

www.freedom servicedogs.org

7193 S. Dillon Court Englewood, CO 80112

About: FSD rescues dogs from shelters in Colorado and the surrounding states and trains to be service dogs for people with disabilities.

Eligibility: N/A.

Give an Hour

info@giveanhour.org

www.giveanhour.org

P.O. Box 1532 Clarksburg, MD 20871

About: Give an Hour offers no cost mental health care to military veterans and their loved ones. Give an Hour serves all branches and all service eras. To find a provider near you please visit our website and click "Get Help."

Eligibility: Must be a veteran with PTSD or a veteran or civilian with a mobility disability.

Harmony Acres Equestrian Center

(970) 261-5899

info@harmonyacresec.org

www.harmonyacresec.org

P.O. Box 38 Fruita, CO 81521

About: Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Therapeutic Riding, providing services for veterans and other specific groups of various ages.

Eligibility: Call for information.

Harmony's Heart Coaching- The Wind Rider Project

(720) 585-9828

glenn@harmonysheartcoaching.com

www.harmonysheartcoaching.com/the-wind-rider-project

About: Healing Warriors Program (HWP) provides non-narcotic treatment including Acupuncture, Craniosacral therapy and Healing Touch therapy in conjunction with Guided Imagery for Pain, PTS, Sleep disturbance, interpersonal trauma, detox, cancer support and more. Additionally, HWP provides care coordination services and telehealth options.

Eligibility: N/A.

Healing Warriors Program Fort Collins Clinic

(970) 776-8387

info@healingwarriorsprogram.org

www.healingwarriorsprogram.org

1044 West Drake Road Ste. 202 Fort Collins, CO 80525

About: Healing Warriors Program (HWP) provides non-narcotic treatment including Acupuncture, Craniosacral therapy and Healing Touch therapy in conjunction with Guided Imagery for Pain, PTS, Sleep disturbance, interpersonal trauma, detox, cancer support and more. Additionally, HWP provides care coordination services and telehealth options.

Eligibility: Service Members from any branch of service, any era of service, with another that dishonorable discharge, as well as their spouse/partner and parent are entitled to care.

Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center

(970) 663-4200

info@heartsandhorses.org

www.heartsandhorses.org

163 N. County Rd. 29 Loveland, CO 80537

About: Therapeutic riding and horsemanship for veterans, adults, and children with physical or cognitive disabilities, at risk youth, OT/PT/SLP services, Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Eligibility: For our riding programs, 210 or less pounds. Unlimited for our ground program. Any age/era of veteran eligible. Medical release is required.

HeartLight Center

(720) 748-9908

info@heartlightcenter.org

www.heartlightcenter.org

11150 E. Dartmouth Avenue Aurora, CO 80014

About: Provide meaningful and accessible grief support and education to the community.

Eligibility: N/A.

Highlands Behavioral Health System

(720) 348-2800

www.highlandsbhs.com

8565 South Poplar Way Littleton, CO 80130

About: 86-bed freestanding behavioral health hospital offering psychiatric care for adults and adolescents ages 11 and older.

Eligibility: N/A.

Hives for Heroes

(910) 315-4672

Co-1@hivesforheroes.org

www.hivesforheroes.org

About: National non-profit service organization focusing on sustainability, conservation, and providing a healthy transition from service. Through our national network of beekeepers, we provide connections, purpose, and healthy relationships.

Eligibility: Active-duty, veterans, and first responders.

Hope Thru Hooves

(719) 242-5181

kim@hopethruhooves.org

www.hopethruhooves.org

25550 Hillside Rd, Pueblo, CO 81006

About: Welcome to Hope thru Hooves, where horses and humans come together to foster healing, growth, and resilience. Our farm is a sanctuary for veterans, youth, and individuals seeking empowerment through equine-assisted activities.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their families.

Huts for Vets

(970) 414-0148

info@hutsforvets.org

www.hutsforvets.org

About: Huts for Vets takes veterans who have experienced trauma because of their service into the wilderness for healing opportunities at the 10th Mountain Huts System of Aspen. We cover all expenses including transportation.

Eligibility: Any Veteran who has experienced trauma because of their service. We hike above 11,000 feet, so a strong measure of physical fitness requirement.

The Independence Center

(719) 471-8181

info@the-ic.org

www.theindependencecenter.org

729 S. Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

About: Veteran Directed Care at the Independence Center: The Veteran in Charge (VIC) Program is a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the IC. The VIC program allows eligible veterans of any age to remain in the home and community with appropriate services and support. (No disability rating needed, no financial eligibility requirement, does not interfere with pension benefits.) VIC serves 20 counties within Colorado. Contact your VA social worker or primary care team for a referral for Veteran Directed Care. The Independence Center offers other free services: assistive technology, benefits assistance (SSI/SSDI/Medicaid/Medicare), independent living skills classes, peer support, deaf/hard of hearing, blind/low vision, housing vouchers, information and referral, and individual and systems advocacy. An individual needs only self-identity as someone with a disability to access their services.

Eligibility: Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA.

Innovage

(866) 535-9350

www.innovage.com/locations/colorado

8950 E. Lowry Boulevard Denver, CO 80230

About: Providing healthcare and social services to seniors – without having them move into nursing facility.

Eligibility: N/A.

Irel8

info@irel8.org

www.ierl8.org

About: An anonymous place to vent, get real-world advice, receive recommendations to a great mental health provider or help others.

Eligibility: N/A.

Jefferson Center for Mental Health- Veteran and Military Services

(303) 425-0300

veterans@jcmh.org

www.jcmh.org

About: The veteran and military families team serves veterans, their families, and loved ones who face unique challenges that impact their lives. This team offers confidential counseling, group support, linking clients to community resources and encourages the empowerment of all clients to find solutions to their unique challenges as military families.

Eligibility: Veterans, their families and loved ones, regardless of discharge status, are eligible for a consultation to determine the best level of services for their needs. We primarily serve residents of Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties; however, we can take referral from other areas on a space-available basis. We are also glad to assist any veteran or family member find resources in their area.

Joint Forces Veterans Alliance

(719) 270-1422

info@JointForcesAlliance.org

www.jointforcesalliance.org

P.O. Box 225 Franktown, CO 80116

About: Assist our disabled and non-disabled veterans. Fosters camaraderie through therapeutic and educational activities for all veterans. The purposes of the Alliance are health and wellness, charitable, educational, and therapeutic; to preserve and strengthen the comradeship among its members.

Eligibility: Veterans.

Katie's Way Plus

(719) 249-8638

Cosprings@KatiesWayTMS.com

www.katieswayplus.com/locations/colorado-springs/colorado

630 Southpointe Ct. Suite 105 Colorado Springs, CO 80906

About: Revolutionize mental health care, empowering service members, veterans and their families to optimize their mental health fitness. Through state-of-the-art protocols our aim is to elevate mental readiness, foster family steadiness, and pave the way for a life filled with joy and fulfillment.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their family members.

Kindbridge Research Institute

518-727-9870 (Team) 1-844-FreeVet (Colorado Helpline)

www.kindbridge.com

3773 Cherry Creek Drive, Denver, CO, 80209

About: KRI provides free treatment, education, and research programs focused on gambling disorder for service members, veterans, and their families. Their military initiative offers clinical care, peer support groups, leader education, community outreach, and provider training, along with a national awareness campaign.

Eligibility: All active-duty, veterans, and family members in Colorado can access no-cost gambling disorder treatment and support services. No referral or insurance required.

Lokiten Behavioral Health

(719) 600-9455

info@lokitenbh.com

www.lokitenbh.com

4440 Barnes Rd. Ste. 245 Colorado Springs, CO 80917

About: Provides mental health services to children, adolescents and adults. Services include counseling, medication management, and IOP.

Eligibility: Veterans, service members, and their families.

Marcus Institute for Brain Health

(303) 724-4225

Tina.fanello@cuanschutz.edu

www.medschool.cuanschutz.edu/mibh

12348 E. Montview Blvd. Aurora, CO 80045

About: The primary focus of MIBH is to care for former military personnel with mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and co-occurring psychological health (PH) conditions who have separated from active-duty or serve in the Reserves or National Guard. The MIBH offers intensive outpatient care with detailed diagnostic and treatment services that combines conventional medicine with integrative medicine. MIBH provides a 3-day evaluation and 2-week intensive outpatient program (IOP) for eligible candidates. During IOP, patients and families will receive extensive education regarding the nature of co-occurring mTBI and PH conditions designed to enhance self-management of symptoms aimed at improving quality of life.

Eligibility: Military veterans- National Guard and Reserves accepted; All eras accepted; Dishonorable accepted; Combat and non-combat accepted.

Medicare Mentors

(719) 886-3377

www.medicare-mentors.com

About: Medicare Mentors NO COST consultation VIRTUALLY or in person. We are licensed health insurance agents who can answer your Medicare insurance questions and assist you with your Medicare insurance quote and enrollment. Calling this number will connect you with a licensed Medicare Mentor Insurance Broker.

Eligibility: N/A.

Mighty Oaks: Fight Club Warriors

(832) 205-8550

info@MightOaksPrograms.org

www.mightyoaksprograms.org/fight-club-warriors-restored-lives/

33134 Magnolia Circle Unit 10 Magnolia, TX 77354

About: Our six-day Resiliency and Combat Trauma Reintegration program utilizes a unique non-clinical methodology that is successful in equipping warriors to face and recover from the rigors associated with combat and military service – such as PTS. Give full scholarships so there is no cost.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

Military Basketball Association

www.mymbaglobal.com

About: Every year the MBA organizes and hosts local and national events to bring awareness to the many behavioral health concerns that veterans face every day. We seek to educate communities on the challenges and stigmas regarding Post Traumatic Stress and strongly advocate for the intervention in the alarming rate of veteran suicides.

Eligibility: Service members and veterans.

Mount Moriah Stables

(303) 667-1883

www.mtmoriahstables.com/programs

1990 W. 150th Ave. Broomfield, CO 80023

About: Provides equine facilitated mental health activities for therapy and learning in a peaceful and private setting.

Eligibility: Willingness to interact with horses.

Mountain Springs Recovery

(877) 548-9502

www.mountainspringsrecovery.com

1865 Woodmoor Dr. Monument, CO 80132

About: Mountain Springs offers an inpatient rehab, detox, dual diagnosis place where people who deal with both mental health and addiction issues can get the help they need.

Eligibility: N/A.

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center

(719) 309-4719

frontdesk@mt.carmelcenter.org

www.veteranscenter.org

530 Communication Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80905

About: Provides military and veteran community members and their families with critical services to include transition and employment, health and wellness, and supportive services. Provides military, veterans, and their families with accessible programs, integrated resources, and collaborative partnerships to empower lives and strengthen our community.

Eligibility: Military-affiliated individuals to include active-duty, guard, reserve, veterans, and their family members.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Colorado Springs

(719) 473-8477

info@namicos.org

www.namicoloradosprings.org

1615 S. Murray Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: NAMI Colorado Springs is an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the United States' largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with mental illness. As such, we enjoy access to nationally developed and vetted programs and educational materials while operating as a fully independent and locally run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our programs and support groups are peer-led and support people living with mental health conditions (including military members and veterans), to their families/friends, and to community members and groups.

Eligibility: NAMI currently offers Homefront, a six-week educational course that teaches family members and friends how to care for their military members/veterans who are experiencing mental health concerns. Programs specifically for military members/veterans are in development.

No Barriers Warriors

(970) 484-3633

info@nobarriersusa.org

www.nobarriersusa.org/warriors

301 Boardwalk Drive Fort Collins, CO 80527

About: No Barriers Warriors improves the lives of veterans with disabilities through curriculum-based expeditions in challenging environments.

Eligibility: We serve veterans with service-connected disabilities. Proof of service (DD214) and proof of service-connected disability (VA letter) are needed to apply.

Operation EQUINE

(720) 588-3035

michelle@operationequine.org

www.operationequine.com

PO Box 3343 Boulder, CO 80307

About: Providing equine assisted psychotherapy and learning to active military, service members, veterans, emergency responders and their families, caregivers and supporters. We offer individual, couple, family, and group sessions. Sessions, groups, and appointments made individually.

Eligibility: Active military, service member, veteran (any branch, any discharge status), emergency responder and their families, caregivers, and supporters. Also providing services to veteran and ER-serving organizations. Also offering WARRIOR Pack Trips in the springs/summer by application and interview.

Operation Revamp, Inc.

(970) 462-3126

info@operationrevamp.org

www.operationrevamp.org

307 S. 12th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

About: Veterans Art Center provides supplies, equipment, studios and training on-site for veterans and families at no charge.

Eligibility: Veteran or family member of a veteran.

Operation TBI Freedom: A Program of Craig Hospital

(303) 789-8000

rehab@craighospital.org

www.craighospital.org/operation-tbi-freedom

3425 S. Clarkson St. Englewood, CO 80113

About: Operation TBI Freedom (OTF) is a program of Craig Hospital that provides support for veterans, and active-duty military personnel with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). OTF provides long-term continuity of care, case management, and direct service assistance to veterans and service members who have suffered TBI and who meet eligibility criteria.

Eligibility: Served in any branch or component of the military at least one day on or after 9/11/01. Residing in Colorado. Evidence or history of traumatic brain injury event(s) TBI must have occurred after start of military service, whether active, reserve, or veteran status.

Palmer Lake Recovery

(877) 213-6975

EAnslinger@advancedrecoveryystems.com

www.palmerlakerecovery.com

443 S. Highway 105 Palmer Lake, CO 80133

About: Offer a physician lead medical detox, residential, and step-down programming. We offer residential treatment programs in Ohio, Washington, Colorado, New Jersey, Indiana, Missouri, Atlanta, Florida.

Eligibility: N/A.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter

(303) 522-3943

izzy@mscpva.org

www.secure.pva.org

12200 East Illif Avenue Aurora, CO 80014

About: We are a non-profit Veteran Service Organization dedicated solely to helping veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders, (SCI/D) and diseases like MS and ALS.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members regardless of discharge status.

PGA H.O.P.E Colorado

(303) 681-0742

www.reach.coloradopga.com/supporting-our-military

6630 Bear Dance Drive Larkspur, CO 80118

About: Military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. Paid for by a foundation.

Eligibility: Veterans with disabilities.

Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care

(719) 633-3400

mail@PikesPeakHospice.org

www.pikespeakhospice.org

2550 Tenderfoot Hill Street Colorado Springs, CO 80909

About: Hospice and palliative care services.

Eligibility: Physician referral required.

Project Angel Heart

(303) 830-0202

refer@projectangelheart.org

www.projectangelheart.org

4950 Washington St. Denver, CO 80216

About: Project Angel Heart's mission is to improve health and well-being for people with life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering medically tailored meals and promoting the power of food as medicine. Each week, our professional chefs and registered dietitians prepare fresh, healthy meals, and tailor them to meet the medical and dietary needs of neighbors living with cancer, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, and other serious illnesses. Loving volunteers deliver the meals, free of charge, to clients' homes in Metro Denver and Colorado Springs. In 2019, the agency will provide more than 490,000 meals to 3,025 critically ill Coloradans.

Eligibility: To be eligible for services, individuals must have a life-threatening illness and limited mobility inhibiting food preparation. Other extenuating circumstances may also qualify an individual for services. Dependents of eligible clients may also receive meals, free of charge. "Life-threatening illness": Conditions such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, end stage renal disease, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, multiple sclerosis, and others will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Eligibility is determined by the level of immobility caused by the condition, its treatment, or by accompanying conditions. Application required- Available online.

Project Healing Waters

(719) 465-3717

Media.cos@projecthealingwaters.org

www.projecthealingwaters.org

913 East Filmore Colorado Springs, CO 80907

About: Dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active-military service personnel and disabled veterans, our participants, through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

Eligibility: VA disability rating.

Project Welcome Home Troops

info@pwht.org

www.projectwelcomehometroops.org

About: SKY Resilience Training provides breath-based tools that decrease chronic and post-traumatic stress, depression, anxiety, and sleep problems; restoring well-being, mental focus, and a renewed sense of connection and purpose.

Eligibility: Service members and veterans.

Psychological Health Outreach Program- Navy and Marine

nr-phop.southwest@serco-na.com

www.navyreserve.navy.mil/News/Article-View-News/Article/3252948/psychological-health-and-outreach-program-phop/

7 N Snowmass St. Bldg. 1301 Buckley AFB, CO 80011

About: PHOP is comprised of a team of licensed mental health professionals who connect Sailors and Marines to free or low-cost local and national resources.

Eligibility: Marine or Navy Reservist. Marine or Navy Reservist family member or loved one.

PTSD Foundation of America

(719) 375-4647 (832) 912-4429

www.ptsdusa.org

Camp Hope: 9274 Derrington Rd. Houston, TX 77064

About: The mission of the PTSD Foundation is to combat PTSD, give back to those who have given themselves so selflessly, and to increase public awareness about PTSD.

Eligibility: Combat veterans with PTSD.

Pueblo Community Health Center

(719) 543-8711

info@pueblochc.org

www.pueblochc.org

110 East Routt Avenue Pueblo, CO 81004

About: The vision of PCHC is to be the primary health care provider of choice in Pueblo County by offering top quality care through accessibility, leadership and financial independence.

Eligibility: N/A.

Pueblo Vet Center

(719) 583-4058

www.va.gov

1515 Fortino Boulevard Pueblo, CO 81008

About: We offer confidential help for veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, PTSD, and MST.

Eligibility: DD214, receipt of certain awards, deployment orders, if you don't have these documents on-hand come in and we can work with you to establish your eligibility and answer any questions you might have.

REBOOT Combat Recovery

(931) 292-2011

www.rebootrecovery.com

274 Centre St. Ste 200 Pleasant View, TN 37146

About: Faith-based trauma healing courses that meet once a week for 12 weeks. It costs \$25 dollars to sign up for the course.

Eligibility: Service members and veterans.

Regis Center for Counseling (Thornton)

(303) 964-5786

www.regis.edu/about/regis-in-the-community/center-for-counseling-family-therapy/

500 E. 84th Ave. Thornton, CO 80229

About: Regis University's Center for Counseling, Family and Play therapy offers low-cost/free in person counseling, family therapy and play therapy for people in the local Denver Metro community, we also offer low-cost/free online therapy to anyone in the state of Colorado.

Eligibility: N/A.

River Deep Foundation

(303) 881-0400

www.riverdeepfoundation.org

12550 W. Colfax Ave. 109 Lakewood, CO 80215

About: We provide outings such as art classes, fishing, archery, fencing, camping, hunting, wild game cooking, scuba, and many more for wounded vets, family members, and individuals with disabilities. Our mission is to help with the healing process.

Eligibility: Injured active-duty, wounded vets, individuals with disabilities.

Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center

(303) 399-8020

www.va.gov/eastern-colorado-health-care/locations/rocky-mountain-regional-v-a-medical-center/

1700 N. Wheeling St. #122 Aurora, CO 80045

About: VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

Eligibility: Must live in a 30mi. radius of 1055 Clermont St. Denver 80220, trouble getting to primary care appointments, complex medical needs, homebound, or benefit from interdisciplinary team care at home. Telehealth.

Rose Neurospora

(720) 707-6914

info@roseneurospa.com

www.roseneurospa.com

About: Rose Neurospora is a leading Mental Health Clinic in Lone Tree, Colorado providing breakthrough mental health services and treatments such as transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), ketamine, and cutting-edge coaching for emotional health and wellbeing.

Eligibility: N/A.

Salvation Army Harbor Lights Program

(720) 305-5665

2136 Champa Street Denver, CO 80205

About: Comprehensive residential treatment facility that can accommodate up to 120 men at a time. In addition to providing a safe and structured environment Harbor Lights offers a range of support services, including educational classes, job readiness training, and transitional living assistance, staff members are specifically trained to also help participants secure employment, ensuring they have the resources and skills to rebuild their lives.

Eligibility: N/A.

SCLHealth Lutheran Hospice

(303) 425-8000

www.sclhealth.org/locations/lutheran-hospice/services/hospice

3210 Lutheran Parkway Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

About: Lutheran Hospice is a community-based hospice located in Wheat Ridge, CO. We accept most insurances for palliative care and hospice services and have a current contract with the VA to provide veteran-centric hospice care. We offer inpatient, home care, and other community level support of patients in hospice care.

Eligibility: N/A.

Sobriety House, Inc

(720) 381-4334

info@sobrietyhouse.org

www.sobrietyhouse.org

121 Acoma St. Denver, CO 80223

About: Sobriety House is a nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment center. We offer a 28-day Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT), a Transitional Residential Treatment (TRT) for up to 6 months, and outpatient groups. We have a grant through the VA to help cover treatment for veterans, we also accept Medicaid for all programs, and we have other grants that can help with treatment costs.

Eligibility: 18 and older; Males and females; Must have DD214 and something other than a dishonorable discharge to be eligible for veterans grant.

Southeast Armed Services YMCA

(719) 622-9622/3567

www.ppymca.org

2190 Jet Wing Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: Youth development, health and wellness, social responsibility and resiliency.

Eligibility: Call for eligibility requirements.

StableStrides

(719) 495-3908

connect@stablestrides.org

www.stablestrides.org

13620 Halleluia Trail Elbert, CO 80106

About: Equine assisted services help children, adults, seniors, service members, and veterans address a wide variety of physical, developmental, and mental health disabilities.

Eligibility: Vary based on program interest, funding options, etc. Please call or email me for details.

Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Red Rock

(719) 370-5141

cvnccs@red-rock.com

www.cohenveteransnetwork.org

1915 Aerotech Dr. Suite 114 Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: Provides confidential, individually tailored mental health care to post-9/11 veterans, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and their family members, which includes caregivers and others in the veteran's immediate support system. Services are available regardless of discharge status, role while in uniform, combat experience, or ability to pay or have insurance, with minimal wait times for initial appointments.

Eligibility: Post 9/11 veteran (will see pre 9/11 depending on capacity) active-duty service members (to include The National Guard and Reserve) and/or their family members (family member does not have to be blood related. This can be care-taker or anyone else identified as family by the veteran or service member).

Stillwater Ranch

(303) 451-8182

info@stillwaterranch.org

www.stillwaterranch.org

8511 Coyote Run Loveland, CO 80537

About: Non-profit ranch in the foothills of Loveland for veterans, service members and their families. Do things in a ranch environment that promotes peace, fun, and healing around our foundational pillars of comradery, family support, alternative therapies, training and education.

Eligibility: Military member, veteran with any type of discharge, or family member.

Tactical Recovery

(405) 788-9959

Christina.Rodgers@summitbhc.com

www.tacticalrecovery.com

About: Created because very few addiction and mental health centers are genuinely qualified in understanding and treating veterans. Far too often, veterans do not receive the level of treatment they deserve from people who understand the full impact of their service. provides a culturally competent and trauma-informed environment for recovery and healing. We tailor care for everyone using evidence-based practices and holistic healing methods.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

Team River Runner

info@teamriverrunner.org

www.teamriverrunner.org

Chapters throughout Colorado See websites for locations, addresses, hours, phone numbers and emails.

About: Adaptive sports program that offers opportunities for friendship, new-found purpose, and community service. Join our veterans on their river to recover and enjoy the physical and emotional benefits of nature, whether it's a whitewater rapid or a peaceful lazy river!

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

Team Select

(719) 277-6697

www.tshc.com/locations/colorado/

1125 Kelly Johnson Blvd. 341 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

About: Specialized services for medically fragile children, disabled adults, and their families across Colorado. We see our patients as heroes and provide personalized, compassionate care at every step.

Eligibility: N/A.

The Phoenix

(720) 440-9175

info@thephoenix.org

www.thephoenix.org

2239 Champa St. Denver, CO 80205

About: Sober active community that offers substance use disorder recovery support services to those that have 48 hours of continuous sobriety and who are choosing to live a sober lifestyle. Utilizes exercise to create a fellowship that can help the individual achieve long term sobriety.

Eligibility: 48 hours clean and sober directly before their first event. All events are free to the individual.

The Sturm Center (Behavioral Health)- University of Denver

(303) 871-7942

Sturmcenter@du.edu

www.psychology.du.edu/sturm-center

2450 S. Vine Street Denver, CO 80210

About: A Military-Psychology Behavioral health Center for veterans, service members, and their families.

Eligibility: Veterans, no matter discharge status, combat status or era. Service members, including Guard and Reserve. Family members/supportive others. Kids/adolescents. No official referral is needed.

Trea Gives

TREAGIVES@TREA.org

www.trea.org

About: We offer a range of services to meet the unique needs of veterans and their families. From financial planning to suicide prevention resources, we are here to help.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

TRICARE Health and Net Federal Services

1 (844) 866-9378

www.tricare-west.com

1125 Kelly Johnson Blvd. 341 Colorado Springs, CO 80920

About: Managed Care Support Contractor (MCSC) for healthcare in the TRICARE West region.

Eligibility: Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) eligible for TRICARE benefits and programs.

United Concordia Companies

(844) 653-4061

www.unitedcondordia.com

About: TRICARE Dental Program: DoD sponsored dental insurance.

Eligibility: NG/Reserves and their families; Active-duty family members; IRR and their families.

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

(303) 399-8020

vhaechcommunications@va.gov

www.va.gov/eastern-colorado-health-care

1700 N. Wheeling St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Health care provided to eligible U.S. veterans.

Eligibility: U.S. veterans.

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System: Mental Health Service

(720) 723-3864

www.va.gov/eastern-colorado-health-care/health-services/mental-health-care/

1700 N. Wheeling St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Comprehensive mental health services and homelessness support for eligible veterans.

Eligibility: To find out about eligibility for VA care, contact 1-888-336-8262, press 4. For support in a mental health crisis call: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

Valley Hope of Parker

(303) 841-7857

www.valleyhope.org/locations/colorado/parker-treatment-center

22422 Mainstreet Parker, CO 80138

About: Addiction treatment and recovery services/VA Community Care Network Provider.

Eligibility: N/A.

VA Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention

(303) 399-8020

RockymountainMIRECC@va.gov

www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19

1700 N. Wheeling St. Bldg. A2 Aurora, CO 80045

About: The mission of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC is to study suicide with the goal of reducing suicidal ideation and behaviors in the veteran population. The work of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC focuses on promising clinical interventions, the cognitive and neurobiological underpinnings of suicidal thoughts, and behaviors that may lead to innovative prevention strategies. The vision of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC is veterans, their families, and the VHA will have increased information and options to make health decisions aimed at decreasing suicide risk.

Eligibility: Variable- depends on research study.

VA Western Colorado Health Care System: Mental Health Services

(970) 242-0731

www.va.gov/western-colorado-health-care/

2121 north Avenue grand junction, CO 81501

About: Health care provided to eligible U.S. veterans.

Eligibility: U.S. veterans.

Vet Center

Boulder: (303) 440-7306

4940 Pearl East Circle #100 Boulder, CO 80301

Colorado Springs: (719) 471-9992

3920 North Union Blvd. Suite 310 Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Denver: (303) 326-0645

7465 E. First Ave. Denver, CO 80203

Fort Collins: (970) 221-5176

702 W. Drake Bldg. C Fort Collins, CO 80526

Grand Junction: (970) 245-4156

561 25 Rd. Suite 101 Grand Junction, CO 81505

877-WAR-VETS (877) 927-8387

www.vetcenter.va.gov

About: We welcome home war veterans with honor by providing quality re-adjustment counseling in a caring manner. Vet Centers understand and appreciate veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community. Vet Centers guide veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a veteran return from combat. Services for a veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential.

Eligibility: Deployment to a combat theater OR military sexual trauma OR loved one of a service member that passed away while serving. All discharges. No enrollment in the VA is necessary.

Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons

(720) 857-6400

Tamara.hoehn@state.co.us

www.cdhs.colorado.gov/vclc-fitzsimons

1919 Quentin St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: We provide short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing care. Our team of physicians, nurses, therapists and aids provide a variety of services to meet your mental health needs. Depending on location, we provide memory care, hospice and assisted living-type cottage apartments. We have locations throughout the state in Aurora, Walsenburg, Monte Vista and Rifle.

Eligibility: Veterans, veteran spouse or widow and Gold Star Parents. DD214 showing honorable or general discharge – Call admission coordinator at any of our homes to obtain additional information.

Veterans Exploration Therapy

info@vetxtherapy.org

www.vetxtherapy.org

About: Non-profit that is committed to helping veterans in a non-traditional wilderness therapy setting. We are founded and operated by combat veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Eligibility: Veterans and family members.

Westside CARES

(719) 389-0759

Kristy.milligan@westsidecares.org

www.westsidecares.org

2808 West Colorado Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80904

About: Westside CARES is a nonprofit collaboration of 22 interfaith communities in El Paso County, united in care and compassion for those in need by providing crisis human services.

Eligibility: Individual's or family's genuine needs and their established residence within the agency's services area.

Wild Warrior Adventure

info@wildwarrioradventure.org

www.wildwarrioradventure.org

P.O. Box 25627 Colorado Springs, CO 80936

About: Warriors and their families through providing spiritual outdoor adventures in exceptional environments, away from the distractions of daily life, to find freedom from bondage, to build emotional and spiritual resiliency, and to lead healthy, God-centered lives.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their family members.

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How to Apply and Application Assistance

Provided below is the information and links regarding benefits and services potentially available to you. We strongly recommend, if you are considering requesting services or applying to the VA, that you contact your County Veterans Service Office. Their Service Officers specialize in assisting veterans and their family members with claims, applications, and appeals to the VA.

Please visit our County Veterans Service Offices web page to obtain your County Veterans Service Office's contact information.

VA Loans

VA Loan Eligibility Center
Attn: COE 262
P.O. Box 100034 Decatur, GA 30031
www.vba.va.gov
www.homeloans.va.gov

Remember, the VA does not give the loan, it guarantees a portion of the loan enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms. You must still qualify for the loan.

VA Loan Guarantee/Home Loans

VA home loan guaranties are issues to help eligible service members, veterans, reservists and certain unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes, condominiums, manufactures homes and to refinance loans.

Eligibility: There are service periods and conditions of service requirements, credit rating, sufficient income, a valid Certificate of Eligibility (COE below) and agree to live in the property in order to be approved for a VA home loan.

Property Tax

Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

This program is for Disabled Veterans who:
Have established a service-connected disability that has been rated by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, The United States Department of Homeland Security, or The Department of the Army, Navy or Air Force as one hundred percent (100%) permanent disability (Individual Unemployability does not qualify) AND you must have owned and occupied the property since January 1st of the year in which the veteran is applying.

This exemption is 50% of the first \$200,000 value of your home. The exemption is for primary residence only.

If you have questions please feel free to call the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs at (970) 257-3760 or email at wros@dmva.state.co.us

DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION

Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption Instructions

The Property Tax Deferral program helps military personnel and seniors, many of whom live on a fixed income, continue to afford to living in their home by deferring the payment of their property taxes.

The State Treasurer's office makes tax payments directly to the county on behalf of the participant for the tax amount due. The loan is logged as a lien against the participant's property that does not have to be remitted until the participant no longer qualifies to defer their property taxes.

Requirements for Eligibility

- Applicant must be a senior who is 65 years or older or a person called into military service pursuant to CRS 39-3.5-101 (1.8), on January 1 of the year in which the person files a claim.
- All prior years property taxes must be paid.
- Applicant must own and occupy the property as their primary residence. The property cannot be income-producing.
- The total value of liens against the property (mortgages, deferrals, and/or deeds of trust) cannot exceed 100% of the assessed market value.
- Mortgage lender agrees that the state's interest in the property would take priority over all other interests.
- If a qualified applicant has a reverse mortgage, the property is only eligible for future deferrals if a subordination agreement from the mortgage lender is submitted with the application.
- The deferral amount must be paid upon sale or transfer of the property. The deferral amount can also be paid any time prior to sale or transfer without affecting future eligibility.

Procedure

Those who qualify must file an application with their respective county treasurer between January 1st and April 1st of each year. Once approved, the county treasurer will issue a certificate of deferral to the property owner, keeping one copy on record and sending one copy to the state Treasurer's office. (Note: If property taxes are included in your mortgage payment, you should present a copy of your deferral certificate to the mortgage lender for a refund of property tax monies held in escrow) By April 30, the state Treasurer's office will pay the deferred amount to the county treasurer where the property is located. The state Treasurer's office maintains an account for each tax-deferred property which accrues interest which is credited to the state's General Call the Treasurer's office for the current interest rate. When the deferred amount is paid to the county treasurer upon sale or transfer of the property, that amount is then transmitted to the state Treasurer's office.

HOMELESS RESOURCES

VA Programs for Homeless Veterans

VA's specialized programs for homeless Veterans serve hundreds of thousands of homeless and at-risk veterans each year. Independently and in collaboration with federal and community partners, VA programs provide veterans with housing solutions, employment opportunities, health care, justice- and reentry-related services and more.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without assistance.

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD). Program

State, local and tribal governments and nonprofits receive capital grants and per diem payments to develop and operate transitional housing-including short-stay bridge housing-and/or service centers for veterans who are homeless.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development- VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)

This collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing. As of April 8, 2018, HUD has allocated more than 87,000 vouchers to help house veterans across the country. Through public housing authorities, HUD provides rental assistance vouchers for privately owned housing to veterans who are eligible for VA health care services and are experiencing homelessness. VA case managers may connect these veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community. Among VA homeless continuum of care programs, HUD-VASH enrolls the largest number and largest percentage of veterans who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Almost Home Inc.

(303) 659-6199

info@almosthomeonline.org

www.almosthomeonline.org

22 S. 4th Ave. Suite 102 Brighton, CO 80601

About: People have equitable access to safe and sustainable housing. Provides resource navigation assistance and guidance to those experiencing housing instability.

Eligibility: N/A.

Archdiocese of Denver

(855) 777-5280

info@ccdenvver.org

www.ccdenvver.org

6240 Smith Road Denver, CO 80216

About: We offer shelter, affordable housing, early childhood education, counseling, emergency services, rent and utilities, employment, food and clothing, case management, family and senior services and much more at 76 locations across the Front Range and on the Western Slope.

Eligibility: N/A.

Center for Independence

(970) 241-0315

info@cfigj.org

www.cfigj.org

740 Gunnison Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501

About: Free program for people with disabilities to help with disability benefits, vocational training and placement, assistive technology, housing location and applications, youth with disabilities transition into adult services and support, peer mentoring, advocacy, low-vision and deaf services, computer training lab, information and referrals to other human service providers.

Eligibility: Must be a person with a disability willing to participate in their own recovery or goals for self-sufficiency.

Homes for Heroes

(720) 363-6363

RealEstateGetTroy@gmail.com

www.homesforheroes.com

6020 Greenwood Plaza Blvd. 100 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

About: Homes for Heroes allows real estate service-providers to rebate significant portions of their service fees back to local heroes, including veterans and active military.

Eligibility: Must be eligible as one of the five Homes for Heroes categories, hero categories, including military (active and veteran), police, fire, healthcare provider, teacher.

Purple Heart Homes

(704) 838-4044

info@phhusa.org

www.purplehearthomeusa.org

755 Washington Ave. Statesville, NC 28677

About: To build awareness, mobilize communities, and create safe housing solutions for our service-connected disabled veterans of all eras.

Eligibility: Service-connected disabled veterans of all eras.

Rocky Mountain Fisher House

(720) 723-7683

VHAECHFisherHouse@va.gov

www.rockymountainfisherhouse.org

1700 N. Wheeling St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Many veterans and active-duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, we provide a place to stay at no cost to these families.

Eligibility: Family member, friend or caregiver of either a veteran or active-duty military member of a loved one that is inpatient at the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center.

Rocky Mountain Human Services- Homes for all Veterans- SSVF

(855) 838-7428

HAVreferrals@rmhunamservices.org

www.rmhumanservices.org/departments/homes-for-all-veterans/

Colorado Springs: 17 S. Weber St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (719) 323-2600

Denver: 9900 E. Iliff Ave. Denver, CO 80231 (303) 636-5600

About: Homes for All Veterans (HAV) is a statewide program funded by a specific grant – SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) awarded to Rocky Mountain Human Services by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The SSVF grant is founded on the principle that no veteran should be forced to live on the streets, and every veteran has a right to safe, permanent housing. SSVF grantees are dedicated to ending veteran homelessness by fostering a well-coordinated and efficient local community.

Eligibility: U.S. military veterans of all branches who have served at least one day of active-duty for purposes other than training. Resident of Colorado. Not dishonorably discharged or court martial (general). Income limits determined by family size and area of residence (low income below 50% Area Medium Income). * Verified homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Sunshine Home Share Colorado

(720) 856-0161

www.sunshinehomeshare.org

3532 North Franklin Street Suite E2/E3 Denver, CO 80205

About: Sunshine Home Share Colorado is a non-profit helping older adults to age in place by trading in-home services such as yard work, meal prep, or nighttime presence for discounted rent. The staff of social workers uses a vetting process to make safe, thoughtful mutually beneficial matches. Home sharing supports the creation of affordable housing while supporting older adults to be able to remain and maintain their homes. Sunshine also offers the opportunity for older adults to work on their financial wellness and empowerment. This program meets one on one with individuals 55 and older to support working on better financial health. This may include budgeting, goal setting, understanding credit, accessing resources, and living on a fixed income.

Eligibility: U.S. military veterans of all branches who have served at least one day of active-duty for purposes other than training, Living in Colorado. Not dishonorably discharged or court martial (general). Income limits determined by family size and area of residence (low income below 50% Area Medium Income). *Verified homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Team Rubicon

(310) 640-8787

www.teamrubiconusa.org

5230 Pacific Concourse Drive Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90045

About: Veteran led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, after, during and after disasters and crises.

Eligibility: Veterans.

The Housing Authority of the City of Aurora

(720) 277-3536

yfuenmayor@aurorahousing.org

www.aurorahousing.org

2280 S. Xanadu Way Aurora, CO 80014

About: AHA specializes in mission-driven housing that currently serves 2,000 households through voucher programs and 1,620 residents that reside in our affordable rental communities.

Eligibility: Check online for requirements.

Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals

(951) 444-7363

www.varep.net

2020 Newcombe Drive Lakewood, CO 80215

About: The Veterans Association of Real Estate professionals- Denver Chapter- is part of a nationwide network of VAREP chapters dedicated to helping veterans achieve home ownership. We campaign in DC for veterans rights, educate veterans on purchasing a home, educate the real estate community to help veterans' offers on educate veterans on purchasing a home, educate the real estate community to help Veteran's offers on homes to be accepted and contribute financially to veterans for down payments and other home ownership costs.

Eligibility: All military and family.

Veterans Community Living Centers

Fitzsimons: (720) 857-6400

Cdhs_veteranshome_fitzsimons@state.co.us

www.cdhs.colorado.gov/vclc-fitzsimons

1919 Quentin St. Aurora, CO 80045

About: Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons provides long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, memory care, and hospice.

Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses or widows, and gold-star parents.

Homelake: (719) 852-5118

Cdhs_csvc_homelake@state.co.us

www.chs.colorado.gov/vclc-homelake

3749 Sherman Ave. Monte Vista, CO 81144

About: 60 bed skilled nursing facility, 48-unit independent living.

Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses or widows, and gold-star parents.

Rifle: (970) 625-0842

Cdhs_veteranshome_rifle@state.co.us

www.cdhs.colorado.gov/vclc-rifle

851 E. 5th St. Rifle, CO 81650

About: The Veterans Community Living Center at Rifle is an 89-bed nursing home that offers long-term care, memory care (secure unit), short-term rehabilitation, short-term "respite" care, and end of life services.

Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses or widows, and gold-star parents.

Veterans Community Project

(720) 340-2916

www.veteranscommunityproject.org/longmont

info@vcp.org

3095 Mountain Brook Drive Longmont, CO 80503

About: VCP of Longmont does community outreach and provides walk-in services 3 days a week, including resource connection and case management. Appointments can be scheduled outside their hours. Coming Soon: Transitional housing for homeless veterans with on-site wrap-around case management services.

Eligibility: VCP serves anyone who served in the military regardless of the length of time served or discharged status.

Volunteers of America

(303) 297-0408

info@voacolorado.org

www.voacolorado.org

2660 Larimer St. Denver, CO 80205

About: VOA Back Home SSVF is a permanent housing program for veterans and veteran families experiencing homelessness.

Eligibility: To participate in the Back Home SSVF program, you must:

- Be a veteran with a discharge other than dishonorable and have served at least one day of active-duty service.
- Earn less than 50% of your area's median income.
- Be homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
- Additional eligibility criteria may apply. Final eligibility determinations are based on program guidelines and are determined on a case-by-case basis.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE



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VETERAN TREATMENT COURT

What is Veteran Treatment Court (VTC)?

The Veteran's Treatment Court model is based on drug treatment and/or mental health treatment courts. Substance abuse or mental health treatment is offered as an alternative to incarceration. Our mission is to reduce recidivism of veterans who served in the armed forces, suffering from mental illness (including PTSD and/or TBI), and are involved in the criminal justice system. We promote public safety, ensure participant accountability, and improve quality of life for the justice involved veterans and their families with cost effective, integrated continuum of care through community resources. The VTC assists justice involved veterans in achieving long-term stability to become law-abiding citizens, successful family and community members, and assist and support the veterans recovery. Critical and proven success of VTC's are veterans who volunteer and serve as mentors to justice-involved veterans while in the VTC.

The Veteran Mentor acts as a coach, guide, role model, advocate and support for the veteran participants as they progress through the court process. This includes listening to concerns, making general suggestions, assisting the veteran in determining his or her needs, and acting as support for the veteran, especially when he or she may be feeling isolated.

Veteran Treatment Court Locations

1st Judicial District- Jefferson & Gilpin County

(720) 772-2688
Troy.lutman@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
100 Jefferson County Pkwy. Golden, CO 80401

2nd Judicial District- Denver County

(303) 606-2852
Derek.fader@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
520 W. Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80204

4th Judicial District- El Paso County

(719) 452-5039
Kisten.born@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
270 S. Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

10th Judicial District- Pueblo County

(719) 404-8879
Michelle.martinez@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
215 W 10th St. Pueblo, CO 81003

17th Judicial District- Adams & Broomfield County

(303) 654-3297
Leslie.cuoco@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
1100 Judicial center Dr. Brighton, CO 80601

18th Judicial District- Arapahoe, Douglas, Lincoln & Elbert County

(303) 645-6852
Todd.kramer@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court
7325 S. Potomac St. Centennial, CO 80112

23rd Judicial District- Douglas, Elbert & Lincoln

(720) 437-6194
Frank.alston@judicial.state.co.us
www.cjpu.colorado.gov/veterans-court

Aurora Armed Forces Treatment Court

www.warriornow.org
14999 E. Alameda Pkwy. Aurora, CO 80012

LEGAL RESOURCES

Boesen Law LLC

(303) 999-999

admin@boesenlaw.com

www.boesenlaw.com

5675 DTC Blvd. Suite 250 Greenwood Village, CO 80111

About: We are a personal injury law firm that assists veterans and/or individuals injured through no fault of their own. We focus primarily on motor vehicle accidents, slips and falls, and those who have been injured while working on the job. We also help veterans and/or individuals who are currently not working or unable to work due to a disability, apply for and obtain Social Security Disability Income benefits.

Eligibility: Anyone who has been injured through no fault of their own, or who are disabled and looking to apply for SSDI benefits should contact us to determine eligibility.

Buckley Space Force Base Legal Office

(720) 847-6444

www.buckley.spaceforce.mil/units/legal

Bldg. 1030 Ste. 230 Buckley SFB, CO 80011

About: Provide effective full-spectrum legal counsel and capabilities to maximize missile warning and deliver outstanding installation support.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their families.

Grand Valley Peace & Justice

(970) 985-4253

programcoordinator@gcpeacejustice.org

www.gvpeacejustice.org

740 Gunnison Ave. Suites 218 & 220 Grand junction, CO 81501

About: We offer support services to help people become self-sufficient including obtaining Colorado Identification & Birth Certificates.

Eligibility: We serve everyone as best we can with the resources we have including homeless, low-income, disabled, and veterans.

Lakewood Municipal Vet Court

(303) 987-7413

danwei@lakewoodco.org

www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Municipal-Court/Probation-Division/Municipal-Court-Veterans-Program

480 S. Allison Pkwy. Lakewood, CO 80226

About: Established for veterans charged with criminal violations in Lakewood Municipal Court. While not a traditional "veterans court," our procedures are like those used in problem solving courts. We focus court efforts on stabilizing returning veterans, reintegrating them, encouraging sobriety and mental health, reducing recidivism, improving compliance with court orders, and leveraging the resources of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Eligibility: Call for eligibility.

Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project, Inc.

(720) 253-0963

clientservices@rmvap.org

www.rmvap.org

2170 S. Parker Rd. Ste. 450 Denver, CO 80231

About: The Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project (RMVAP) provides legal assistance to veterans and their families in the areas of discharge upgrades benefits appeals, family law, and estate planning.

Eligibility: Veterans, service members, and their families.

University of Denver Veterans Advocacy Project

(303) 871-6000

vap@law.du.edu

www.law.du.edu/veterans-advocacy-project

2255 E. Evans Avenue Denver, CO 80208

About: VA Disability Compensation Benefit Appeals and Discharge Upgrades.

Eligibility: Preference for homeless and low-income veterans and Colorado veterans.

U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet- Military & Veterans Constituent Advocate

(719) 328-1100

www.bennet.senate.gov

409 N. Tejon St. #107 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

About: Serving as Congressional service to communicate directly with administrations of federal agencies: VA, DOD, DFAS, etc.

Eligibility: Colorado constituent.

Veterans Advocacy Law Group

www.theveteransattorneys.com

2000 South Colorado Blvd. Tower #1 Suite 9500 Denver, CO 80222

About: Veterans Advocacy Law Group is a service-disabled veteran-owned firm, committed to offering dependable legal guidance and services in a wide variety of areas.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

MILITARY COMMUNITY GROUPS



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Air Force Chaplin Corps

(719) 556-4442

455 Vincent St. Colorado Springs, CO 80916

About: While serving as a visible reminder of the Holy, the Air Force Chaplin Corps provides spiritual care and then opportunity for Air Force members and their families to exercise their constitutional right to freedom of religion. Experts in the principles of religious accommodation, religious diversity, major faith group requirements, privileged communication and religious program management.

Eligibility: Active-duty and their families.

American Legion

(303) 366-5201

member@coloradolegion.org

www.coloradolegion.org

7465 E. 1st Ave. Suite D Denver, CO 80230

Locations all around Colorado.

About: The American Legion is one of the largest veteran's organizations in the world. We are dedicated to helping our active-duty service members and veterans as well as their families and our communities.

Eligibility: Active-duty and honorably discharged veterans who served during specified dates set forth by Congress. Family members are eligible to join the Legion Family through the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Army Community Service

(719) 526-4590

www.carson.armymwr.com/acs

1526 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: ACS provides family support services, employment, volunteer opportunities, and financial counseling. EFMP supports families with special needs in educational liaison, respite, resources, and family programming.

Eligibility: All DoD ID card holders. Some EFMP support and programming is specific to families enrolled in the EFMP.

Buckley's Benefiting Families Foundation (BFF)

(760) 485-7560

Buckleysbff@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/buckleysbff

About: We serve the Buckley community through volunteering our time and resources to sponsor and support events that are given to all members at Buckley. We completely rely on the support of our Colorado community to continue our mission. Our organization receives donations and uses those funds to sponsor EFMP family events, deployed family member events, dorm residents, and special events that give back to our Buckley community.

Eligibility: N/A.

City of Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission

veterans@auroragov.org

www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/veterans_affairs_commission

15151 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora, CO 80112

About: To advise city council as to the concerns of veterans relating to transportation, housing, employment, and other areas affecting veterans in the city. Make recommendations to the city council on solutions to these issues and concerns. Serve as a source of information regarding resources and services available to veterans in the city. Make recommendations to the city council for solutions to these issues and concerns. Serve as a source of information regarding resources and services available to veterans. Exercise other powers and duties as may be assigned by the city council.

Eligibility: Commissioner requirements:

- Must be an Aurora resident.
- Registered voter.
- Active-duty in a Uniformed Service of the United States or serving as a traditional Guardsman/Reservist or Individual Mobilization Augmented. Or, honorably discharged from Uniformed Service of the United States.

Colorado Elks Association

(720) 272-9584

www.coloradoelkassociation.org

Multiple Locations around the state.

About: Elks lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course, or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.

Eligibility: Varies by local lodge.

Colorado Veteran Community Partnership

vcp@va.gov

www.va.gov/healthpartnerships/vcp.asp

About: Veteran Community Partnerships (VCP) are relationships through which local VA facilities connect with state and local community service agencies to enhance access and quality of care; promote seamless transitions; educate community agencies and VA providers' support caregivers and foster strong relationships between VA and to community agencies and providers.

Eligibility: Open to interested representatives of community organizations and VA teams.

El Paso County Colorado Progressive Veterans

info@EPCCPV.org

www.EPCCPV.org

5231 Brady Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80915

About: Veterans helping veterans, active-duty military and their families in El Paso County.

Eligibility: Any veteran or active-duty military and their families – Primarily living in El Paso County.

Military Officers Association of America

(303) 690-5118

Ccoc.moaa@gmail.com

www.ccoc-moaa.org

P.O. Box 3341 Littleton, CO 80161

About: The purpose of this association shall be to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association; foster fraternal relations among retired active and former warrant and commissioned officers of the uniformed services; protect the rights and interests of these personnel and their dependents and survivors; Provide useful services for these members and their dependents and survivors and serve the community and the nation.

Eligibility: Applicants must be honorably discharged veteran, their spouse or gold star parents.

Operation Second Chance: Hero's Ranch

(301) 938-2834

cindy@operationsecondchance.org

www.operationsecondchance.org

20251 Century Blvd. Ste. 325 Germantown MD, 20874

About: Hero's Ranch is a 275-acre retreat center on the border of MD/PA where we host retreats for families, couples, battle buddies, veteran only retreats and multiple warrior path retreats.

Eligibility: Veterans, service members and their families.

Soldiers Angels

(210) 629-0020

gzink@soldiersangels.org

www.soldiersangels.org

14400 E. Jewel Ave. Aurora, CO 80012

About: Soldiers' Angels provides aid and comfort to the men and woman of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, their families, and a growing veteran population. "May No Soldier Go Unloved" encapsulates the motivation behind Soldiers' Angels. The volunteers of Soldiers' Angels work tirelessly supporting our nation's veterans, wounded heroes, deployed service members and their families.

Eligibility: The monthly Mobile Food Distribution is for low-income veterans. All participants must bring with them either their retired ID, VA ID, or DD214 and they must pre-register.

Team RWB

info@teamrwb.org

www.teamrwb.org

About: Team RWB strives to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Currently, four chapters are active in Colorado: Denver, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Grand Junction.

Eligibility: Anyone who has been affected by military service.

The Mission Continues CO Springs Platoon

(719) 761-8530

info@missioncontinues.org

www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/CO-Springs-1st-platoon

About: The Mission Continues empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. We deploy veterans on new missions in their communities, so that their actions will inspire future generations to serve.

Eligibility: Veteran or currently serving member.

Travis Manion Foundation

(215) 348-9080

www.travismanion.org

P.O. Box 1485 Doylestown, PA

About: Strives to unite and strengthen communities by training, developing, and highlighting the role models that lead them. We develop programs, training opportunities, and events designed to empower veterans and families of the fallen and then inspire them to pass on their values to the next generation and the community at large.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and families of the fallen.

USO**USO Denver:**

usocolorado@uso.org

www.colorado.uso.org/denvermeps

721 19th St. #275 Denver, CO 80923

USO Colorado Springs:

usocolorado@uso.org

www.colorado.uso.org/coloradosprings

6391 Wetzel Ave. Bldg. 1524 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: The USO strengthens America's Military Service Members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation.

Eligibility: Colorado active-duty military and their dependents. All branches.

USMC Memorial Foundation

(303) 345-1645

president@usmcmemorialfoundation.org

www.usmcmemorialfoundation.org

15200 E. Girard Ave. Ste. 4950 Aurora, CO 80014

About: Hosts events to highlight military/veterans history; Organizations that help veterans; and educate young people about the military.

Eligibility: N/A.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

(303) 421-1630

vfw@vfwco.org

www.vfwco.org

1400 Carr Street Lakewood, CO 80214

About: The VFW has a rich tradition of serving veterans, military families, and their local communities. Its vision is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Eligibility: U.S. Citizens who have served with the active-duty, guard, or reserve forces- either currently serving or veterans who have received anything other than dishonorable discharge.

Veteran Servant Corps Project

Lvdaub2@gmail.com

www.rmselfca.org/veteran_servant_corps

7375 Samuel Drive Denver, CO 80221

About: The Rocky Mountain Synod Veteran Servant corps Project partners with faith communities to recognize and support veterans.

Eligibility: N/A.

Veteran X-Peer Support

(719) 227-4050

530 Communication Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

About: Veterans empower veterans through shared knowledge and experiences. Group members become the treatment team for a hypothetical veteran X. In helping veteran X, veterans can help one another and themselves. Meets Tuesdays from 1630-1830.

Eligibility: All can attend regardless of status: Veteran, active-duty, other veterans, etc.

Victory Service Dogs

(719) 394-4046

Victoryservicedogsinc@gmail.com

www.victorysd.org

770 Wooten Rd. Suite 103 Colorado Springs, CO 80915

About: Non-profit organization that provides free service dog training to veterans and first responders. A dog is not required at time of application. Dogs must be under 2 years of age.

Eligibility: Veteran or first responders.

Warrior Bonfire Program

(601) 994-3266

info@warriorbonfireprogram.org

www.warriorbonfireprogram.org

6834 S. University Blvd. Centennial, CO 80122

About: Create activity-based, small group retreats that foster healing, build support communities and transform lives.

Eligibility: Combat wounded veterans and Purple Heart Recipients.

WarriorNOW

(720) 408-8623

info@warriornow.org

www.warriornow.org

About: We connect veterans impacted by a mental health diagnosis, PTSD and/or addiction to resources, services, and mentorship through training and peer mentors to help reintroduce our veterans to the journey of life.

Eligibility: Mental health diagnosis, PTSD and/or addiction. Military veteran. We specialize in those who are also justice involved.

Women Marines Association CO-1

(303) 345-1645

Wwmaco1@comcast.net

www.wmaco1.org

About: Professional org for women of the Corps, emergency assistance for veterans, support the troops and veterans.

Eligibility: Honorably discharged veterans.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



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Transportation Resources

60th Ride

(970) 352-9348

staff@60plusride.org

www.60plusride.org

800 8th Avenue Suite 229 Greeley, CO 80631

About: Provides free transportation through caring volunteers and staff so that Weld County residents over 60 retain dignity and community connections to support physical, emotional and mental health.

Eligibility: 60+ Weld County resident.

Commute with Enterprise

(239) 404-7831

Sanchez.Fague@em.com

www.commutewithenterprise.com/military

About: Commute with Enterprise makes it easy to share a ride. It works a lot like a carpool; except you'll share your commute in a recent-model SUV or van from Enterprise.

Eligibility: Call for eligibility.

TRANSITION SERVICES



ABOUT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

About the Transition Assistance Program

Mission Statement

To provide direction through the maze of programs available to veterans and connection to earned benefits with the compassion of someone who knows what it's like to transition from active-duty.

Program Vision

Transition assistance advisors were established in May 2005 when the Chief, National Guard Bureau, LTG H. Steven Blum signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Their principal role is to provide direction to members of the Reserve Component so that they can secure all benefits, entitlements and services earned through their military service.

According to the National Defense Authorization Act 2013, transition assistance advisors serve as points of contact to assist eligible members of the Reserve Components in accessing benefits and health care furnished under laws administered by the Secretary of Defense and benefits and health care furnished under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs" (Sec. 513), VOW Act and TAP. This support empowers members of the Reserve Component with the critical knowledge needed to take advantage of the programs and resources, effects of a career change, employment assistance, relocation assistance, education/training, physical and mental health well-being, health and life insurance, finances, disabled veteran benefits, legal assistance, and state and federal benefits available to them.

Transition Support

Have you just returned from deployment? Do you have a service-related injury or health care issue? Perhaps you're about to retire from service and you're looking for someone to show you how to get back into the swing of civilian life. Getting to know your local transition assistance advisor means you'll have reliable, professional support whenever you need it, whatever the circumstance.

Your Benefits

Transition assistance advisors maintain a large number of resources to help you and your family receive services to fulfill your specific needs. Discover what services, benefits and entitlements are available to you through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Health Benefits and More

VA Health

VA Benefits

If you need access to mental health care during your transition, the Department of Defense inTransition program provides free and confidential specialized coaching. This program is available to all active-duty, service members, National Guard members, reservists, veterans and retirees regardless of length of service or discharge status.

Transition Assistance

Camo to College

info@camotocollege.org

www.camotocollege.org

9839 Coldwater Circle Dallas, TX 75228

About: Non-profit organization with a proactive approach to reducing post service issues such as veteran suicide and veteran homelessness. Veterans do not transition back into civilian life. They transition into veteran life after service. Providing a transition program to help veterans navigate life after service is imperative to help our heroes succeed.

Eligibility: Veterans and service members.

Caring Transitions of the Grand Valley

(970) 822-7087

www.caringtransitions.com/locations/mode/the-grand-valley

20860 Little Park Rd. Grand Junction, CO 81502

About: We offer complete relocation services – packing, moving, unpacking. We specialize in working with disabled and those with memory issues. We also have basic household items to donate on a regular basis for those in need. We offer military discounts and a range of affordable options.

Eligibility: N/A.

CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus

vmss@ucdenver.edu

www.cuanschutz.edu/veterans

13120 East 19th Avenue R28-3207 Aurora, CO 80045

About: Serves all military-connected students at CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus. They provide guidance and support with VA educational benefit processing, transitioning into education, employment counseling, and resource navigation.

Eligibility: Supportive services are available to all military-connected students to include prospective, current, and alumni of CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus. VMSS does not discriminate based on age, race/ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status.

Fort Carson Transition Assistance Program

(719) 526-0410

sherry.l.jenkins8.civ@army.mil

1625 Ellis Street Bldg. 1218 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: Our mission is to prepare our transitioning service members for the transition from active-duty and connect them to post-service opportunities.

Eligibility: Active-duty.

Mountain Resource Center

(303) 838-7552

info@mrcco.org

www.mrcco.org

11030 Kitty Dr. Conifer, CO 80433

About: Serves community members in the foothills west of Denver through basic needs assistance (rent/utilities/gas cards), a food pantry, workforce services, financial coaching, public benefits enrollment, parenting, early childhood classes, and more. Our veteran support services program provides access to all agency services plus support navigating the VA system, dedicated financial assistance for veterans and community events.

Eligibility: All services are open to community members within the Mountain Resource Center Service Area (western Jefferson County and eastern Park County – call for details); Veteran-specific financial assistance requires valid identification and DD 214 (subject to funding availability).

Operation Second Chance

(301) 972-1080

(888) 672-4838

www.operationsecondchance.org

20251 Century Blvd. Ste. 130 Germantown, MD 20874

About: Promote and benchmark caring, positive values, hope, success and sustainability in transitions of our combat wounded, injured and ill veterans and their families from the military to a healthy and sustainable civilian environment.

Eligibility: Combat wounded injured and ill veterans.

Onward to Opportunity

(719) 306-6120

jfprunty@syd.edu

www.ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/o2o-locations/fort-carson/

About: Free, comprehensive career training, certification and employment program designed to launch you into your next career. Transitioning service members, veterans and military families can benefit from this unique military employment pipeline with direct connections to career-path counseling and job-ready training.

Eligibility: Active-duty service members (to include active guard and reserve) within 6 months of separation or retirement National Guard and Reserve, currently serving in a non-active status, veteran (retired or separated) with an honorable discharge, Spouses of any active-duty service member, veteran and active-duty National Guard or Reserve.

Project Sanctuary

(720) 561-9193

info@projectsanctuary.us

www.projectsanctuary.us

135 Country Center Dr. Suite F224 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

About: We work with current and prior service members and their families through our exclusive, three-part A.R.T. (Assess, Reconnect, Thrive) program, combining counseling, education, self-development, and recreational therapy to help take military families from battle ready to family ready.

Eligibility: Current or prior military service families (including single service members and caregivers).

Salute Colorado

(720) 437-9583

info@salutecolorado.org

www.salutecolorado.org

1904 Pearl St. Boulder, CO 80302

About: We offer three unique programs throughout the year at no cost to veterans: Valor Bridge – an 8-10 week, in person comprehensive educational program; Valor Journey – a 2-year mentorship and educational program; and Valor Connect – a program offering continuity and connection through networking and educational events.

Eligibility: All our programs are available at no cost to those who reside or plan to reside in Colorado. The Valor Bridge and Valor Journey programs are open to those recently separated (within the last 5 years) or preparing to separate from the U.S. Armed Forces with an honorable discharge. Valor Connect is open to all alumni and current participants of Valor Bridge and Valor Journey, their mentors and our supporters.

Stripes to Bars

(910) 580-3952

help@stripetobars.org

www.stripetobars.org

P.O. Box 12234, Denver, CO 80212

About: Public charity that enables qualified veterans to earn Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificates. In doing so, we assist those veterans in transition from military to civilian life, while increasing the pilot population. Scholarships are from January-February. Also provide mentorships.

Eligibility: Veterans.

Survivor Outreach Services

Denver Metro: (720) 250-1564 or (720) 988-0614

Western Slope: (720) 250-5572 or (970) 424-3018

Northern Colorado: (307) 772-5563

www.co.ng.mil/Family/Survivor-Outreach-Services

About: Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) connects you with people and services that can help you cope with your loss and file for benefits.

Eligibility: Supports active, National Guard, and Reserve families of the fallen.

USAF Academy Military & Family Readiness Center

(719) 333-3444

www.usafsupport.com/military-family-readiness-center

6248 Pine Loop USAFA, CO 80840

About: Providing programs and services to assist commanders and leaders to identify, assess, and minimize challenges to maintaining unit cohesion; strengthen operational readiness, and enable the development and sustainment of resilient, ready military and family members.

Eligibility: All DoD card holders.

USO Pathfinder

(719) 526-8213

www.uso.org/pathfinder

Bldg. 6236 Rm. 126 Fort Carson, CO 80913

About: USO Pathfinder (transition services) helps you and your family create a plan for life after military service. Connect with Pathfinder Scout to develop a personalized action plan and discover the resources in your future community that will make your transition successful. Take your action plan with you and connect with your Pathfinder Scout anywhere using the USO's mobile action plan app. Seamlessly transfer your action plan as you transition from one location to another.

Eligibility: Service members, veterans and their families.

Veterans Compass

info@veteranscompass.org

215 W Oak St #102 Fort Collins, CO 80521

About: Engages our community by providing personalized connections and resources for service-members, veterans and their families. We bring together a broad base of resources to create a welcoming environment, assuring service members, veterans and their families' transition into our community so they may thrive and prosper.

Eligibility: We are open to veterans of all ages and eras, active-duty military, National Guard and Reserves, and their families.

WarriorNOW

(720) 408-8623

info@warriornow.org

www.warriornow.org

About: We connect veterans impacted by a mental health diagnosis, PTSD and/or addiction to resources, services, and mentorship through training and peer mentors to help reintroduce our veterans to the journey of life.

Eligibility: Mental health diagnosis, PTSD and/or addiction. Military veteran. We specialize in those who are also justice involved.

Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans

(970) 765-2210

whafv@whafv.org

www.whafv.org

4 Hillcrest Plaza Way Montrose, CO 81401

About: We are a one stop resource organization for veteran support. We have programs and services available to assist veterans with VA benefits, employment, housing. We provide office space for the county Veteran Service Officer and other regional veteran agencies that do not have a permanent local presence in Montrose, making it easier for veterans to connect with the services they need. Additionally, alternative therapies are available, recognizing that there is never just one answer to veteran struggles. Everything is free of charge.

Eligibility: DD214 or other separation papers validating service.

Your Weapon is Your Mind

(303) 704-9419

yourweaponisyourmind@gmail.com

www.yourweaponisyourmind.com

About: Free veteran-run support squad for combat vets, it offers a confidential, supportive environment for combat vets to find the camaraderie they long for now that they're no longer down range. During war, service members rely on each other for protection and support and that shouldn't end after d/c.

Eligibility: Combat veteran of Desert Storm or OIF/OEF/OND. A phone call is required to RSVP and to ensure that the program is a good fit before attending.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND BENEFITS



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HOW TO FILE A DISABILITY CLAIM

How do I prepare before starting my application?

- Find out if you're eligible for VA disability compensation.
- Gather any evidence (supporting documents) you'll submit yourself when you file your VA disability claim.
- Be sure your claim is filled out completely and you have all the supporting documents ready to send in along with your claim. This will help us process your claim quickly.
- Learn about fully developed claims.
- Find out if you'll need to turn in any additional forms with your claim.

You can help to support your VA disability claim by providing documents, such as:

- VA medical records and hospital records that relate to your claimed illnesses or injuries or that show your rated disability has gotten worse.
- Private medical records and hospital reports that relate to your claimed illnesses or injuries or that show your disability has gotten worse.
- Supporting statements, you'd like to provide from family members, clergy members, law enforcement personnel, or those you served with that can tell us more about your claimed condition and how and when it happened or how it got worse.
- Depending on the type of claim you file, you may gather supporting documents yourself, or you can ask for our help to gather evidence.

Find out what evidence we'll need for your claim:

We'll also review your discharge papers (DD214 or other separation documents) and service treatment records. **Please note:** You don't have to submit any evidence to support your claim, but we may need to schedule a claim exam so we can learn more about your condition.

You should also know that you have up to a year from the date we receive your claim to run in any evidence. If you start your application and need time to gather more supporting documents, you can save your application and come back later to finish it. We'll recognize the date you started your application as your date of claim as long as you complete it within 365 days.

How do I file my claim?

You can file your disability compensation claim online right now.

File a disability compensation claim

You can also file disability claim:

By Mail

File your claim by mail using an Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

Download VA Form 21-526EZ (PDF)

Print the form, fill it out and send it to this address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Claims Intake Center
PO Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

In person

Find a VA regional office near you.

Bring your application to a VA regional office near you.

With the help of a trained professional

You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help filing a claim for disability compensation.

Should I submit an intent to file a form?

If you plan to file for disability compensation using a paper form, you may want to submit an intent to file form first. This can give you the time you need to gather your evidence while avoiding a later potential start date (also called an effective date). When you notify us of your intent to file, you may be able to get retroactive payments (compensation that starts at a point in the past).

Note: You don't need to notify us of your intent to file if you file for disability compensation online. This is because your effective date gets set automatically when you start filling out your disability compensation form online, before you submit it.

Find out how to submit an intent to file form

What happens after I file my VA disability claim?

You don't need to do anything while you're waiting unless we send you a letter asking for more information. If we schedule exams for you, be sure not to miss them.

Check your VA claim status

How long does it take VA to decide?

142.8 days

Average number of days to complete disability-related claims in September 2021.

More information about filing disability claims

- Claim types and when to file.
- Learn about standard claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more.
- Evidence needed for your disability claim.
- Find out what evidence we'll need to support your disability claim.
- Disabilities that appear within 1 year after discharge.
- Find out if you can get disability benefits if you have signs of an illness within a year after being discharged from service.
- Get help filing a claim.
- Find out how to work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to file your claim.

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado was authorized by the Colorado Legislature in 1999 to honor Colorado Veterans. Construction began in June, 2001 and was completed on September 4, 2002. The Cemetery officially opened on September 5, 2002. A total of three interments occurred on that day with the first being that of Aidan J. Quinn, a World War I Veteran who was interred in Columbarium 1.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is located on ~ 22.5 acres at 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction, Colorado, just east of the Grand Junction Regional Center. It has a capacity of 3,337 units, including 1,758 units for casketed remains and 1,579 units for cremated remains (of which 861 are columbarium wall niches). Additionally, there are 775 memorial garden plots available for veterans whose remains were not recovered or were donated to science or are otherwise unavailable for interment.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is intended to be dignified final resting place for Colorado.

There are memorial walks on either side of the creek running Northeast to Southwest through the Cemetery. These walks pass by each of the five columbaria in front of which are benches for visitors. There are landscaped areas for in-ground interments that are characterized by thoughtful placement of trees, shrubs, and other plantings. These areas provide additional places for individuals reflection.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado conveys the appreciation of the people of Colorado to its veterans for answering the call of duty and faithfully and honorably serving the United States of America and the state of Colorado. Eligibility for burial in the cemetery is the same as for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries but includes a residency requirement.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. Administration office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday except for State Holidays.

Costs

There is NO CHARGE for interment in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado. A gravesite or niche, opening and closing of the gravesite or niche, an upright granite headstone or granite niche marker with authorized inscription(s), concrete vault (grave liner) for most casketed remains, use of Committal Shelter and/or Visitors Center, and perpetual care are provided at no expense to the next-of-kin.

A grave liner (vault, crypt) is a concrete container within a gravesite in which the casket is placed. It is provided at no cost, except in conventional gravesite areas, and is used to reduce the amount of grave sinkage subsequent to interment. Grave liners are neither sealed nor watertight.

Cremated remains are buried or inured in the Veterans Memorial cemetery of Western Colorado in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial Flag

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. It is normally furnished through a funeral services provider to honor the memory of a veteran.

Eligibility for Former Members of Selected Reserve was added by Section 571 of Public Law 105-261.

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, the flag may be provided to a friend making a request for it. Families may wish to donate the burial flag to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado to be flown on patriotic holidays.

Application for burial flag may be made by completing VA Form 21-2008 (90-2008), Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. Flags may be obtained at any VA regional office or United States Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help with this. Upon request, Cemetery staff can assist with an application as well.
The law allows only one flag to be issued for a veteran.

Presidential Memorial Certificate

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold embossed paper certificate inscribed with the veteran's name and signed by the President commemorating the veteran's service.

Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form:

FAX: The request and all supporting documents should be faxed to (202) 565-8054.

MAIL: The request and all supporting documents should be sent to:

Department of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration (402E12)

810 Vermont avenue, NW

Washington DC, 20420-0001

Cemetery staff can assist with this process upon request.

Fort Logan National Cemetery

Eligibility

Burial in a National Cemetery is open to all members of the Armed Forces who have met a minimum active-duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the veteran. Members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces who die while on active-duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial. For more information visit our eligibility web page.

Hours

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Closed on Federal Holidays except Memorial Day.

Visitation Hours: open daily from sunrise to sunset.

To Schedule a Burial

Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1 (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a phone call to 1 (800) 535-1117.

For information on scheduled burials in our National Cemeteries, please go to the Daily Burial Schedule.

For More Information:

www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS



Veteran Services Officer FAQ

Where do I go to find out about my benefits?

Contact the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) for your County:

The VSO can be reached, by telephone, at (970) 249-2115 or (970) 765-2210. Walk-in visits are encouraged, but it is better to call ahead for an appointment. You may also call the front desk at Warrior Resource Center at (970) 765-2210 for additional information. Information may also be obtained from Health and Human Service:

8851 Main, Nucla, CO 81424, (970) 864-7319,

The position of VSO is mandated by the Federal Government to ensure you get the benefits you deserve. There is a VSO representing every county in Colorado. The purpose of this position is to familiarize you with your benefits assist with the application process, and advocate for you, as necessary, to acquire benefits.

Who do we serve?

Eligibility for most VA benefits is based upon discharge from active military service, under OTHER than dishonorable conditions. Active service means full-time service, other than than active-duty for training, as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey as well as National Guard and Reserve. Illness or Injury that was caused by, or previous illness or injury that was aggravated by, your service may still be considered even if you may not meet the above guidelines.

What verification do I need?

A copy of your service discharge form (DD214 or DD215 or, for WWII Vets: a WD Form.

Are there fees for the service?

The County Veteran Service Officer does not charge fees for familiarizing you with your benefits, assisting with the application process, or advocating for you, as necessary.

How do I contact a VSO?

The best way to contact a VSO is to go to **vets.colorado.gov/county-veterans-service-offices** and scroll down to the list of counties.

MILITARY ID CARD LOCATIONS

Buckley Space Force Base

18401 E. A-Basin Ave. Bldg. 606 Aurora, CO 80011

(720) 847-4357

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 0800-1500. Wednesday 0800-1200 (Walk-in).

Buckley Space Force Base

Hangar 801 Room 233 Aurora, CO 80011

(720) 847-9295

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 0800-1200. Appointments preferred. (Call for Walk-in Status).

Buckley Space Force Base

7 N. Snowmass St. Bldg. 1301 #62 Aurora, CO 80011

(720) 847-7820

Hours: Monday/Wednesday: 0900-1100 (Appointment Only). Tuesday/Thursday: 0900-1500 (Appointment Only). Friday: 0900-1100 (Walk-in).

COARNG Joint Force Headquarters

6848 South Revere Pkwy. Centennial, CO 80112

(720) 250-1315

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 0830-1530. (Appointment Only).

Fitzsimmons

12963 East 23rd Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

(303) 365-3060

Hours: Monday-Friday: 0730-1500. (Appointment Only).

Fort Carson

6351 Wetzel Ave. Bldg. 1525 Hallway 2-2 Rooms 207-209 Fort Carson, CO 80913

(719) 524-3704

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 0730-1530. Thursday: 0830-1530.

Francis E. Warren AFB

7100 Saber Rd. Bldg. 1284 Rm. 230 Cheyenne, WY 82001

(307) 773-4711

Hours: Monday-Friday: 0730-1500. (Walk-in Only).

Greeley

2605 E. 8th St. Bldg. 100 Rm. 130 Greeley, CO 80631

(970) 378-5000

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 1300-1500 (Appointment Only). Saturday 1300-1600. Sunday 1900-2200.

Kirtland Air Force Base

1451 4th St. SE Bldg. 20245 Albuquerque, NM 87117

(505) 846-5820

Hours: Monday-Friday: 0730-1500.

National Ocean & Atmospheric

325 Broadway SKAGGS RMGB515 Boulder, CO 80305

(303) 497-6119

Hours: Monday-Friday 0700-1500.

NM National Guard

10 Bataan Blvd. Santa Fe, NM 87508
(505) 407-3418

Hours: Monday-Friday 0830-1600.

Peterson Air Force Base

135 Dover St. Bldg. 350 Suite 1073 Colorado Springs, CO 80914
(719) 556-0008

Hours: Monday-Friday 0800-1600.

Schriever Air Force Base

50th FSS 210 Falcon Pkwy. Ste. 137 Colorado Springs, CO 80912
(719) 567-5900

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 0800-1400. Wednesday 0800-1400.
(Appointments Preferred).

US Air Force Academy

5136 Eagle Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80840
(719) 333-8766

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 0730-1530. Wednesday: 0700-1330.

Western Region One Source

482 28 Road Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 257-3762

Hours: Monday-Friday: 0800-1630 (Appointments Only).

WY National Guard Joint Force Readiness Center

5410 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY
(307) 772-6321

Hours: Monday-Friday 0730-1630.