

Assistance to job seekers provided by Veterans Affairs

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Objectives

- Discuss organization of Veterans Affairs
- Explain referral process
- Identify Vocational Rehabilitation components
- List and explain the services provided
- Review a matrix of the services provided to components

Two houses

- Veterans Health Administration
- Veterans Benefits Administration



VHA Vocational Rehabilitation referral process

- Referral is based on connection with a treatment team
- Physician, psychologist, social worker inquires directly about work or picks up on “change talk” related to work and enters consult
- Veteran is seen in 7 days by a VR provider

VR components

- Homeless Team
- Spinal Cord injury
- Serious Mental Illness
- Polytrauma
- Substance Abuse / MH

Types of services

- Job skills groups
- Job matching
- Vocational Assistance
- Community Based Employment Services
- Transitional Work
- Individualized Placement and Support

Services by component

Clinic	Services					
Homeless Team	Job skills group	Job Matching	Vocational Assistance			
Substance Abuse / MH	Job skills group	Job Matching	Vocational Assistance	Transitional Work		
SMI		Job Matching	Vocational Assistance		CBES	IPS
SCI		Job Matching	Vocational Assistance		CBES	IPS
Polytrauma		Job Matching	Vocational Assistance		CBES	IPS

VBA resources: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

- Apply online for services through ebenefits.gov
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor coordinates provision of education, training, apprenticeships
- Employment Coordinator provides assistance with securing employment after completion of training or educational program