



RETURNING VETERANS PROGRAM

PVAMC- BUILDING 14

Welcome to the Returning Veterans Program at Providence VA Medical Center (PVAMC). It is our privilege to provide services to you, who have served our country.

The Returning Veterans Program is a section of the Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service at the PVAMC. The program was developed to address the unique challenges facing veterans of who have recently returned from overseas deployments (e.g. veterans who have been deployed Post 9-11). Our mission includes the following: providing education to military members and their families, the community, and to other VA providers; outreaching local veterans to improve access to care and to provide a seamless transition from active duty to veteran status; and to provide a wide range of clinical services. Issues that are frequently addressed within our program include readjustment to civilian life, sleep difficulties, anger/irritability, anxiety/ nervousness, depression, relationship problems, substance abuse, and education about VA benefits and other resources.

The Returning Veterans Program is staffed by a program clerk, 5 psychologists, a social worker/case manager and a psychiatrist. We also work closely with the OEF/OIF/OND Program Manager, the Polytrauma/TBI team, and Primary Care to ensure that combat-related injuries and other physical health issues are being addressed. Interested veterans complete an initial assessment and then work with their provider(s) to decide on an appropriate treatment plan. Options include individual counseling, specialized classes, and medications (for those who are interested). When indicated, referrals will be made to other teams within mental health (e.g., Substance Abuse, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder), to Primary Care, or to other appropriate medical services. In addition, we welcome input from family members and encourage veterans to involve them in their care.

Location: The Returning Veterans Program is primarily located in Building 14, behind the Main Hospital. We also see some veterans in Trailer 33. Parking is available across from the building and in the Overflow Parking Lot (Lot 10). The PVAMC also has a free, no tip, valet parking service available (follow signs).

Hours: We are available Monday – Friday. To accommodate veterans' schedules, we offer evening hours two days per week.

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