

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services



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Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

In response to the growing need to improve and expand services to our nation's veterans and service members, the Commonwealth of Virginia established the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in 2008. It is operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services in cooperation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services, formerly the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, and the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

The VWWP supports the following persons on their road to recovery from the effects of stress-related injuries (such as post traumatic stress disorder) or traumatic brain injuries:

- Veterans of any era who are Virginia residents
- Members of the Virginia National Guard not in active federal service
- Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service
- Family members of veterans and service members

Regional coalitions of community services boards, brain injury services providers, and other public and private service providers are offering services across the Commonwealth. These coalitions will enhance the existing array of services in their communities based on an ongoing assessment of local needs. Following are examples of the services that may be available through these networks of public and private providers:

- Comprehensive and timely assessment
- Case management
- Outpatient treatment
- Outreach activities
- Rehabilitative services
- Family support
- Linkage to benefits services, housing, employment and educational programs

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Did you know?

- Virginia has **813,977 veterans** as of September 30, 2008 and the number is increasing (Source U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- **20%** of service members returning from Iraq or Afghanistan report symptoms of PTSD or depression; only half have sought treatment (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)
- **19%** of returning service members experienced possible traumatic brain injury (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)
- **7%** of returning service members report both probable brain injury and PTSD or depression (Rand Corp. Study, 2008)

Serving those who served.