Eligibility

Primary eligibility for services is extended free of charge to war zone veterans to include also the following service-related situations:
1. Active duty (AD) soldiers in transition from the military.
2. Sexual trauma and harassment counseling for veterans of both sexes.
3. Bereavement counseling for family members of deceased veterans.

Services are provided in strict confidence, No information will be released to any person/agency without prior written consent.

Your Community Your Veterans Center

The Fairbanks Veterans Center is dedicated to support the readjustment and success of local veterans by providing services for mental health needs, disability benefits, and vocational rehabilitation through direct service, advocacy, referral and outreach activities.

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Brief History of Veteran Centers

Veterans Centers were established in 1979 by Congress in recognition of readjustment difficulties of Vietnam veterans. Congress extended eligibility to veterans of other armed conflicts, beginning in 1991, with the Persian Gulf War, to include Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and Kosovo/Bosnia. In 1996, veterans of the Korean War and WWII were also granted eligibility. In 2003, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs separately authorized eligibility for veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and also other military operations within the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), respectively. And in August 2003, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs directed Vet Centers to provide bereavement counseling for family members of veterans who died while in military service, to include activated Reserve and National Guard Personnel. Vet Centers are community-based and part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Vet Centers continue today as a central presence for veterans in their respective communities with the mission to promote readjustment of eligible veterans to civilian life through an array of direct service and outreach activities.

Services

Readjustment mental health services include:
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling (e.g., PTSD, depression, anxiety, bereavement)
- Marital/family counseling
- Psychological testing

Assistance/Referrals for:
- Medical needs
- Alcohol/drug problems
- Employment counseling
- Alcohol/drug problems
- Sexual trauma referral services
- Homeless veterans
- VA benefits
- inquiry/application
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Community education
- and referral to local resources/providers