

# Working Together: Accessing VA Services

NYS Discharge Planning  
Workgroup

Veterans Healthcare  
Administration





# Partners in Access

- Leverage capabilities
- Conserve scarce resources
- Improve interagency understanding
- Meet Veteran needs

# Veterans in New York

- Approximately 1 million veterans live in NY
- 28% use the VA Healthcare System
- 92% are male, 8% are female

# VA in New York

- 12 VA Medical Centers
- 48 Community Based Outpatient Clinics
- 13 Vet Centers
- 2 VA Regional Benefits Offices
- VISN 2: [www.visn2.va.gov/](http://www.visn2.va.gov/)
- VISN 3: [www.nynj.va.gov/](http://www.nynj.va.gov/)

# Veterans Services

- VA can meet these needs for eligible veterans:
  - Primary Care
  - Acute Care
  - Additional Specialty Care
  - Housing (Homeless Services/Rental Assistance)
  - Compensation & Pension Benefits
  - Education
  - Insurance

# Primary Care

- All Community Based Outpatient Clinics have Integrated Primary Care (Medical/Behavioral)
- Larger Clinics have additional Specialty Clinics and Lab Services

# Specialty Care

- Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health (Inpatient and Outpatient)
- Residential PTSD Program
- Geriatrics/Extended Care Community Living Centers
- Palliative Care



# Housing/Homeless Services

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- Domiciliary
- Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH Section 8)



# Housing/Homeless Services

- VISN 2: [www.visn2.va.gov/bh/homeless.asp](http://www.visn2.va.gov/bh/homeless.asp)
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# Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative

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- Law Enforcement
- Jails/Courts
- Incarcerated Veterans

# Other Resources

- Veterans Counselors
  - NYS Division of Veterans Affairs
  - County Veteran Service Agencies

# Veterans in Our Care

- Co-managed care
  - VA works with Community providers
- Family members
  - Support for those outside VA's authorization



# Coming Soon -

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A “Community Partners” link on our VISN 2 Website

- Information for non-VA Providers
- Resources to help work with veterans
- Latest News on upcoming VA Programs