Veterans Resource Guide

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Helpful Call Centers / Toll Free Numbers

Veterans Crisis Line
Phone: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
Phone: 1-800-4AID-VET (424-3838)

Wounded Warrior Resources
Phone: 1-800-342-9647

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Phone: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Hopeline
Phone: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-4233)

Adams County

Veterans Service Office
303-277-2107

Court / Justice Center
303-659-1161

County Attorney
303-659-6116

District Attorney
303-659-7720

Jail
303-654-1850

Social Services
303-287-8831

Government Resources

Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
Division of Veteran Affairs Office
Phone: 303-343-1268
Fax: 303-343-7238
The Colorado Department of Military Affairs and the Colorado Department of Veteran Affairs provides services and information regarding benefits, tuition assistance, memorial / cemetery eligibility and more.

Service Member and Veterans Rights
http://www.justice.gov/crt/spec_topics/military/
The Civil Rights Division protects a service member’s civilian employment rights by enforcing the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, voting rights by enforcing the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Voting Act of 1986, and financial security through the Service Members Civil Relief Act. This site provides information on how the Department of Justice and other federal agencies can help, and what service members can do to protect their rights under the law.

U S Department of Veterans Affairs
http://www.vba.va.gov
This site provides information about the benefits, disability compensation, pension, GI bill, vocational rehab and employment, survivor benefits, home loans, life insurance, traumatic injury insurance, healthcare, information including prescriptions, PTSD, and more.
- Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
- Medical Centers: 1-877-222-8387
- Persian Gulf War Help Line: 1-800-749-8387
- Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator: 720-484-1027

State Wide Legal National
http://www.statesidelegal.org
This site will take you to actual resources that can be used if you are a veteran, active service member, or an immediate family member to:
- Apply for benefits
- Appeal benefits related decisions
- Find information about other legal issues

VA Centers in Colorado
http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=CO&cnum=ALL
Phone: 1-877-927-8387

Vet Centers
Vet Centers are part of the VA system. The records they maintain are separate and confidential health care service a veteran receives from VA Health Administration. Vet Centers provide counseling to individuals, families, bereavement counseling to surviving family members for active duty service person’s death, and military sexual trauma. They also provide outreach, education, substance abuse assessments, employment assessments, and screening and referrals for VBA benefits, including TBI, depression, etc.

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If eligible for Veterans Benefits: You are encouraged to apply to the VA Health Benefits System as soon as you are capable of doing so. Every VA Medical Center has a Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator who helps veterans and their families find resources inside and outside the VA Health Care system. Call 1-877-222-8387 to find the medical center or Community Based Outpatient Clinic nearest you.

If you are ineligible for veteran’s benefits, free or low-cost health care may be available from sources listed under “Community Resources”.

Civil Legal Services

Colorado Legal Services Live Chat
Wednesdays, 0900 to 1100 and 1400 to 1600 at:
Veterans, service members, and immediate family members needing civil legal information chat ‘live’ online with volunteer attorneys and CLS staff about their legal issue. Volunteers or staff will refer them to information that may help, or, if the chat user might be eligible for legal help, may have a Colorado Legal Services intake worker contact them to determine eligibility.

Tax Information

Free online tax filing
For active duty service members, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and their families.
Health Care Resources

My Health eVet
https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html
This site provides access to health information for diseases/ conditions and mental health, links to federal and VA benefits and resources, and an online VA prescription refill for registered site members.

Needymeds
http://www.needymeds.org
This site provides information on medicine and healthcare assistance programs. They neither run patient assistance programs, nor supply medicine or financial assistance.

Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)
http://www.va.gov/hac/forbeneficiaries/spina/spina.asp
The U S Department of Veterans Affairs provides healthcare, rehabilitation, vocational training, and monetary allowances to children of Korea or Vietnam veterans that are diagnosed with Spina Bifida or other conditions that are considered medically necessary and appropriate. Here you will find detailed information on the benefits and how to apply.

Veterans Health Care Guide
http://www.va.gov/health
This site has links to health care benefits for active service members, veterans and their families, and also resources including medical center locations, information on diseases and conditions, news regarding veteran’s health, and more.

Housing Resources

Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors
This site links to different benefits offered to veterans, their dependents, and survivors including pension, insurance, housing, education, etc. The links describe the benefits offered for each category and eligibility requirements.

Loan Guaranty Home Loan Programs
http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans
Information about the home loan program including eligibility for VA home loans, adaptive housing, lenders and real estate professionals, contact information for regional loan centers, and more.

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Vets Programs
http://www.va.gov/homeless/dchv.asp

Resources for Homeless Veterans
http://va.gov/homeless

Denver County Homeless Center
Other Services

Compensation and Pension Services
http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/
The Compensation and Pension Services website provides information on different types of compensation and pension for veterans and service members, dependents of veterans, and survivors. There are also links to forms to apply for compensation and pension benefits.

Legal Assistance for Military Personnel
http://www.militaryprobono.org/
This resource provides a collection of helpful legal guides.

Catholic Charities St. Joseph’s Home for Veterans
http://www.ccdenver.org
Catholic Charities opened St. Joseph’s Veterans Home in April 2007; located adjacent to the historic St. Joseph’s Polish Church at 4626 Pennsylvania St, Denver, the home occupies the former convent building for the parish. This group home is a transitional housing program for male veterans who have been honorably discharged.

U. S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
http://uscourts.cavc.gov/
The Appeals Court for Veterans Claims provides veterans an impartial judicial forum for review of administrative decisions by the Board of Veterans’ Appeals that are adverse to the veteran-appellant’s claim of various benefits and the waiver of indebtedness.

VA community Resource Referral Center
Phone: 303-294-5600
They provide showers, laundry services, housing referrals, have a clothing room and storage, and can help provide counseling.

Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs
Phone: 303-284-6077
They work with veterans to help get them what they need. This includes assistance with obtaining benefits, getting VA cards, and providing information.

Veteran Legal Services of Denver
http://veteranslegalservicesofdenver.org/
Resource list web address
http://veteranslegalservicesofdenver.org/legal-resource-list
Service Groups

The American Legion, Department of Colorado
Phone: 303-366-5201
The American Legion is the nation’s largest veteran’s service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

- Benefits Center Website
  - http://www.legion.org/serviceofficers
- Temporary Financial Assistance
  - http://www.legion.org/financialassistance

Colorado AMVETS
http://www.amvets.org/
AMVETS Mission Statement: To enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services.

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)
http://www.iava.org
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) has an 11-point comprehensive blueprint for how Congress and candidates can support our veterans. Their plan can be seen at:

Military Officers Association of America
http://www.moaa.org
The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to support military officers and their families at every stage of life.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Colorado
http://www.vfwcolodept.org/
Address: 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, Colorado 80214-6102
Phone: 303-421-1630
The nation’s oldest combat veterans’ organization that fights for VA benefits. the VFW’s voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with the passage of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America’s active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserve fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.
VVA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLE  "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." VVA's Goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.
Employment and Job Placement

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Colorado Veteran Services
http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-EmployTrain/CDLE/1248095317855
This site provides veterans and transitioning service members with resources and services to succeed in the 21st Century workforce.

Hector Galacia
Phone: 720-857-5036
Hector is a local person who compiles a database of veteran-friendly jobs and job listings in the area.

Community Resources

Housing Resources

Brighton

Almost Home, Inc.
http://almosthomeonline.org
231 Main Street
Brighton, Colorado 80601
Phone: 303-659-6199

Denver

Denver Rescue Mission
http://www.denverrescuemission.org
Phone: 303-297-1815

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
http://www.coloradocoalition.org
Emergency housing

American Red Cross
http://www.redcross.org/local/co/denver
Phone: 303-659-2631

Veterans for the Homeless
Rental assistance for veterans & families
2931 W. 23rd Ave.
Denver, Colorado 80211
Phone: 303-433-5772

Mercy Housing
http://www.mercyhousing.org

Veterans for the Homeless
1999 N. Broadway St Suite 1000
Denver, Colorado 80202
Phone: 303-830-3300

Salvation Army Crossroads Shelter
1901 17th Street
Denver, Colorado
Phone: 303-298-1028

Samaritan Housing
http://www.ccdenver.org/samaritanhouse
7301 Lawrence Street
Denver, Colorado
Phone: 303-294-0241 (24-hour line)

The local phone book, yellow/blue pages, calling 2-1-1, or visiting http://www.unitedwaydenver.org will provide a list of many local organizations that offer different services.

Employment

Brighton
Disabled American Veterans
Employment and education for disabled veterans.
http://www.dav.org
Phone: 303-922-3631

Adams County Workforce and Business Center
http://co.adams.co.us

Locations:
1931 E. Bridge Street 12200 Pecos Street
Brighton, Colorado 80601 Westminster, Colorado 80234
Phone: 303-659-4250 Phone: 303-453-8600

Front Range Community College 550 Thornton Parkway
Westminster, Colorado Thornton, Colorado 80229

3508 Peoria Street 24-Hour job line
Aurora, Colorado 303-654-6075
Phone: 303-363-9380

Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER), Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists exist to help veterans find and keep Information may be found at: http://www.coworkforce.com/jobs/vet/lvers.asp

Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Project (HVRP) assists veterans with job search preparation, vocational counseling, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, trade skills certification and licensing, and job placement assistance and referral to supportive services.
Phone: 720-944-3500

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VA) helps veterans with service-connected disabilities by providing job training and counseling to those who have an employment handicap.
1-800-827-1000
http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/regionaloffices.html

Homeless Veterans Reintegration
1200 Federal Blvd., Denver
Phone: 720-944-3500

Denver County Workforce Center
1400 Federal Blvd., Denver
Phone: 720-944-1615

Arapahoe County Workforce Center
303-14980 E Alameda Drive
Aurora, CO 80012
Phone: 303-340-7575

Denver Urban Ministries (DeNUM)
1717 E Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80218
Phone: 303-355-4896

Broomfield County Workforce Center
6650 West 129th Ave., Unit A-1
Broomfield, CO 80020

Healthcare
If you are ineligible for veteran’s benefits from the VA, free or low-cost health care may be available from the following sources:

Department of Human Services (DHS): Can provide information about where to look for health care facilities for the homeless.

United Way: Provides information and referral information for much of the state of Colorado. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, bilingual (English & Spanish) and a comprehensive information and referral (I&R) service available to anyone who calls.
http://www.unitedwaydenver.org

National Health Care for the Homeless Council: Has a list of health care providers working with homeless people across the nation.

Free Clinics: Run by many local organizations and communities. Look in the phone book under “Public Health” to contact local government offices for clinics in your area.

**Community reach Centers**
- Mental Health services & support
  - 30 S. 3rd Avenue
    - Brighton, CO 80601
    - Phone: 303-853-3600
  - 4371 E 72nd Avenue
    - Commerce City, CO 80022
    - Phone: 303-853-3456
  - 8989 N. Huron
    - Thornton, CO 80260
    - Phone: 303-853-3500
  - 3200 W. 76th Avenue
    - Westminster, CO 80030
    - Phone: 303-853-3661
  - Colorado Access
    - 10065 E. Harvard
      - Denver, CO 80231
      - Phone: 303-287-8831

**Tri-County Health Department**
- Nutritionists, WIC Program,
- Occupational Health, immunizations,
- & family planning.
  - 1295 Bridge Street
    - Brighton, Colorado 80601
    - Phone: 303-659-2335
  - 4201 E. 72nd Avenue
    - Commerce City, CO 80022
    - Phone: 303-288-6816
  - 15400 E 14th Place
    - Aurora, CO 80011
    - Phone: 303-452-9547
  - 10190 Bannock
    - Northglenn, CO 80264
    - Phone: 303-452-9547
  - 7290 Samuel Drive
    - Denver, CO 80221
    - Phone: 303-426-5232

**Colorado Community Health Network**
- Denver Health Medical Center
  - 777 Bannock St
    - Denver, CO
    - Phone: 303-436-6000

**Special Health Information for Veterans**
- If you think you may be at risk for AIDS and HIV infection, contact the nearest VA Medical Center to get tested and seek counseling.
- Veterans, homeless, and incarcerated persons are at high risk for Hepatitis C (HCV), a serious disease that can cause cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer. If you think you are or may be at risk after your release, contact the nearest VA Medical Center to get tested and seek HCV counseling.

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### Dental Assistance

**CU School of Dentistry**  
13065 E 17th Avenue  
Aurora, CO  
Phone: 303-724-6900

**Inner City Health Clinic**  
3405 Downing Street  
Denver, CO  
Phone: 303-296-1767

**Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)**  
667 Bannock Street, Unit 9  
Denver, CO

**Metropolitan Denver Dental Society**  

**Concorde Career College**  
The college provides a dental clinic staffed by Dental Hygiene students and overseen by a dentist. The clinic is in Aurora, it held one day per month that provides dental exams, cleanings, and other limited services. Call the clinic to check current dates.  
111 N. Havana Street  
Aurora, CO 80010  
Phone: 303-861-1151  
[http://www.concorde.edu](http://www.concorde.edu)

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### Substance Abuse & Mental Health Treatment

- If eligible for veteran’s benefits: contact the **Homeless Veterans Services Coordinator** at the local VA Medical Center or Vet Center.
- If not eligible for veteran’s Benefits: The following sources may be able to tell you where you can go to get help:
  - The Department of Health and Human Services **Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Services** can refer you to local programs  
    Phone: 1-800-662-4357
  - **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** lists community groups, rehabilitation, socialization, and housing services through 340 community organizations across the country

**Adams County Community Reach Centers**  
[http://communityreachcenter.org](http://communityreachcenter.org)  
30 S. 3rd Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Phone: 303-853-3661

**Brighton Counseling Center**  
30 S. 3rd Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Phone: 303-853-3600

**Project CASE**  
Suicide grief support  
24150 E. 156th Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Phone: 720-933-1227
Financial Assistance

- The American Legion provides **Temporary Financial Assistance** (TFA) from its national headquarters to help maintain a stable environment for children of veterans. To obtain an application, contact National Headquarters to find a Post near you.
- If you are unemployed or have little or no income or savings, you may be eligible for food stamps. Phone: 1-800-221-5689 or visit [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contactinfo/hotlines.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contactinfo/hotlines.htm)
- **Supplemental Security Income** (SSI) benefits can be applied for. Phone: 1-800-722-1213 or visit [http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/](http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/)
- Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) has a program called **Emergency Food and Shelter Program** to help prevent homelessness.

Legal Help

**Veteran status issues:**
- You should talk to a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) for help with discharges, upgrades, seeking benefits, and filing a VA claim. Phone: 1-800-562-2308

**Other legal issues:**
- The **American Bar Association** provides guidance about free legal services and links to directories of legal aid offices and pro-bono programs. Visit [http://www.abanet.org](http://www.abanet.org)
- **Pine Tree Legal Assistance** has an online list of organizations across the nation that provides free legal help to clients who qualify. Visit [http://www.ptla.org/links/services.htm](http://www.ptla.org/links/services.htm)
- **Colorado Legal Services** (legal aid) assists low income and seniors in Colorado by providing meaningful access to high quality civil legal services.
Other Resources

Bus Tokens

- Catholic Charities
  - Brighton: 303-654-1040
  - Aurora: 303-363-9543
  - Denver: 303-399-1558

Clothing Banks

Crossroads of the Rockies
2707 W. Mississippi
Denver, CO
Phone: 303-922-8772

Sharing and Caring Ministries
3739 Downing Street
Denver, CO
Phone: 303-295-3301

The Gathering Place
1535 High Street
Denver, CO
Phone: 303-321-4198

Food Pantries

Heat to Hand Resource Center
12332 E. Colfax Avenue
Aurora, CO
Phone: 720-859-2513

Aurora Family Assistance Center
Aurora, CO
Phone: 303-363-9543

Beacon of Hope
P. O. Box 461074
Aurora, CO
Phone: 303-290-7412

Denver Urban Ministries
1717 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO
Phone: 303-355-4896

Prescription Assistance

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
Phone: 1-888-477-2669

Broadway Assistance Center
Phone: 303-893-4108