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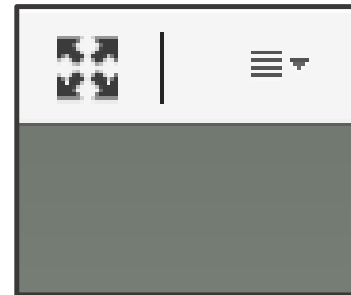
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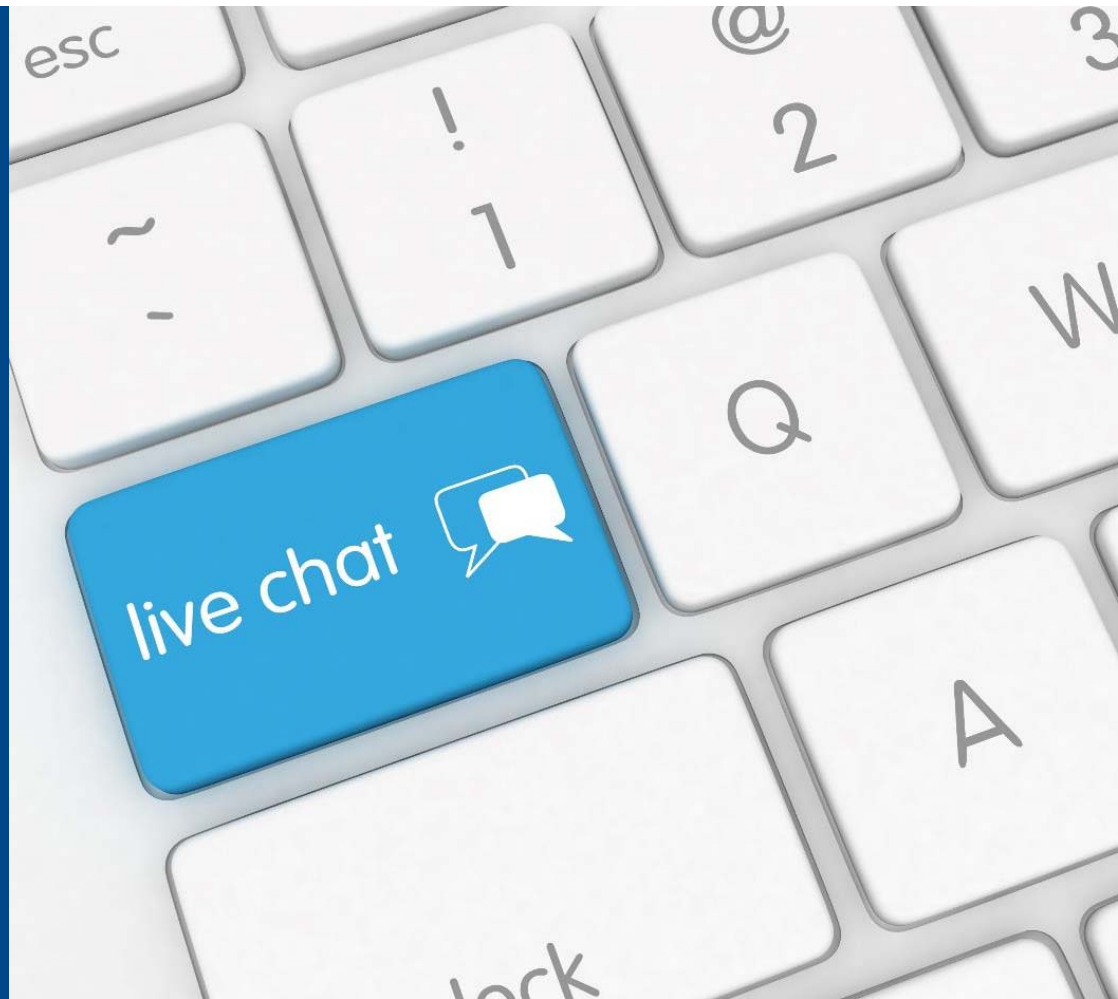
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Agenda

- Introductions
- What to consider when planning programming for veterans
 - Common veteran health issues
 - Strengths
 - Tools and resources
- Discussion - Stafford Creek Corrections Center and Yaphank Correction Facility
- Q&A
- Wrap-up



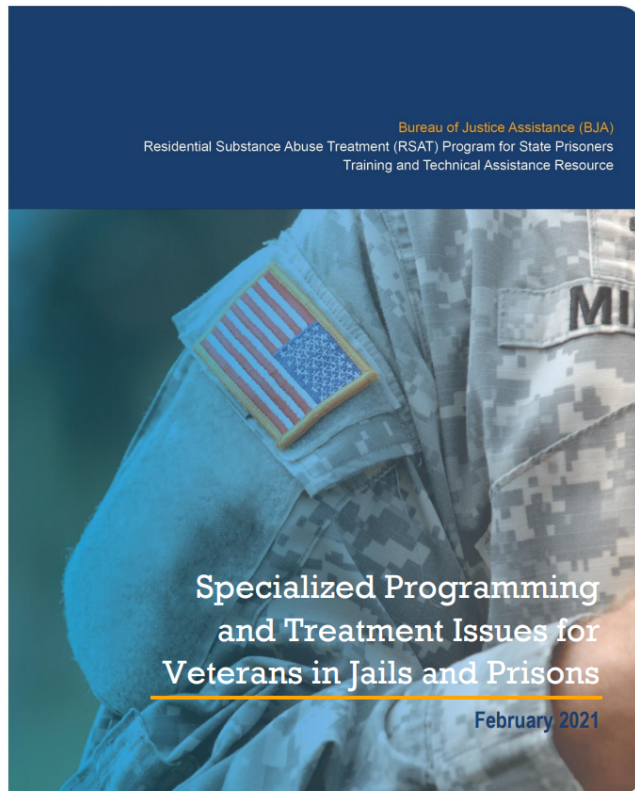
Poll # 1:

Do you have specialized veterans programming in your jail/prison?

- a. Yes**
- b. No**
- c. It's being considered**



New RSAT Manual



Includes:

- Common veterans health issues
- Military culture strengths
- Veteran treatment programming
- Post incarceration transition services
- Case examples
- Resources and tools

Learning Objectives

After completing this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Cite common health issues many veterans face
- Identify strengths of military culture
- Name 3-5 tools and/or resources to support veterans



Who are our veterans?

The nation's 18,830,450 veterans make up 7.6 percent of the total population.

THEIR GENDER

Male veterans	17,254,563	91.6%
Female veterans	1,575,887	8.3%



HOW OLD THEY ARE

65 years and over	9,315,829	49.5%
35 to 54 years	4,470,020	23.75%
55 to 64 years	3,405,348	18.0%
18 to 34 years	1,639,253	8.7%



WHEN THEY SERVED

Vietnam Era	6,251,257	33.2%
Peacetime	4,338,296	23.0%
Gulf War	4,191,649	22.2%
More than one War	1,682,931	9.0%
Korean War	1,539,875	8.1%
World War II	835,442	4.4%



Approximately 8% of the people who are incarcerated served in the military.

Source: Schultz, Jennifer (2017). Veterans by the Numbers. The National Conference of State Legislatures Blog; <https://www.ncsl.org/blog/2017/11/10/veterans-by-the-numbers.aspx>

Veterans and the criminal justice system

- Higher rates of mental health disorders than civilian adults



- Stress of reintegration



- Homelessness
 - Veterans in prisons – 30% experienced homelessness
 - Veterans in jails – 25% experienced homelessness
 - Female veterans, are 2-4 times more likely than male veterans to experience homelessness



Common Veteran Health Issues



Common Veteran Health Issues

- **Chronic Pain**
 - More prevalent among younger veterans (post 2001)
- **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**
 - Physical, cognitive, emotional symptoms
- **Mental Health Challenges**
 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



Common Veteran Health Issues (cont'd)

- **Substance Use Disorders**

- 50% in justice system
- Self medication

- **Suicide:**

- Compounding factors:
 - Alcohol use
 - Depression
 - Chronic pain
 - Prescription opioids
 - Military sexual trauma



Why Programming for Veterans?



Why Establish Veterans' Specific Programming

- Public safety
- Reduction of recidivism
- Better outcomes
- Possible tie between military service that contributed to their involvement in the justice system



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Military Ethos

Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families found:

- High levels of self-efficacy
- Quick decision-making and response time
- Resiliency
- Team-building skills
- Organizational commitment
- Leadership ability
- Loyalty



Poll # 2:

True or false:

The question: *'Are you a veteran'* is an effective way to determine veterans status.

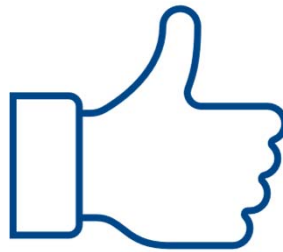
- a. True
- b. False



Identifying the population

False!

- ***“Have you ever served in the military?” OR “Have you ever served in the US Armed Forces?”***



HAVE YOU SERVED?

LET US KNOW IF YOU SERVED IN THE
UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

The Suffolk County Correctional Facility has a special housing area for our United States Veterans. If you served in any branch of the military, tell a correction officer so that we can screen you for this special program.

***We can help guide you so that your VA benefits are properly handled if you are convicted of a crime.

We can also help with mental health issues, vocational training, employment assistance, stress reduction, substance abuse treatment, post-release housing, and through volunteer mentors.

THE VETERANS RE-ENTRY POD AT THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND

Tools and Resources – During Incarceration



TBI Resources

US Department of Veterans Affairs

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. The main navigation bar includes links for Health, Benefits, Burials & Memorials, About VA, Resources, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The page is titled "MIRECC / CoE" and "Rocky Mountain MIRECC TBI Toolkit". A sidebar on the left contains "QUICK LINKS" such as Hospital Locator, Health Programs, Protect Your Health, and A-Z Health Topics. The main content area features a banner for "ROCKY MOUNTAIN MIRECC FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION" and a "NEW RESOURCE" for "Firearm Safety in Times of Community Stress". A navigation bar below the banner includes links for Home, TBI 101, Mental Health/TB, Justice Involved, Military & Veteran, and Resources. A red arrow points to the "Justice Involved" link. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "Why an On-line Toolkit?" and a "Contact" section with the phone number 614-293-3802, ext. 711.

Ohio State University TBI Identification Method

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Trauma Resources

US Department of Veterans Affairs – National Center for PTSD

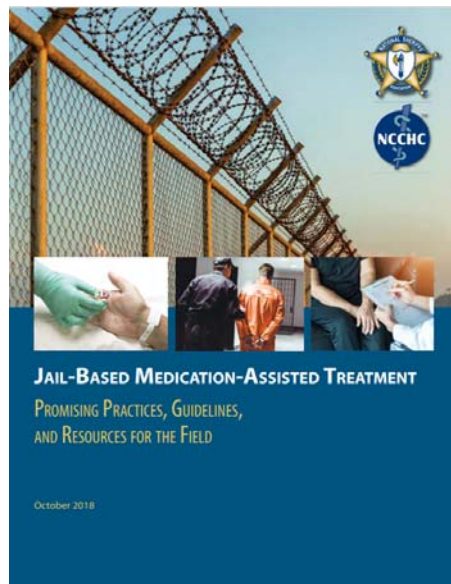


Trauma-Informed Approaches in Correctional Settings

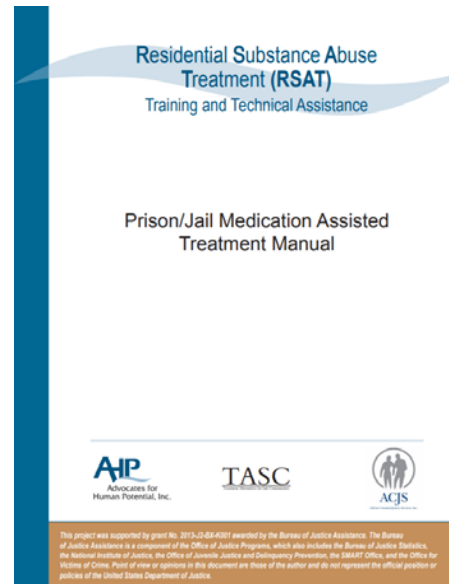


RSAT Resources – SUD, MAT

Jail-based Medication-Assisted Treatment – Promising Practices, Guidelines, and Resources for the Field



Prison/Jail Medication Assisted Treatment Manual

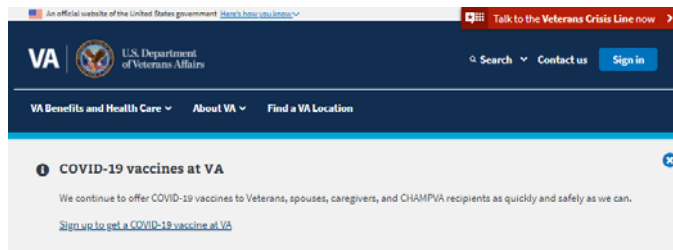


Medication-Assisted Treatment for RSAT Programs for Clients Transitioning to and from Community-based Treatment



Benefits

About VA Health Benefits



Home > Health care > About VA health benefits

Health care

Get benefits

About VA health benefits

- Your care team
- Where you'll go for care
- Your health care costs
- VA health care and other insurance
- Long-term care
- Dental care
- Vision care

Eligibility

- How to apply
- Apply now
- After you apply

Family health benefits

Manage benefits

More resources

About VA health benefits

If you qualify for VA health care, you'll receive coverage for the services you need to help you get—and stay—healthy. Learn more about your health care benefits.

What care and services does VA health care cover?

Each Veteran's medical benefits package is unique. Yours will include care and services to help:

- Treat illnesses and injuries
- Prevent future health problems
- Improve your ability to function
- Enhance your quality of life

All Veterans receive coverage for most care and services, but only some will qualify for added benefits like dental care. The full list of your covered benefits depends on:

- Your priority group, **and**
- The advice of your VA primary care provider (your main doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant), **and**
- The medical standards for treating any health conditions you may have

[Learn more about priority groups](#)

You should also know that being signed up for VA health care meets your Affordable Care Act (ACA) health coverage requirement of having "minimum essential health coverage." We'll update this site if the ACA changes with new laws.

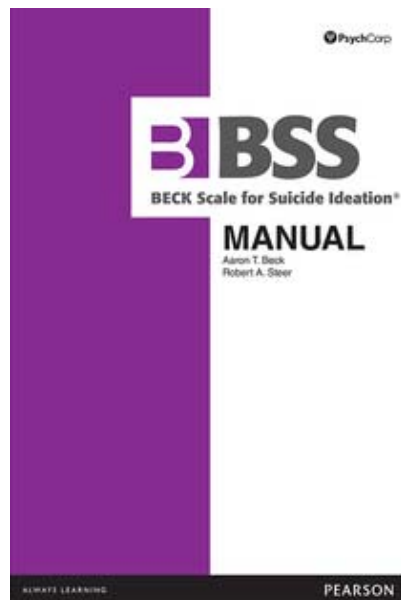
[Learn more about the ACA, VA, and you](#)

Veterans Justice Outreach Program

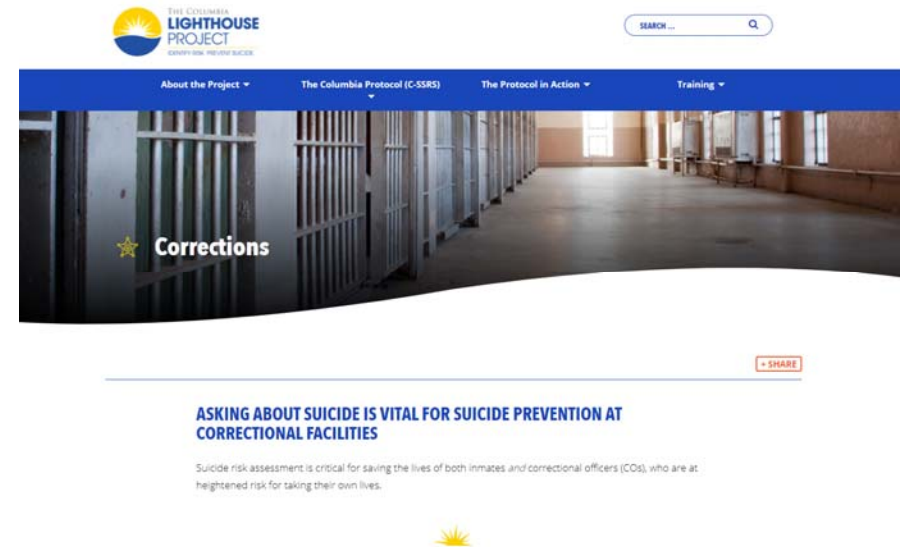


Suicide Prevention

Beck Scale for Suicidal Ideation

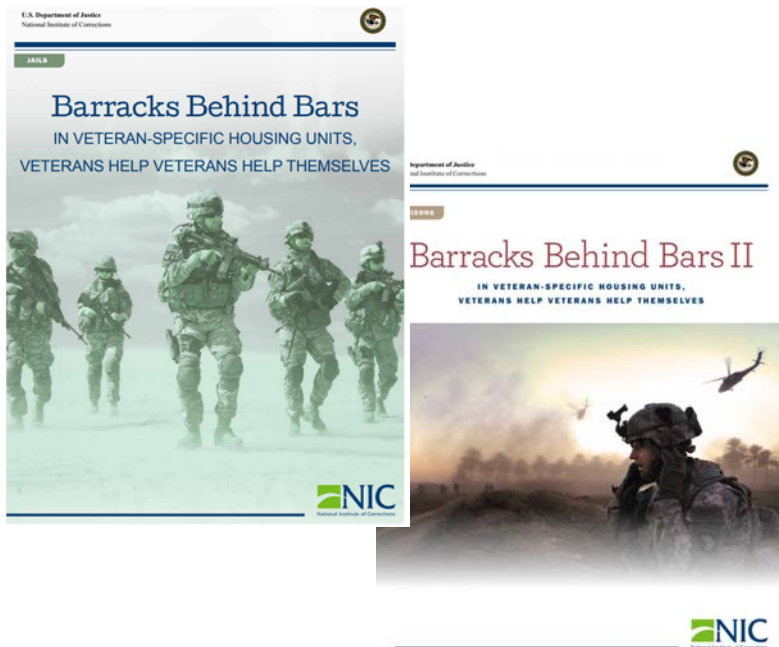


Suicide Screening: The Columbia Lighthouse Project

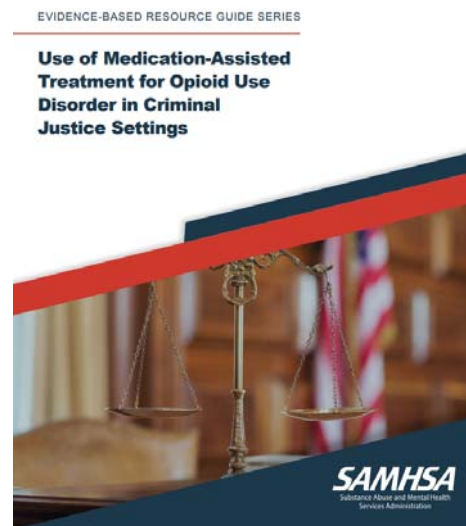


Other Resources

Barracks Behind Bars I and II



SAMHSA's Use of MAT for OUD in Criminal Justice Settings



PsychArmor – 15 Things Veterans Want You to Know

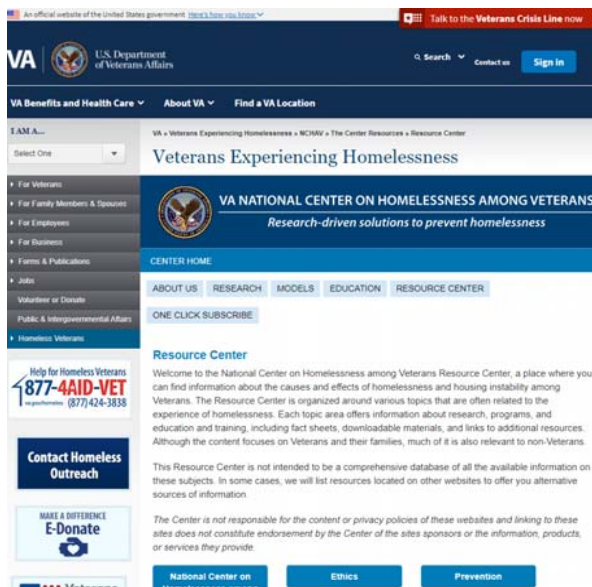


Tools and Resources – Post-Incarceration



Post-Incarceration Resources

US Department of Veterans Affairs - Housing



Planning for Your Release – a Guide for Incarcerated Veterans

Planning for Your Release A Guide for Incarcerated Veterans

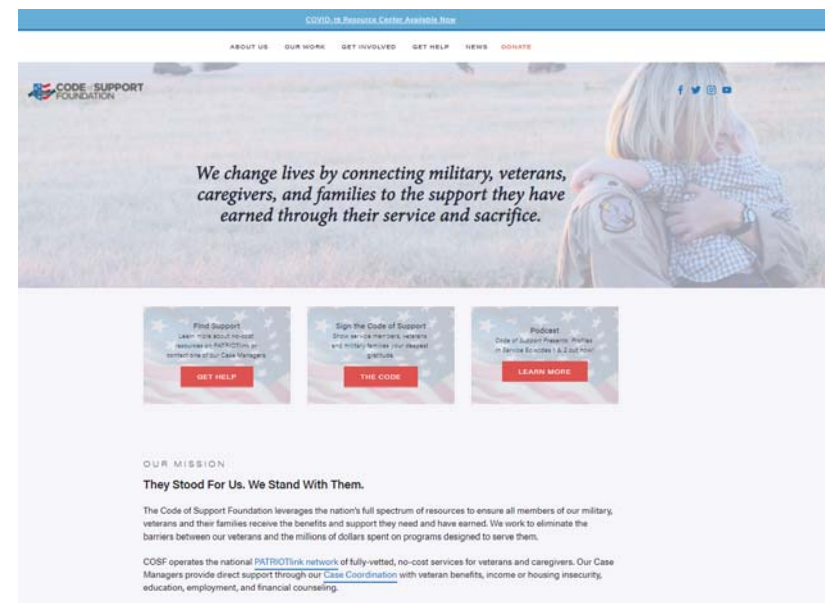


Post-Incarceration Resources (cont'd)

National Military Family Association



Code of Support Foundation



Veterans Programming - Examples



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<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6350464/May-19-2020-RSAT-Webinar-CEH>

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