



Community Clergy Training Program: Helping Veterans Access Care and Resources

The goals of the Community Clergy Training Program are:

- To promote health and well-being in the rural Veteran population,
- To generate and diffuse knowledge about rural Veteran health,
- To strengthen community healthcare infrastructure where rural Veterans reside,
- To promote Promising Practices in rural health care delivery and the provision of benefits and services to rural Veterans.



Community Training Partner Initiative



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Veterans living in rural areas may have limited access to health care and other resources. When seeking help they are likely to contact a trusted resource, such as a member of the clergy from a local house of worship. Many active duty service members and Veterans feel that seeking help in rural faith communities will have less negative impact on their reputation within the community and on their military career.

Clergy provide anonymity and confidentiality and there is less stigma associated with seeking counseling from the faith community for issues such as posttraumatic stress, depression, or difficulty transitioning from military to civilian life.

Clergy members often have limited knowledge about the unique health issues and readjustment difficulties common to returning warriors.



The Community Clergy Training Program (CCTP) educates and informs clergy about:

- Military culture and civilian culture clashes
- Common combat and military service-related health concerns
- The challenges of readjusting to civilian life
- Pastoral care for Veterans and their families
- Working with VA and community health care professionals
- Building a network of community support for military members, Veterans and their families

JOIN THE CCTP TEAM!

The CCTP is recruiting partners to join our team and bring the National VA Chaplain Center's tested and proven CCTP curriculum to rural communities across the country. To date, more than 4,000 clergy members, chaplains, behavioral health professionals, and others supporting Veterans in rural communities have participated in a CCTP training event.

Live training events enhance the knowledge and skills in:

- Recognizing the holistic healthcare needs of Veterans,
- Smoothing reintegration into family and community, and
- Increasing clergy referrals to VA or community healthcare and resources.



As a CCTP partner you can help bring together clergy and others committed to creating a strong network of support to help Veterans and their families access care and resources.

VA Chaplain Facilitators will bring CCTP training events, including training materials, to your rural community - at no cost. They will work with you on our simple planning process to coordinate space, event set-up, participant recruitment, and training implementation.

BECOME A CCTP PARTNER TODAY!

Learn how your organization can become a CCTP partner and host viewing events in your area.

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