



RESOURCES FOR SERVING YOUNGER VETERANS

Serving younger veterans can pose a number of challenges that are different from those typical of serving veterans from prior eras. Successful approaches must take these challenges into account and address the needs and wishes of younger veterans, such as interests in physical activity, socializing with non-veterans, continuing their education, and successfully raising their children. These resources may be helpful in understanding and responding to the needs of younger veterans.

California Community Colleges: The Road Home, from Combat to College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXmlm1onxuA&feature=youtu.be>

The Veterans Counselor of Sierra College developed a webinar designed to help community colleges effectively serve veterans. The webinar covers many issues that also have relevance in the workplace, including physical injuries, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), transition problems, and homelessness.

HSC Foundation Publications

<http://www.hscfoundation.org/Publications>

The HSC Foundation focuses on improving access to health care for people who have disabilities and/or face other barriers to care. Several of its publications focus on veterans' issues and populations, including veterans who are college students and veterans who are parents.

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Blog

<http://iava.org/blog/>

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is a national advocacy organization representing veterans who have served in recent conflicts. IAVA helps to raise awareness of PTSD, suicide, prescription drug abuse, and other issues that disproportionately affect younger veterans. Its blog offers success stories, highlights model programs, and covers current advocacy efforts.

Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Veterans Program

<http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/veterans>

The Robert R. McCormick Foundation primarily funds initiatives in the state of Illinois, but offers useful publications about helping veterans return to employment and education, as well as a blog about helping veterans secure employment.

Team Red, White, & Blue Blog

<http://teamrwb.org/blog/>

Team Red, White, & Blue (Team RWB) is a national organization that promotes reintegration of veterans into civilian life through activities such as races and sports teams for veterans. The Team RWB blog describes successful events and provides insight into how these events benefit younger veterans physically, emotionally, and socially.

Team Rubicon Blog

www.teamrubiconusa.org/blog/

Team Rubicon is a project uniting veterans and first responders for public service in disaster areas. Veterans receive training in rescue, recovery, and protecting property. Team Rubicon's blog highlights how veterans are working alongside non-veteran first responders to assist regions hit by floods, tornadoes, and other disasters, and describes the positive impact on veterans' lives.

VA National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Professional Publications

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/publications/index.asp>

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates a research and treatment program devoted to identifying and providing services for posttraumatic stress, with a focus on veterans. Its professional publications section includes guidelines for working with veterans. The guidelines describe how to screen for post-traumatic stress and how to effectively deliver services to those who are affected.

Zero to Three Resources for Veteran Families

<https://www.zerotothree.org/early-learning/military-and-veteran-families-support>

Zero to Three is a national nonprofit organization that provides parents, professionals, and policymakers the knowledge and know-how to nurture early development of babies and toddlers. Its Military Family Projects division offers a free smartphone app and numerous publications designed to help military and veteran parents, particularly those with injuries and/or post-traumatic stress, as well as publications intended for professionals who work with veterans.

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