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PROVIDENCE VAMC
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2nd THURSDAY of Each Month
11:00am

One must sign up beforehand.
Please call to secure a spot.

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WOMEN VETERAN GROUP
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VA Programs to End Homelessness Among Women Veterans

VA understands that many women Veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life, including raising children on their own or dealing with the aftereffects of military sexual trauma. Without intervention, these and other issues can put women Veterans at greater risk of homelessness. VA also strives to address the individualized needs of women throughout its specialized programs for homeless Veterans. Every VA Medical Center and regional benefits office also has a dedicated advocate to make sure women Veterans get the health care and benefits they’ve earned through service.

Learn about VA’s services for women Veterans below and at VA’s Programs for Homeless Veterans and For At-Risk Veterans pages.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF)

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF) – SSVF awards grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will provide supportive services to very low income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. The grantees will provide a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability. SSVF grants are released throughout the year so check often to see when new funding is available.
Veterans are the fastest growing group of new users of VA health services, medical facilities are more likely to include pregnant Veterans among their patient populations. In Fiscal Year 2011 alone, over 90 percent of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn women Veterans were of childbearing age; thus, a significant potential for these Veterans to require maternity care exists.

Maternity care is typically provided by non-VA providers in non-VA facilities, which are accredited to provide care to pregnant women and newborns. Women Veterans, however, continue to receive care through the VA health care system during their pregnancies, either for management of coexisting medical or mental health conditions or for acquiring laboratory tests or medications during their pregnancy. Coordination of care and information sharing between all providers, including non-VA and VA providers is critical to patient safety.

Please refer to VHA Handbook 133.03 for specifics addressing maternity health care
Some items of interest may be:

Maternity related items which are covered by the Veterans Administration

NOTE: Maternity belt, breast pumps and nursing bras may be obtained through a Prosthetics Consult at least 2 weeks in advance of the Veteran’s estimated date of delivery. Related supplies, such as breast pads and nipple cream, may be obtained through the VA Pharmacy.

When a pregnant Veteran experiences a medical emergency while outside VA
VA may provide newborn health care services, for up to but not more than, date of birth and 7 calendar days after the birth of the child, all post-delivery care services, including routine health care services that a newborn child requires, if the woman Veteran delivered the child in a VA facility or in another facility pursuant to a VA contract relating to such delivery.

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Judy Kuzdeba, RN, BSN, CDE
VISN 1 Maternity Care Coordinator, VACWM
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Numbers to Know

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401-457-3300

OEF/OIF Program Manager:
401-273-7100 ext. 6137

Veterans CRISIS Line
1-800-273– TALK (8255)

Telephone Assistant Program
(TAP) Line
401-457-3336
1-866-590-2976

Homeless Resources
401-273-7100, ext. 3553

Hotline for Homeless Veterans
1-877-424-3838

State of Rhode Island Department of Human Services Division of Veterans Affairs
401-254-8495

Human services and helping agencies
2-1-1

MyHealthVet: Kathy Foresti
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Department of Veterans Affairs

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