Welcome to VetSuccess Orientation
“...let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan....”

- President Abraham Lincoln
VetSuccess Program Intent

• Provide services to assist Veterans and Servicemembers with service-connected disabilities to succeed:
  • In transition … through services to support transition back to civilian life
  • At work … through services resulting in suitable employment
  • On campus … through services to support them during education and training
  • At home … and in their communities … through services to maximize independence in daily living
VetSuccess Eligibility Criteria

Veterans:
• Honorable or other than dishonorable discharge
• A final VA service-connected disability rating of 10% or more or memorandum rating of 10%
• Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services

Active Duty Servicemembers:
• Expect to receive a honorable discharge
• Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services
• Obtain a VA memorandum rating of 20% or more; or obtain a proposed Disability Evaluation Service (DES) rating
VetSuccess Basic Benefit Information

• Comprehensive Vocational Assessment
• Employment Assistance
• Medical Services as needed
• Independent Living Services
• Personalized Case Management Services
VetSuccess Basic Benefit Information

• A maximum of 48 months of entitlement for Educational and Vocational training

• May utilize vocational rehabilitation benefits within 12 years from the date of initial VA disability rating notification
VetSuccess Process

- Application received (VONAP or 28-1900)
- Veteran’s eligibility established
- Schedule Veteran for initial counseling appointment if eligible

- Identify track
- Establish vocational or independent living goal
- Define services needed
- Develop written plan of services

- Conduct VR&E orientation to include Five Tracks Video
- Veteran meets with Counselor
- Determine employment handicap and serious employment handicap
- Conduct vocational evaluation to assess skills, abilities & interests
- Determine feasibility for employment

- On-going case management
- Provide employment services
  - VetSuccess.gov
  - Interview skills
  - Job placement assistance
  - Referral to One-Stop Career Center

Re-Employment

- Rapid Access
- Self Employment
- Employment Thru Long-Term Services
- Independent Living

- Suitably employed, or
- Improved ability to live independently
Track Selection 1

Re-employment Track

• For individuals separating from active duty, National Guard, or Reserves

• Services focused on return to previous employers

• Services may include:
  • Job accommodations
  • Job modifications
  • Work adjustment assistance
  • Consultation with employer
Track Selection 2

Rapid Access to Employment

- For individuals seeking employment:
  - soon after separation or
  - who already have the necessary skills to be competitive in the job market

- Services may include:
  - Resume Writing
  - Interviewing Skills Training
  - Job accommodations
  - Refresher Courses
  - Licensure and Certification
  - Job Search Assistance
  - Post-Employment Adjustment Services
Track Selection 3

Employment Through Long-Term Services

- For individuals needing specialized training and/or education to obtain and maintain suitable employment

- Services may include:
  - Apprenticeships and internships
  - On-the-Job Training (OJT)
  - Higher education or vocational training
  - Tuition/fees/books/tools/supplies
  - Tutoring
  - Subsistence allowance
  - Personalized case management support
Self-Employment

• For individuals who are not because of their disabilities:
  • has limited access to traditional employment,
  • need flexible work schedules, or
  • a more accommodating work environment

• Services may include:
  • Analysis of viability of business concept
  • Assistance with development of a business plan
  • Training in small business operations
  • Marketing assistance
  • Guidance on obtaining resources
Track Selection 5

**Independent Living**
- For individuals who are not able to work at the current time and need rehabilitation services to live more independently

- Services may include:
  - Comprehensive in-home assessment
  - Assistive technologies
  - Independent living skills training
  - Connection to community-based support services
  - Personalized case management services
  - Coordination with VA’s Specially Adapted Housing Program and/or VA’s Home Improvement Structure Assistance Program
What is VETSUCCESS.GOV?

- Specialized job bank and “Job Central” bank of over 500,000 jobs
  - National Association of State Workforce Agencies
  - Direct Employers – Fortune 500 companies

- Job resource tools
  - resume builder
  - interviewing skills
  - career resources

- Link to other VA benefits and services
  - on line application for VR&E – Chapter 31 services
  - Educational Benefits
Chapter 31: Services to obtain and maintain suitable employment and/or to achieve maximum level of independence in daily living

Chapter 36: Educational and vocational counseling for
- Comprehensive in-home assessment
- Assistive technologies
- Independent living skills training
Programs of Services

- **Chapter 18**: Vocational training and rehabilitation benefits for children born with Spina Bifida of certain veterans who served in Vietnam or Korea.

- **Chapter 35**: Educational counseling for children and widows/spouses of veterans who have a permanent and total service connected disability.