We believe veterans and their families should never have to fight alone in the battle for home.
OUR MISSION
Supporting the Hero’s Journey Home

Veterans are changed forever by and through their military service to the United States of America. While service members receive best-in-class training, the transitional journey from active duty to veteran can be deeply challenging for some. This journey home is a cultural shift that often occurs with internal, invisible wounds, such as feelings of extreme isolation. Together these challenges can make the hero’s journey home its own storm of war. We, as Oklahomans, need to ensure our own heroes and their families never have to fight alone in the battle for home. As our heroes answered the call to serve, Oklahoma Veteran Alliance has answered the call to help our heroes home.

OUR PROGRAMS
Named Best Practice Models by the U.S. Department of Defense

OUR WORK
Pathways, Providers and Partners

We believe, like the heroes we serve, that no battlefield operation has ever been won alone. Many of our heroes experience yet another battle upon transitioning home from active duty - we call this the battle for home. It is this battle that is claiming the lives of our heroes by 20—or more—suicides daily. Just as in the theatre of war, the battle for home cannot be won alone. This is why Oklahoma Veteran Alliance exists: to forge PATHWAYS across Oklahoma where PROVIDERS can serve and PARTNERS can support.

JOIN US Join Oklahoma’s alliance of veteran partners and providers, and help create pathways to help and to hope for our heroes. csctulsa.org/ok-vet-alliance
Why do we need the Oklahoma Veteran Alliance?

Oklahoma Veteran Alliance is a statewide network of veteran service providers, advocates and champions anchored by two key programs - Oklahoma Veteran Connections and Veteran Rally Points, both U.S. Department of Defense Best Practice Models. Together, these programs offer holistic methods to bring our heroes home and effectively identify those in need of healthy social connections and resources. Emphasizing both the need for relationships and resources is a research-based best practice empowering those who have served, while effectively reducing veteran suicide.

In order to interpret the following heartrending data around veterans, we must understand military culture. Key leaders within Oklahoma Veteran Alliance are Air Force, Army, Marine and Navy veterans. Their first-hand knowledge is invaluable to the success and integrity of our mission.

What are our nation’s veterans facing?

- 20 veterans kill themselves, daily
- 25% have legal issues
- 61% need educational assistance
- 37,800 were homeless in 2018
- 84% of depression is tied to loneliness
- 65% need employment assistance
- 10x higher likelihood of an opioid disorder if homeless

“Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC) has recognized Oklahoma Veteran Connections as a “Best Practice” during the Rapid Needs Assessment conducted in Oklahoma. Many Service Members live off of installations, creating a unique set of challenges in accessing resources. Oklahoma Veteran Connections will assure geographically dispersed Service Members and their Families are securing services that may impact their readiness, resiliency, and well-being enhancing the recruitment, retention, readiness, and resilience of the total force.”

- Debbie Rich, Building Healthy Military Communities, U.S. Department of Defense

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OKLAHOMA’S VETERANS

303,205
Approximate number of veterans in September 2017

20,229
Number of veterans earning below the poverty level in 2017

97,575
Number of veterans who had a disability in 2017

313
Number of homeless veterans living in Oklahoma in 2018

110
Number of veteran suicide deaths in Oklahoma in 2016

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
HOW IT WORKS

A coordinated referral network acts as a hub for veteran service providers that operates collaboratively to provide delivery of services to veterans in an expedited and coordinated system. This is accomplished through:

- Unifying data and enhancing communication between partner providers so referrals can be made with confidence
- Tracking all referrals and 100% of outcomes across provider agencies using real-time data
- Giving partner providers the tools and ongoing support they need to best serve veterans
- Building robust databases within the network of community resources and veterans information
- Allowing potential clients to seek help in the method of their choice (by phone, in person, online, etc.)

Oklahoma Veteran Connections is the first fully coordinated referral network for veterans in Oklahoma. Our mission is to transform systems of service delivery to veterans through a 360-degree referral process for partner providers. This person-centered service delivery system empowers organizations serving veterans to seamlessly create and receive referrals while easily tracking outcomes to quickly and efficiently connect veterans to needed help.

Each day, thousands of Oklahoma veterans are in need, but don’t know where to turn. Oklahoma Veteran Connections is powered by a shared technology tool that aligns veteran service providers to quickly and efficiently deliver services to our community’s veterans.

Through Oklahoma Veteran Connections, veterans looking for help are supported with a simpler navigation process, timely connection to resources, and an “all doors open” policy that ensures they will be connected with the right providers for their needs through several convenient access points.

There is a powerful synergy between Oklahoma Veteran Connections and the Oklahoma Veteran Rally Points programs. Veteran Rally Points Leadership Team and Area Coordinators work to identify and engage resource providers for inclusion in the Oklahoma Veteran Connections network.
Veterans’ needs vary greatly. Above are examples of services and resources available to veterans through our 360-degree referral process.

360 DEGREES OF SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

To access Oklahoma Veteran Connections, veterans simply call 211 for help 24/7. 211 Eastern Oklahoma is also a program of the Community Service Council.

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Veteran Rally Points (VRP) is a program that leverages the power of relationship and military culture through mentor programs to bring our heroes home. Through a two-day mentorship boot camp, veteran mentors are trained and equipped with the tools necessary to support veterans in navigating the journey home.

Designed to be regionally mobilized throughout Oklahoma, each VRP consists of a six-person leadership team trained to navigate six supportive pillars—federal, state, local, non-profit, tribal and private sectors—while engaging their community to identify resources consistent with transitional challenges veterans may face, and recruit these providers into the Oklahoma Veteran Connections network.

Additionally, Veteran Rally Points will also provide connection and support for veterans who are participating in Veterans Treatment Courts, or battling with homelessness. This model leverages the important value of culturally based mentorship to connect veterans to resources.

The program was founded by Tulsa-based 3C-Concepts, a veteran-owned business, and is supported by Oklahoma Veteran Alliance and works in close partnership with Oklahoma Veteran Connections.

“Relationships are the cornerstone of any successful program, and they are the bridge home for our veterans”
- Stacy Hester, Marine Veteran and Owner, 3C-Concepts

Only Together

Veteran Rally Points builds “relational bridges home” for the healthy transition and community integration of our veterans from active duty and/or reintegration from homelessness and/or incarceration. Carry the mission, together!
HOW IT WORKS

This graphic illustrates how Veteran Rally Points works across multiple counties, supported by Oklahoma Veteran Alliance and other statewide entities.

Veteran Rally Point: COUNTY A
Legal
Housing
Education
Healthcare
Employment
Social Connection

MENTOR PROGRAMS

Veteran Rally Point: COUNTY B
Legal
Housing
Education
Healthcare
Employment
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SERVICE SUPPORT TEAM

Tribes ★ Nonprofits ★ Private Sector ★ State Agencies ★ Federal Agencies ★ Local Agencies
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