

Workforce Services

Veterans Employment Services



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With funding from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) directly administers the Jobs for Veterans State Grant in conjunction with various workforce development programs. The DEO Veterans' program works to promote and maximize the employment of Florida's veteran population, especially those with significant barriers to employment. Florida's local career centers are staffed with a network of professional Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialists and Local Veteran Employment Representatives (LVER).

- DVOP staff focus on providing intensive case management services to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
- LVERs conduct outreach to employers and engage in advocacy efforts with hiring executives and managers to increase employment opportunities for veterans.
- Veterans and eligible spouses are identified at the point of entry and receive priority of service for enrollment and participation in all USDOL funded employment and training programs, including technology-assisted activities.
- The VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program is an employment and training program to assist disabled veterans who are being trained/retrained and rehabilitated for new careers by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. DVOP and LVER staff provide workforce and service to VR&E referred, special disabled veterans participating in the VR&E Program (Chapter 31, title 38, USC). Other services include on-the-job training development, non-paid work experience, selective job placement, case management, counseling, follow-up services, provision of job-seeking skills training, job analysis, labor market information, etc.
- Through the Jobs for Veterans State Grant, DEO employs three Transitioning Incarcerated Veterans Program staff that provide assistance to incarcerated veterans that will be transitioning back into the workforce. These staff were placed in locations that have the highest number of incarcerated veterans.
- The Military Family Employment Advocacy Program delivers employment assistance services, including interviewing, assessment, counseling, job search and placement assistance, labor market information, resumé assistance, etc., through Military Family Employment Advocates co-located within selected career centers. Spouses and dependents of active-duty military personnel, Florida National Guard members, and military reservists are eligible for assistance through this program.
- The Employ Florida Vets portal is a function of the Employ Florida system and is tailored specifically to the needs and interests of veterans. One specific function is to translate Military Specialty Codes (represents military employment classification) into equivalent civilian job titles. Once registered in Employ Florida, a veteran may be contacted by center staff who are conducting job searches for veterans, receive automatic notifications of job announcements matching their skills and abilities, and/or be contacted directly by employers who are looking for applicants with veterans' skills and abilities.



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