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Chapter 31

The primary identification of potential Chapter 31 candidates is the responsibility of the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) with assistance from the Employment Development Department (EDD) Transition Assistance Program (TAP) staff and referrals from One-Stop staffs and referrals from partners. A majority of these individuals are gleaned from TAP classes.

Specifically exiting military and their spouses are identified as potential Chapter 31 clients during the DVA portion of the TAP session and are invited to attend an extended version of TAP known as Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP). This additional course is conducted by the DVA and provides candidates with all necessary forms to file for assistance and retraining under Chapter 31.

Upon completion of the DVA's Chapter 31 program, a "job ready" veteran is placed into case management of a Veterans representative at a one-stop who guides the veteran until such time he or she attains gainful employment.

Transitioning Service Members

The EDD through its partnerships with Department of Defense personnel at military bases markets TAP classes to all branches of the US Military. Presently, attendance at TAP classes is mandatory for all exiting service members of the US Marine Corps. Military sponsored career fairs are attended by EDD veteran's representatives as an additional outreach avenue to create awareness of employment and training services in close proximity to military installations.

PROVET

Outreach services for Promoting Reemployment Opportunities for Veterans (PROVET) candidates are conducted at TAP classes and when possible one of the PROVET representatives presents a 10 minute overview of the program. When a PROVET representative is not available, TAP instructors provide the same information and solicit interest forms. Veterans are also encouraged to contact local one stop career centers for further assistance in pursuing careers in the medical field. On-going networking with area medical hospitals and other medical facilities inside and outside the state establish venues of referral and job announcements. Health organizations also assist PROVET in credentialing criteria and other related career opportunities for recently separated veterans. Monthly and quarterly reports track successful hires and industry contacts by veteran name and hiring entity.

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Demobilizing National Guard/Reservists

Tap Facilitators attend sporadic sessions of guard and reserve completing military service. They provide brief synopsis of topics offered in formal 3 day TAP sessions as well as provide information of upcoming classes at nearby installations. Invites are issued and points of contact, with email address and telephone numbers are provided at the demobilization sessions. They are also supplied with information of local One Stop Career Centers

Disabled Veterans

Veterans, who have received a service connected rating from the DVA, are identified during the One-Stop evaluation and assessment process. Upon review of the assessment clients are then referred to the service that would best meet their immediate needs. Subsequently if a Veterans' Employment Service Specialists (VESS) is available, the veteran client is referred to a VESS for veteran specific services.

Homeless Veterans

Homeless are identified via outreach to homeless shelters and related service providers. Veteran Stand-downs are also a source of outreach for Veterans One-Stop Staffs and partners.

Incarcerated Veterans

Veteran's representatives provide outreach services to incarcerated veterans at State, County and City correctional facilities. Outreach services are offered to all facilities and are provided at those where mutual agreement is reached with operating prison or youth correctional staffs.