

What We Do

HAP supports VHA and VA strategic priorities in several ways:

HAP ensures partnerships and initiatives advance the health of Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors across social determinants of health. Leveraging these partnerships and novel approaches advances Veteran health and social determinants.

Partnership Scope: Empower the community and VHA to develop meaningful partnerships for Veterans by providing expertise, direction, and support at the national, state, and local levels.

Initiatives Scope: Leverage partnerships and novel approaches to advance Veteran health and social determinants by providing expertise, direction, and support for field-based initiatives.



Some social determinants of health (SDOH) supported by VHA partnerships and initiatives include:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Food security
- ▶ Physical activity
- ▶ Social connections
- ▶ Spiritual support
- ▶ Overall mental and physical health

How to Propose a VHA Nonmonetary Partnership

1. **Visit the HAP Website:**
<https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/HAPSubmitaProposalnew.asp>
2. **Select Your Proposal Type**
3. **Add your Proposal Details**
4. **Submit Your Proposal**



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Who We Are

The National Center for Healthcare Advancement and Partnerships (HAP) is a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) program office under the Office of Discovery, Education, and Affiliate Networks.

We facilitate nonmonetary partnerships between external organizations and the VHA. We also serve as a resource for guidance, education, and consultation on local, regional, and national partnerships across the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).



Mission

Ensure partnerships and health care advancements support Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors across social determinants of health.

Vision

Expand the reach and impact of innovative and meaningful partnerships and health care advancements to improve the quality of life for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

HAP Pillars

The HAP Pillars serve as the core framework that guides the HAP mission to improve Veterans' lives.



1. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Support VA and VHA's top clinical priority: suicide prevention



2. Employment and Economic Stability

Support Veteran health & well-being across SDOH domains



3. Veteran Health and Well-being

Improve Veteran health and well-being



4. Military-to-Civilian Transition

Support Veterans through the military-to-civilian transition



5. Digital Health

Leverage the latest digital health Technology to support Veteran health and well-being



Veteran Community Partnerships (VCP)

HAP leads the VCP initiative, empowering collaborative action between VA and community partners to develop and expand personalized Veteran care, services, and benefits.

VCPs support Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors by expanding access to care, resources, and support services, connecting VA medical center programs with diverse community organizations.

VHA National Community Partnership Challenge (CPC)

HAP oversees the annual CPC for the VHA Under Secretary for Health, celebrating the achievements of nonmonetary partnerships between VHA and community organizations that have enhanced Veterans' health. The CPC winners receive the VHA National Community Partnership Challenge Diamond Award, honoring their exceptional contributions to Veteran services. These winners are celebrated at an annual Showcase hosted by HAP.



Past CPC winning partnerships have focused on crucial areas such as:

- ▶ Suicide Prevention
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Healthcare Access
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Housing