



# ***Veterans Center of North Texas***

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# Background

- **Over 1.8 million Veterans reside in Texas**
  - More than 160,000 Veterans reside in North Texas
- **Planned military force reductions will greatly increase the Texas Veteran population**
- **Shortfall exists between connecting Veterans with available services – Bush Institute study**
- **North Texas Veterans do not have a central location to receive information and services**

**A Central Resource Center in North Texas  
is Needed to Support Veterans**



# Purpose

- **Provide overview of Veterans Center of North Texas (VCONT)**
- **Community Awareness**
- **Examine Synergistic Opportunities**
- **Solicit support**

**“Veterans Helping Veterans”**



# Vision

- **Veterans Center of North Texas**
  - **Centrally located in Collin County serving North Texas**
  - **Support Veterans of all ages and their families**
    - **Transition into the community and maintain productive lives**
  - **Collaboration with the multitude of Veterans Service Organizations and Social Service Agencies**
    - **Local, County, State and Federal agencies**

## Mission

**Assist Veterans to become Productive Members of Our Community**

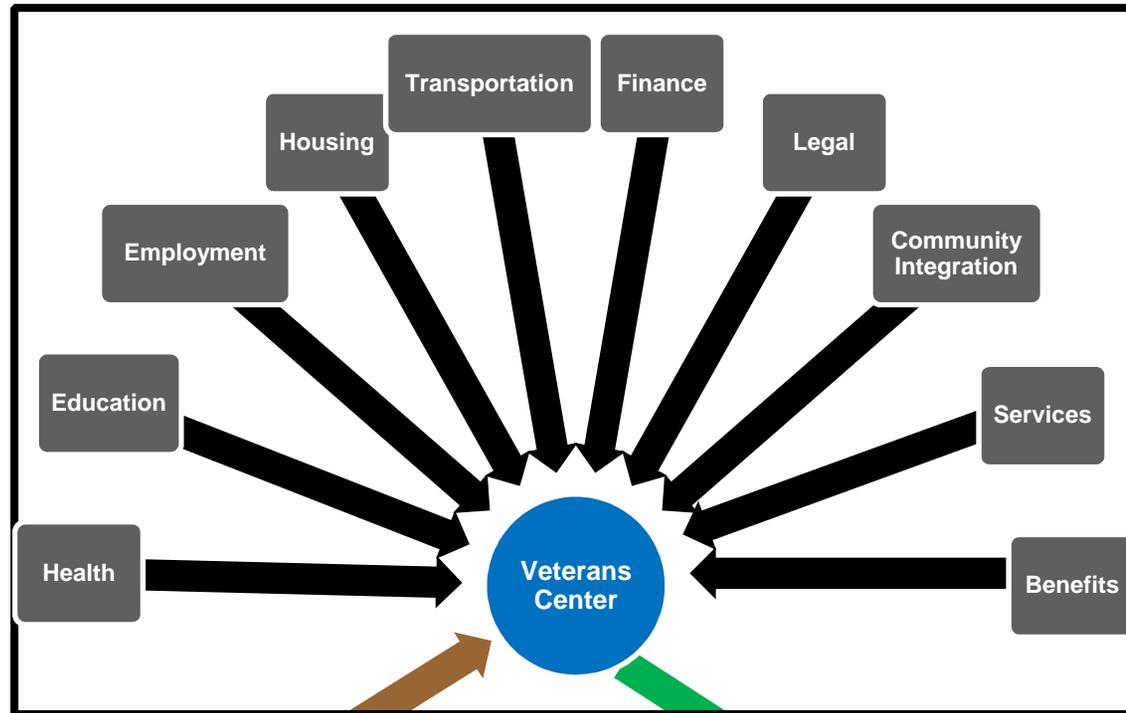


# Service Goals

The first point of contact to assist Veterans and their families

Network of service providers

- On-site in the Resource Center
- Off-site referral



Veterans  
in Need

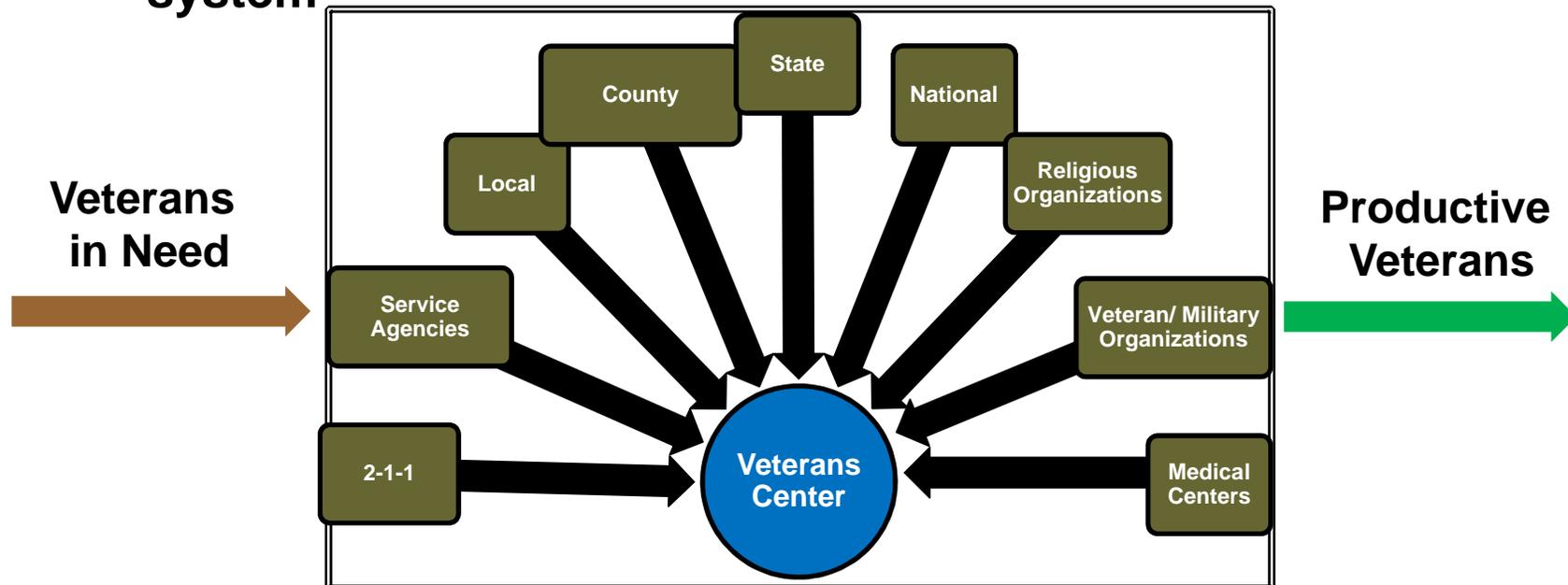
Productive  
Veterans

**VCONT provides a Network of Service Agencies to Assist Veterans and their Families**



# Community Integration

- Achieve recognition throughout North Texas - The First Stop for Veterans
  - Partner with all major Veteran service organizations
  - Relationships with local, county, state and federal agencies
  - Member of the Texas 2-1-1 telephone information and referral system



✓ **Community Integration – Key to Success**



# VCONT Benefits

- **Central location for Veteran support**
- **Focused support to eliminate nonproductive searches**
- **Veterans helping Veterans**
  - **Common background, common language**
- **Optimum use of resources**
  - **Reduced time for Veterans to obtain support**
  - **Reduced expenditure of time and resources for Service Organizations to provide Veteran support**

**Connect Veterans with Service Organizations**



# REQUEST



- **Collin County Support and Recognition**
- **Use of Collin County facilities to house VCONT operations**
  - **Incorporate Collin County Veterans Service Officers**
- **Collaboration with the VA and Congressman Johnson on the new Collin County Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)**



# 900 E Park Facilities



- **Centrally located - Near VA CBOC (proposed)**
- **Good space and layout – excellent use of resources**
- **Readily supports incorporation of VSOs**
- **Excellent expanded Collin County Community Outreach**

**Request Approval to pursue agreement for joint use of the 900 Building Facility**



**Questions and Comments**



**Backup**



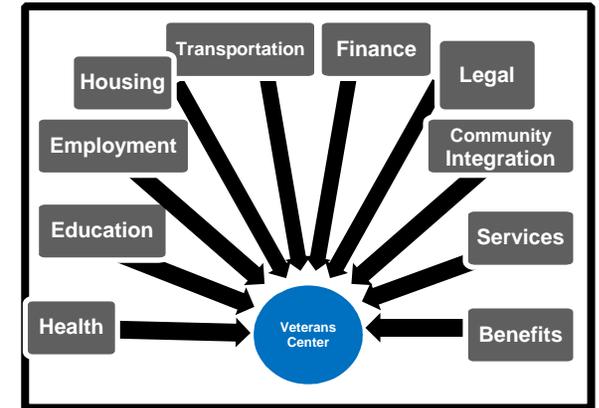
# Facts

- **North Texas Veteran population**
  - Over 160,000 today; estimated 205,000 by 2017
- **Veteran unemployment nationwide : 9.2% post 9/11**
- **Veteran student dropout rate: 50%**
- **Homeless: 48,000 nationwide**
- **PTSD: 13% - 20 % post 9/11**
- **Veterans who don't ask for help or do not know where to go for help: 67%**
- **Veteran Suicide rate: 22/day**

**Support for Veterans is Needed**



# Services



- **Immediate support, as possible**
- **Define Veteran benefits**
- **Ensure service agency information is readily available**
- **Assist veterans to obtain required information and complete forms**
- **Schedule appointments with on-site and off-site service organizations**
- **Provide referral data and network contacts**
- **Maintain a comprehensive Veteran friendly environment**

- ✓ **Ensure successful visits with Service Agencies**
- ✓ **Make best use of resources: time and funds**