## **About VetSET Nebraska**

Nebraska boasts 145,000 Veterans, with a military unit presence in 24 cities and towns across the state. Ninety-two of Nebraska's 93 counties – most of them rural – have sent warriors in support of post-9/11 operations.

And while military Veterans and their families are very much a part of every community, some rural Veterans get lost in the shuffle, especially when transitioning to civilian life. VetSET Nebraska was created to assure that veterans returning to rural Nebraska have the support and resources to successfully reintegrate into their families and communities.

VetSET Nebraska is a Rural Veteran Coordination Pilot project funded through a grant from the VA Office of Rural Health to the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors (NALHD). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) created this grant program to support Veterans and their families who reside in rural or underserved areas.

NALHD was selected as 1 of only 5 organizations across the nation to receive this grant. NALHD member Local Health Departments and their community partners are building their capacity to meet the distinctive needs of veterans, service members, and their families.



# http://nalhd.org/vetset.html

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66 We're constantly bouncing between two different worlds...between the military, with its clear rules and strong camaraderie, and a civilian life that can seem frivolous and baffling. 99



Being in the military is not like any other job – it's not what you do, it's who you are. Regardless of where or how you serve, you come home to your community different from when you left, with needs and experiences unique to you.

### **VetSET Nebraska can:**

- connect you to resources in your local community
- provide information on activities and support for Veterans
- ensure your voice and needs are heard

66 I never used to think of myself as someone who worked with soldiers. VetSET made me realize that I am in constant contact with them. If I don't ask the right questions, they and their families fall through the cracks.



The use of community providers by veterans, service members, and their families has increased dramatically in recent years – a trend expected to grow. Are you ready for them when they walk in your door?

### VetSET Nebraska can:

- provide training on the unique culture, experience and language of Veterans and their families
- assist with serving your Veteran populations
- help you list your organization on Nebraska's Network of Care
- refer Veterans and their families to your organization

66 People thanked him for his service, and then I think they assumed the uniform was hung up and our life got back to normal. It didn't. We're still trying to figure out this new and confusing normal. ??



A Veteran's family is more than a spouse and kids – parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and neighbors are all affected by their loved one's service. And when your military member returns home, the family dynamic can change dramatically.

### VetSET Nebraska can:

- connect you to resources in your local community
- provide information on activities and support for military and Veteran families
- ensure your voice and needs are heard