

TBI PHOTOVOICE SLVHCS VETERAN & COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR VETERANS & CARE GIVERS

GENERAL RESOURCE DIRECTORIES— FIND HELP QUICKLY HERE

NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY – Searchable directory that designed to connect wounded warriors, Service Members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers to programs and services that support them. www.nrd.gov

MILITARY ONESOURCE – Confidential DOD-funded program, provides comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve members and their families. Confidential web-based resources, call center and online support for consultations and non-medical counseling services online, via telephone, or face to face. Issues addressed include: everyday stressors, deployment and reintegration concerns, parenting, grief and loss, and marital problems as well as assistance with financial management, taxes, career services, health and wellness, and more. Support is available 24/7. www.militaryonesource.mil

NOLA VFW - 504-233-VETS Nola's largest veterans community organization. Members and Leadership are there to help you find community, support and more. www.nolavfw.org

THE AMERICAN LEGION – Online directory for America's largest Veterans organization. www.legion.org

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS – DAV is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families. DAV provides more than 700,000 rides for veterans attending medical appointments and assists veterans with more than 300,000 benefit claims annually; DAV helped attain more than \$4 billion in new and retroactive benefits to care for themselves and for veterans, their families and survivors. www.dav.org

DEFENSE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (DCoE) – Organization to improve the lives of our nation's service members, veterans and their families by advancing excellence in psychological health and traumatic brain injury prevention and care. www.dcoe.mil/About_DCoE/Resources.aspx

VETERANS CRISIS LINE | RESOURCES – Comprehensive list of VA and non-VA resources for Veterans in crisis.

www.veteranscrisisline.net/Resources;

Local Resource Locator: www.veteranscrisisline.net/GetHelp/ResourceLocator.aspx

IN-CRISIS: HOTLINES AND RESOURCES

VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-273-8255 then Press 1. Veterans and their loved ones can call, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support.

www.veteranscrisisline.net

VA'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE: 1-855-260-3274 can provide you with useful information about the services and support available to you, and connecting you with other resources in your community. See more at: www.caregiver.va.gov

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH PROGRAM— legal assistance for non-violent offenders who have mental health, substance abuse or homeless problems where treatment is a better option than incarceration. For more info, call **504-412-3700, then 1-3943** or email Lilia.Valdez-Lindsley@va.gov

NON-VA AFFILIATED SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

LOUISIANA STATE (LDVA) VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS: can help provide assistance with state benefits, assist with claims, education, and more. Call **1-877-432-8982** and ask for your Parish Service Officer.

GIVE AN HOUR: provides free mental health services through a network of professional providers who volunteer their time for veterans of OIF/OEF/OND. www.giveanhour.org

VETS PREVAIL: is a personalized and confidential behavior change platform where Veterans earn rewards for helping each other to discover issues and overcome their challenges. www.vetsprevail.org

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT - offers many support, health and wellness programs through their New Orleans office. Call their resource center at **1-888-997-2586** or contact Jeremy Brewer at JBrewer@woundedwarriorproject.org

MAKE THE CONNECTION — Online tool to connect Veterans of all eras, as well as their family members, friends, and other supporters, with relevant information, resources, and support. www.maketheconnection.net

K9S FOR WARRIORS - helps provide service dogs to Post-9/11 veterans diagnosed with TBI, PTSD or MST. Warriors attend a three week stay at their facility in Ponte Verda Beach. They provide dogs, training, certification, equipment, seminars, vet care, meals and housing free of charge. www.k9sforwarriors.org



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LOCAL RESOURCES FOR VETERANS & CARE GIVERS

START CORPORATION - SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES (SSVF): 504-558-9595 Helps veterans and their families who are homeless or facing homelessness with financial assistance, employment and legal services. Email: Sharon Ward sharon@startcorp.org or Jamal Perkins jamal@startcorp.org

VA TRANSITION CARE MANAGEMENT (OEF/OIF/OND): 1-800-935-8387 EXT. 1-8478

This office welcomes Post 9/11 Veterans and helps coordinate your care. Case Managers, who are either nurses or social workers, coordinate patient care activities and help you navigate your way through the VA system.

VA CAREGIVER SUPPORT OFFICE: 985-690-6906

The coordinators are licensed professionals who are devoted to providing you with useful information about the services and support available to you, and connecting you with other resources in your community.

VA WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM: 504-539-7429

This office assists women veterans with access to wellness education, preventative health treatment, disease management, social services, and emotional well-being. They also assist with domestic and intimate partner violence.

VA MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA PROGRAM COORDINATOR: 504-571-8303

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA RESOURCE CENTER: 504-982-0685

The resource center provides community outreach activities, referrals and resources to assist with returning to work or school after injury, a library of fact sheets, brochures, periodicals, and articles; information on local support groups; the latest progress on scientific research, medical discoveries, and newest technologies; details on upcoming educational conferences, workshops, and other learning opportunities. <http://www.biala.org/resource-center>

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA (ABIS): 504-849-9069

This support group is dedicated to providing a comfortable arena for persons with brain injuries, as well as their family and caregivers. Members share challenges and solutions, as well as understanding and coping with what is largely as "invisible injury," and provide a safe environment for a sense of belonging and self-worth. The group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month. For more info and meeting calendar, visit www.abisnola.org

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