

VETERANS CONNECTIONS

Date: September 27, 2010 **Time:** 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Raymond G Murphy VA Medical Center, New Mexico VA Healthcare System, 1501 San Pedro Drive SE, Albuquerque NM, **Building # 39, Classroom 1**

Come and find out how the New Mexico Workforce Connection, Mayor Richard J. Berry's Office of Veterans' Affairs, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), University of New Mexico (UNM), can assist Veterans in returning to either the workforce or educational opportunities.

New Mexico Workforce Connection Partner Representatives, Mayor Richard J. Berry's Office of Veterans' Affairs, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), and the University of New Mexico (UNM) and will be on hand to provide Veterans with contact information to assist them with accessing the workforce and program services.

Additional information will be presented on NMVAHCS Veterans Industries Compensated Work Therapy Programs & Veterans Recovery Related services provided at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center.

Programs/Services Represented are:

- » **Workforce Investment Act (WIA)**, Career Development Specialist with the Workforce Investment Act, will provide information on WIA programs available that will lead to employment or re-employment.
- » **New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS)** John Redman, DVOP working in collaboration with the VA and DWS assists veterans in seeking jobs, training and obtaining referrals for various services.
- » **New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** Tonia Trapp & Cary Thomas, New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR). Cary & Tonia provide guidance on the many DVR programs available and contact information.
- » **Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)** Erin Kelly and Louis Adams Outreach Specialists. Erin & Louis represent CNM at numerous off campus outreach events and are familiar with CNM's programs and services. Erin & Louis promote the college and other partner programs in job success that compliments the workforce needs of the community, and its employers while continuing to network CNM's educational and training opportunities.
- » **University of New Mexico (UNM)** University of New Mexico-Educational Opportunity Center, Maria Colazo, EOC Sr. Student Program Advisor, UNM-EOC Program Advisors provide counseling and information on GED and post-secondary education to qualified adults. An important objective of the EOC program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, admissions applications, and on academic and career advisement. The UNM-EOC program goal is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in post-secondary institutions.
- » **Mayor Richard J. Berry's Office of Veterans' Affairs** (Brent Eastwood-Constituent Services Liaison) offers a resource center for many different kinds of services for all veterans in the city. We help veterans' families and survivors achieve the quality of life they deserve after serving our country. We will direct you to the appropriate agency to meet your needs.
- » **Albuquerque Chapter SCORE** (Senior Core of Retired Executives), Dennis Kelly, Veteran Advocate, Business start up specialist, Small business advisor. Score is a volunteer organization working with the US Small Business Administration to assist small business in many aspects of business.
- » **NMVAHCS Veterans Industries** (Compensated Work Therapy Programs) Patrick Garcia, Vocational Rehab Specialist / Mark Johnson, VRS (alternate provider). The Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides work therapy opportunities for veterans who are interested in returning to the workforce. Brief discussion regarding process for admission to Compensated Work Therapy as well as alternative program offered through Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) programs at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center.
- » **NMVAHCS Recovery Services** Andrea Blumenthal, Local Recovery Coordinator "What's the Deal?" Your recovery and success are THE driving forces behind all services offered through the VA. We need your input and suggestions. Are you beginning your recovery? Are you coping well? Would you like to be a mentor to others and participate with a team working to create effective, veteran-driven services? We have a place for YOU and encourage your participation. For further information about how you can get involved, please contact your Local Recovery Coordinator, Andrea Blumenthal @ 265-1711, X5166.
- » **United States Forest Service (USFS)** A representative from the USFS will be attending to discuss initiatives to hire veterans with disabilities. This includes an upcoming Job Fair that they will be facilitated through the Southwest Disabilities Conference which takes place on October 6th through the 8th.

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