

## **Veteran Peer Specialist, Virginia Veteran and Family Support**

Age Requirements

18 and over

Available 24/7

No

Documents Required

Call for details

Other Eligibility Criteria

Serves Veterans of any era who are Virginia residents, members of the Virginia National Guard not in active federal service, Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service and family members of veterans and members of Guard and Reserve not in active federal service.

Family

No

Intake Contact

ACCESS

Intake Process

Call for an assessment by an ACCESS specialist. From Bath County, call (540) 839-3162. All other areas, call (540) 463-3141.

Intake Contact Telephone

(540) 463-3141

Provider Refer

Yes

Qualifications

Qualification Type

Licensure

Qualification Entity

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)

Report Problems

Call the Agency

Residency Requirements

Serves residents of the Cities of Buena Vista and Lexington and the Counties of Rockbridge and Bath.

Self Refer

Yes

Rockbridge Area Community Services

<http://www.racsb.org>

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/virginia-veteran-and-family-support/find-support/r...>

Main

(877) 285-1299 x1

Phone Emergency

(855) 222-2046

241 Greenhouse Road

24450 VA

United States

Additional Availability Comments

Emergency and crisis services are available 24 hours per day, every day.

Fee Structure

Sliding Scale Fee

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Call for Information

Payment Method(s)

Private Pay

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Private Insurance

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Medicaid

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Medicare

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Tricare

Languages Spoken

English

A Veteran Peer Specialist is a person with a behavioral health or co-occurring condition, actively engaged in their own recovery, who has been trained and certified to help veterans with these conditions. The Specialist helps veterans identify and achieve specific life and recovery goals.

Peer Specialists serve as role models by sharing their personal recovery stories, showing that recovery from behavioral health conditions is possible. They teach goal setting, problem solving, symptom management skills and a variety of recovery tools. The Specialists empower veterans by helping them identify their strengths, supports, resources and skills. The Specialists advocate for veterans by working to eliminate the stigma of behavioral health conditions and by acting as community liaisons by identifying social supports in the community and encouraging the expansion of local community resources.

For more information on the Northwestern Region I Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program please contact:

- Ben Shaw, Northwestern Regional Director
- [ben.shaw@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:ben.shaw@dvs.virginia.gov)
- (804) 690-3217.

Services are available in Bath County at:

Bath County Services

9232 Sam Snead Highway

Hot Springs, VA 24445

Telephone: 540-839-3162.

Fax: 540-839-3382

Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30AM-5:00PM and the first Thursday of the month from 8:30AM-5:00PM.

Service Area(s)

Bath County

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Buena Vista City

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Lexington City

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Rockbridge County