



# 2021 National VHA Community Partnership Challenge

## Attention VHA employees:

If you have a partnership that helps Veterans, their families, caregivers, or survivors, enter the 2021 National VHA Community Partnership Challenge for an opportunity to be recognized for your outstanding work and inspire ideas for partnerships across VHA.

The theme for this year's contest is **"Adaptability in a Changing World."** Your entry must demonstrate how the partnership serves Veterans of all races, ethnicities, sexual identities, languages, learning styles, and/or spiritual preference, **and** addresses one or more of the following categories:

- **Clinical and Self-Care:** Provides resources that directly support Veterans' mental, emotional, and/or physical health and promote health and well-being.
- **Support of Social Determinants of Health:** Provides education, employment, food security, housing, transportation, and/or spiritual support opportunities.
- **Newly Transitioning Service Members:** Provides health services, employment, and/or benefits for newly transitioning Veterans (within 0-12 months of leaving active duty).
- **COVID-19 Pandemic/Flu:** Provides access to health care and/or the ability to provide new services or benefits that Veterans need due to COVID-19 or the flu.
- **Caregivers/Families:** Provides resources for Veteran caregivers and family members to support their ability to care for Veterans.

The top three (3) winners of the challenge, organized by VHA's Office of Community Engagement, will be honored in a ceremony in August 2021 and with an award from the VHA acting under secretary for health and the acting VA secretary.

For more information, contact [communityengagement@va.gov](mailto:communityengagement@va.gov).

## To Enter

Visit the [VHA Community Partnership Challenge Portal \(http://vaww.oce.med.va.gov/pc/pcWelcome.aspx\)](http://vaww.oce.med.va.gov/pc/pcWelcome.aspx).

Entries will be accepted until March 5, 2021.

## Eligibility

Any VHA employee may submit an entry on behalf of a VISN, medical facility, community-based outpatient clinic/health care center, Vet center, or other VHA business entity. Partnerships must be nonmonetary, between VHA and a nongovernment organization, and have concurrence from executive leadership.



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