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# Office of Policy and Planning

## Research and Analysis Initiatives

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The Office of Policy and Planning serves as the principal advisor to VA leaders on all matters of policy and organizational strategy. For more information please visit [www1.va.gov/op3/](http://www1.va.gov/op3/)

### Veterans Policy Research and Analysis

Veterans policy research and analysis is a formal process for analyzing issues related to the benefits and services needed for the overall health and well-being of Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families.

It addresses current and future needs while interfacing with multiple programs designed and managed by various federal and non-governmental organizations.

Many of the issues are unique due to the nature of military service, while others are issues faced by the military and civilian population as a whole.

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The Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) encourages and supports collaborative research and analysis that looks at the broad spectrum of programs and services available to Veterans. To foster more Veteran-centric research across federal agencies, academic institutions, think tanks, and other interested parties, OOP developed a multidisciplinary research agenda, participates in a series of engagements throughout the year, and partners with external stakeholders on specific research activities.

### Veterans Policy Research Agenda (VPRA)

The VPRA is a list of priorities for multidisciplinary research and analysis to help VA achieve its strategic goals, as well as develop ideas and solutions for addressing issues affecting the Veteran community. Current research priority areas are: [Reintegration, Veterans' Families and Children, Public-Private Partnerships, and Federal Disability Programs](#).

### External Engagements

OPP convenes, attends, and participates in a series of events throughout the year. These engagements help VA better build relationships with external stakeholders to promote independent, external research and analysis. The types of organizations that we engage with include:

- Academic Institutions
- Foundations
- Government Agencies
- Private Industry
- Professional Associations
- Think Tanks

### Partnerships

OPP engages in productive and responsible partnerships with external stakeholders on mutual research topics of interest. OPP is currently interested in building partnerships around developing an academic and research field of study focused on Veteran policy research and analysis.

For publically available data on Veterans, visit the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics at [www.va.gov/vetdata/](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/)