



Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

Friday, January 12, 2024

Happy New Year!

The Veteran Directed Care (VDC) Technical Assistance Team wishes you a Happy New Year! We are excited for the year to come with opportunities for VDC program expansion to look forward to. By the end of Fiscal Year 2024, the VDC program will be available at all Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC). This opportunity will provide eligible Veterans who are aging or have complex health needs the opportunity to age in place and avoid unwanted or premature institutionalization. Aging and Disability Network Agency (ADNA) partnership will be crucial to a successful rollout in the coming months.

VA News – Top Veteran Resources of 2023

Each week, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) distributes a VetResources newsletter that provides information on Veteran resources such as Veteran discounts on services, free concert tickets, and national park passes. [This month's newsletter featured](#) the 10 most popular Veteran resources from 2023, with the top resources including, "[Veterans Day retail discounts, free meals and other offers; a cost-of-living adjustment for Veterans in 2024; and free U.S. National Park passes for Veterans and Gold Star families.](#)" Sign up [here](#) to receive the weekly VetResources newsletter.

Annual VDC Survey – Deadline to Submit is Approaching!

Each year, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) collects information from VDC Hubs and Sole Proprietors through the [VDC Annual Survey](#). The VDC Annual Survey asks about VDC providers' experiences and current engagement with the VDC program and will help us to identify best practices, technical assistance (TA) opportunities, and themes across VDC programs. If you are a Hub or Sole Proprietor, please submit your responses to the VDC Annual Survey no later than **Tuesday, January 16**. Your responses will help inform our collective knowledge of the VDC program and TA activities for the next 12 months. Thank you in advance for your participation!

VDC Monthly Reporting Tool Update

In response to provider feedback and in order to ease data reporting during the expansion of the VDC program, the VDC Technical Assistance Team is happy to introduce a revised [Monthly Reporting Tool](#), which VDC program providers designated as Hubs or Sole Proprietors are encouraged to complete at the end of each month. We ask that all VDC providers please continue to report your program's data to the VDC Monthly Reporting Tool at this new link to help us accurately capture the VDC program's reach. For more information on the changes to the Monthly Reporting Tool and reporting your VDC program's data, please see the brief attached to this newsletter and linked on the [ACL Technical Assistance Community website](#).

Technical Assistance

Have a question? Need guidance? Want to share good news about your VDC program? Reach out to the VDC Federal Technical Assistance Team at veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

VDC Email Distribution List

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