

ADD VETERAN INITIATIVES:

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Veterans PDS Services

GRADD

Veteran-Directed Care (VDC)

The Veteran-Directed Care program, which offers eligible veterans a budget provided by VAMC to purchase services which help them to live independently in their own home rather than an institution. Services may include, personal care, respite, transportation, and financial management services. The program is participant directed which allows the veteran to hire an employee of their choice (must meet program regulations) to provide the care they need and to be delivered according to the person-centered plan of care which is developed based on the needs of the veteran. GRADD acts as a "spoke" under the Pennyrile ADD's "Hub and Spoke" model.

LCADD

Veteran-Directed Care (VDC)

The Veteran-Directed Care program offers Veterans and their caregivers better choice and control over the long-term services and supports that help Veterans live at home and remain part of their communities. Veterans enrolled in VDC can decide for themselves what mix of goods and services best meet their needs. This includes the ability to hire, schedule and supervise their workers while managing them as an employer. Enrolled Veterans also receive case management services. During Fiscal Year 19, 9 Veterans were served in the Upper Cumberland area of Tennessee by LCAAIL.

WIOA priority Veterans services.

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Veterans receive priority for all services under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA); and, the Kentucky Career Centers (KCCs) offer specific services to veterans.

We host/cohost/participate in numerous job fairs on and off the Fort Knox installation that are targeted specifically for veterans.

The Workforce Board works with many community partners in trying to recruit exiting military to locate in the region.

PROJECTS FUNDED SPECIFICALLY FOR VETERANS IN THE PAST YEARS:

- *Where Opportunity Knox*
Funded portion of a Regional Veteran Connector position for 2+ years. Where Opportunity Knox Goal: Place 10,000 veterans in the Greater Louisville Region.

Working with the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Fort Knox, Knox Regional Development Alliance, and other community partners on two very exciting projects:

- *Army Career Skills Program: Advanced Manufacturing*
Project will provide industry-recognized certificate-based career pathways for highly skilled in-demand careers in advanced manufacturing. Program is open to all soldiers with up to 180 days of service remaining no matter where they happen to be stationed. First programs to be offered: Computer Aided Drafting and Design, Electrical Technology and Engineering and Electronics Technology.
- *Greater Fort Knox Coding Academy* (Begins Spring 2020)
Project will focus filling critical shortage of IT workforce with coding skills with the Army and its contractors. This hurts the region's growth potential and more importantly the stability of the installation. Right now, there are 250+ open positions and job seekers in local market do not possess the necessary coding skills and certifications so Defense contractors are forced to fly people in during the work week. Local board is planning to submit a request for WIOA Statewide Reserve Funding by mid-October for the pilot class projected to start in Mid-February 2020. Pilot project would include high school seniors from the region and adults interesting in this type of career. Training will be 12-16 weeks. With an approved security clearance, individuals who complete the certifications can anticipate immediate job offers with starting salaries of \$70,000+. It is anticipated that this academy will expand very rapidly after the pilot and become a talent pipeline for not only Fort Knox, but other area businesses and become a strong economic development tool for attracting businesses to the region.

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Workforce Services:

NKY Career Center staff provide services to Veterans. Vets can also receive priority of service at all career centers for services such as Unemployment Insurance. Veteran services are highlighted in the KCC Job Seeker brochures as well as on the KCC website.

Opioid Addiction Services

The Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy works with the veteran population and provides services to them through the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline. The Helpline provides assistance through treatment navigation for inpatient, outpatient, and medically assisted treatment options. The Helpline also provides services to veterans through referrals for any other related barrier that is disclosed during a helpline call.

Our office recently participated in the Veteran's Stand Down. This event was held at the National Headquarters for Disabled American Veterans in Alexandria, KY. The Veteran's Stand Down follows suit with the military term of "Standing Down" which means to go off duty and/or take a break. During this event, the veterans were honored for their service through a celebration that included food, entertainment, and resources. The veterans were able to participate in a resource fair which included representation from local agencies on mental health, job placement, substance use disorder, and housing. The veterans were also given the opportunity to get haircuts/manicures, given backpacks full of necessity supplies, blankets, and clothing. The Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy participated through providing information on our Helpline services, in addition to literature on local treatment facilities, and local sites to safely dispose of unused prescription medications.

On an ongoing basis, NKYODCP participates in a monthly community collaborative meeting at the Disabled American Veteran site.

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Community and Economic Development

The Fort Campbell Strong initiative identifies opportunities that the region can pursue collectively that will help expand the economy, strengthen regional partnerships, and reduce the economic dependence on Fort Campbell. Two primary implementation opportunities emerged from the planning process: a Workforce Development program and the formation of a regional Defense Alliance organization. Beyond the goal of promoting economic diversification, these strategies are intended to lay the foundation for greater regional cooperation between agencies and organizations in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Aging

In 2015, the Pennyryle Area Development District/Pennyryle Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living successfully completed the "Readiness Review Approval Process" with the Veterans Administration (VA), Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Lewin Group to become a provider of Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services. (VDHCBS)

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The Pennyrile Area Development District/Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living has contracts with the Marion, Illinois VAMC and the Tennessee Valley VAMC (Nashville and Murfreesboro) to accept referrals from the VAMC for veterans who have been deemed eligible for the VDHCB program. All eligibility is conducted and approved by the VAMC.

The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living provides case management services and fiscal management services to the veterans in the program. Fiscal management services process payroll services to the hired caregiver on behalf of the veteran and provide monthly budget updates to the veteran. The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living serves as a Hub for the referrals for multiple ADD's in Kentucky and Tennessee. As the Hub, Pennyrile has subcontracted agencies referred to as "spokes" to provide case management in their respective counties. Current subcontracted spokes include: Purchase ADD/AAAIL, Green River ADD/AAAIL, Lake Cumberland ADD/AAAIL, East TN AAAD, Southeast TN ADD, Greater Nashville Regional Council, Southwest TN AAAD, Southcentral AAAD.

Workforce

The West Kentucky Workforce Board joined in partnership with the North Tennessee Workforce Board to request regional funds for a National Dislocated Trade & Economic Transition Grant from the USDOL. The Campbell Strong Workforce Partnership provides a mini-career center location outside the front gate of Fort Campbell military installation tailored to supporting transitioning service members and their spouses in securing a variety of training/employment opportunities. Center staff represent regional specialty knowledge to educate and inform transitioning soldiers on regional job markets while ensuring employers have access to this valuable employment resource of the transitioning soldiers. Separately funded is a Military Transition Liaison who connects local Kentucky employers to hiring events, organizes community military events, and participates in collaborative events with the "Soldier for Life" in the on-base Career Center.

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WIOA priority Veterans services

VA Case management services under contract with PeADD.