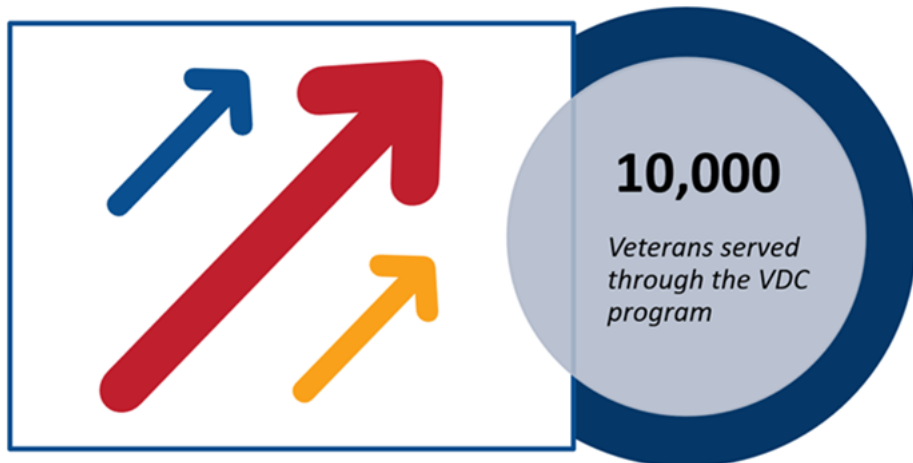




# Veteran Directed Care Program Newsletter

July 11, 2025

## Veteran Directed Care (VDC) Program Celebrations



The VDC program recently reached a huge milestone, with over 10,000 Veterans currently served through the program! This is a major accomplishment and one which reflects the commitment of VDC provider and VA Medical Center partnerships across the country. Congratulations, and thank you for your work serving Veterans, their caregivers, and their communities. We look forward to continuing this work and reaching our next milestone!

## Reflection on 2022-2025 Expansion

In 2022, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) approved expansion of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home and community-based programs, including the VDC program. Since then, five VDC providers (denoted as "Super Hubs") have partnered with 53 VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) across 19 states and territories to support nationwide expansion of the VDC program. These Super Hubs are:

- [Bay Aging](#)
- [Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District \(SMPDD\)](#)
- [Center for People with Disabilities \(CPWD\)](#)
- [Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging](#)
- [The Independence Center \(The IC\)](#)

Thank you and congratulations to these providers for their work on VDC program expansion!

## April VDC Educational Webinar FAQ, Paid Leave Guidance, and Criminal Background Check Resources

Three new resources are now available for VDC providers. The **April VDC Educational Webinar FAQ** provides answers to frequently asked questions from our April VDC Educational Webinar held on Wednesday, April 30. The webinar shared updates from ACL on 2024 VDC program growth and VDC Annual Survey findings, as well as reminders and best practices about VDC program policies, including readiness review renewals, paid leave laws and guidance, and spending plans and monthly service reports.

The **2025 States with Paid Sick Leave Laws** resource provides a high-level overview of paid sick leave laws for states, cities, and municipalities with paid sick leave and/or paid family and medical leave laws. This resource is not inclusive of every state law and omits states that do not have laws regulating paid sick leave.

The **VDC Criminal Background Check Policy Guide** provides a high-level overview to support VDC providers to make determinations related to potentially qualifying offenses when determining if someone may serve as a personal worker or representative for the VDC program.

## VDC Provider Experience Serving Tribes

The [Elizabeth Dole 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act \(Dole Act\)](#) directed the VA to make VDC available to eligible Veterans served by Indian Health Services (IHS) to the extent practicable. Tribal organizations that receive assistance under Title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965 may function as VDC providers to deliver services to these Veterans. ACL is interested in hearing from VDC providers with experience

serving tribes as we move forward with this new requirement. Please reach out to [VeteranDirected@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:VeteranDirected@acl.hhs.gov) to share your experience!

## Reminders

**ACL's No Wrong Door (NWD) Website VDC Page:** The VDC page on the NWD website has a number of helpful resources for VDC providers. If you do not find a resource, please email [veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov).

**VDC Monthly Reporting Tool:** Please continue to report your program's data to the [VDC Monthly Reporting Tool](#) at the end of each month to help us accurately capture the VDC program's reach. If you do not see your VDC provider or VAMC listed on the tool, please email [veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov) with the correct listing information.

**Veteran Success Stories:** Please use the [Veteran Success Story form](#) to share any VDC success stories, including positive Veteran stories from their VDC enrollment experience, promising practices related to providing VDC as a VDC provider, or stories of success that you've heard from the Veterans you serve. We look forward to reviewing them and featuring them in our newsletters!

**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](mailto:veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

**VDC Email Distribution List:** If you or other VDC program staff are not already on the VDC email distribution list, please enter your information using the [VDC Email Distribution List form](#) to make sure you don't miss out on important news!