

★ **Compensated Work Therapy (CWT)** is a transitional program that utilizes contracts to provide real work for Veterans. A Veteran's stay in CWT is individually determined by the desired outcome and identified barriers. Employment or training that will lead to employment is the typical outcomes. Veterans should be able to earn a wage similar to the prevailing wage based on industry standards for that job while they are in the program.

★ **Incentive Therapy Program (ITP)** provides therapeutic work activities in areas throughout the hospital to build self reliance and enhance work skills. Veterans in ITP can not earn more than half of minimum wage, making it ideal for Veterans on SSDI or other incomes that have a ceiling for earnings.

★ **Compensated Work Therapy/Supported Employment** works to place Veterans directly into employment in the community. The focus of the program is to implement an immediate job search. Veterans are screened in, not out. The program was designed to serve Veterans with psychosis diagnosis, however anyone may be referred.



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Resource Guide

to Battle Creek VA Mental Health Services



Battle Creek VA Medical Center
Please call for more information
269-966-5600
or visit on the web at
www.battlecreek.va.gov

The Veteran's Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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www.battlecreek.va.gov
www.myhealthvet.gov
www.usajobs.gov

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smartphones.



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VA Medical Center
5500 Armstrong Road
Battle Creek, MI 49037
(269) 966-5600
Toll Free (888) 214-1247**

★ **ELIGIBILITY:** All Veterans seeking mental health services at the VA must first meet eligibility requirements as set forth by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility is determined through an application process. Contact: 269-966-5600 ext. 33887 for more information.

★ **PRIMARY CARE:** Physical and mental health go hand-in-hand. All Veterans with mental illness are encouraged to get regular check-ups and treatment for any physical illnesses.

★ **INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT** is available for Veterans who are experiencing an acute phase of mental illness. Assessment for admissions may take place as part of a regularly scheduled outpatient visit or may occur in the Urgent Care area located in Building 2.

★ **OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** are available at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Muskegon. Services begin with a thorough evaluation of symptoms and concerns. Treatments may include medication, counseling/therapy, and appropriate referrals.

★ The **VETERANS OUTREACH FOR INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (V.O.I.C.E.)** program serves those Veterans with severe and persistent mental illness. Services are short-term in nature, usually lasting six to twelve months in duration, and assists the Veteran with employment, housing, financial matters, socialization, and other problems of daily living with resolution of defined specific problems in mind.

★ The **MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT (MHICM)** program serves those Veterans with severe and persistent mental illness who have frequent or long-term hospitalizations. Services are continuous, over a prolonged period of time. The MHICM team will make frequent home visits, provide medication monitoring, crisis intervention, and resolution, as well as develop linkages to community resources. The services are individually tailored to meet the needs of the Veterans and are delivered on a one to one basis or in a group in a community setting.

★ **HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS** The central goal of the Battle Creek VAMC Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program is to end homelessness among Veterans through outreach efforts and community partnerships. HCHV hopes to support Veterans' return to their highest level of functioning through their engagement in treatment and rehabilitation programs that enable them to achieve a better quality of life. HCHV programs include HUD/VASH and Jesse Houses. Contact: 1-877-424-3838 for more information.

★ **WELLNESS AND RECOVERY CENTER** is an outpatient mental health program committed to assisting Veterans with serious mental illness reclaim their lives by instilling hope, validating strengths, teaching skills, and facilitating community integration so that they can develop meaningful self-determined roles in the community.

★ **VET-TO-VET PEER SUPPORT (V2V)**
Vet-to-Vet promotes Mental Health Recovery through Peer Support and Veteran involvement within the continuum of care of mental health services through Veterans providing ongoing educational and support groups.

★ The **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT UNIT** offers a continuum of substance abuse treatment services at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center including residential and outpatient services.

Residential services include: Phase 1 or brief treatment services, Phase 2 providing ongoing education, intensive group therapy, individual therapy, aftercare and discharge planning.

Outpatient Services include: Therapeutic group experiences (harm-reduction, relapse prevention, anger management, trauma and addiction), follow-up case management services for 90 days after completion of treatment, and Intensive Outpatient Services.

★ **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) CLINICAL TEAM (PCT) CLINIC AND PTSD RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM:**

These programs are designed primarily to treat Veterans who suffer from the symptoms of combat-related PTSD. The primary focus of this unit is to address the problems of Veterans with war-stress problems, and combat Veterans of any era may be referred and included in the program if appropriate. The goal of the program is to address the emotional, social, occupational, and familial consequences of PTSD and to help Veterans develop effective coping skills. Contact the PTSD program at 269-966-5600 ext. 31173.

★ The **DOMICILIARY** provides a residential setting where Veterans can develop skills related to life management in order to achieve their personal goals for greater independence in the community. During their stay in the program, Veterans have access to a variety of services including vocational rehabilitation, peer support, and counseling to address a broad spectrum of psychosocial issues.

★ **CWT/THERAPEUTIC RESIDENCE** was established to further foster the gains made by Veterans through extended substance abuse rehabilitation programs. The CWT/TR program serves as a vehicle for returning Veterans to productive and independent living with continued sobriety. The program provides housing in a VA purchased community based property; minimum of 30 hours of therapeutic work assignments in the Compensated Work Therapy program; weekly substance abuse counseling; vocational counseling; and case management services.