

2024 Year in Review

Save and Transform Lives

628

Individuals trained to recognize crisis and make referrals. WDVA is leading efforts for the Governor's Challenge to End Veteran Suicide

101

Veterans screened. Receipt of \$750,000 for 3rd year of VA Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant.

612

Veterans reached in six newly added rural counties after expansion of Peer Support Services

1290

Veterans and providers trained at 62 free events funded by a \$400,000 King County Veterans Training Support Center grant

54

Traumatic Brain Injury Program events, reaching 700 Veterans with resources, indirect, and direct services

133

Veterans housed, exceeding the 2024 goal of 80. The Transitional Housing Program also expanded to 135 beds

13,500

Counseling hours provided at no cost to Veterans and families statewide

27

Veterans participated in Veterans Conservation Corps Internships, resulting in 13 employments, 3 pursuing higher degrees, and 8 continuing internships.

Respect, Empower, and Inspire Everyone

12

New employees hired after creating career paths for licensed nurses and the opening of an NAC Academy. 23% higher retention rate and 93% first time pass rate for Academy students

Be the Leading State in Veteran Service Delivery and Outcomes

100%

Increase in Veterans' disability claims filed by VSO network over three years, resulting in over 17,000 claims filed connecting Veterans and families to earned benefits

7

Tribal VSO agreements, with four more to be signed in 2025

\$3.6 Billion

... in service-connected disability compensation received statewide by Veterans and families

95%

Occupancy of available beds across State Veterans Homes

152%

Increase in state agencies' certified Veteran Owned Business Spend over three years

Operate Effectively and Efficiently

\$15.5 Million

Federal funding received for Capital Projects (12 projects)

\$540,000

Funds approved by WaTech Fund for Finance Automation project

\$282,000

Stay At Work reimbursements from L&I claims received since 2022

Prosci

Implementing cultural transformation across agency programs by developing staff in communication effectiveness, change agility, and process improvements

927

Total Forgotten Heroes Interments. 93 unclaimed or abandoned Veterans and family members interred in 2024.

734

Families served with interment services at the WA State Veterans Cemetery. The cemetery also earned a 100% Recommended Cemetery rating from families and funeral directors in an annual satisfaction survey.

