



Addressing the Behavioral Health Needs of Veterans and Their Families

Senate Veteran Affairs and Military
Installations Committee
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State Funding for Veterans Services through DSHS

- Professional training
 - Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD
- Peer support training
 - Veterans -- “In the Zone”
 - Family Members -- Operation Resilient Families (ORF)
- Incentive funding for local activities
 - 38 awards @ \$70k for Peer Services and Resource Coordination
- Competitive funding for local activities
 - 10 awards @ \$175k for ORF, Trauma therapy, community collaboration
- Veterans Resource Connection Program
 - Web-based services for veteran-specific resource database
 - Support for TexVet: Partners Across Texas outreach

TexVet: Partners Across Texas

A collaborative effort of federal, state, and local organizations that focuses on connecting veterans, service members, and their families with services and supports to help with reintegration.

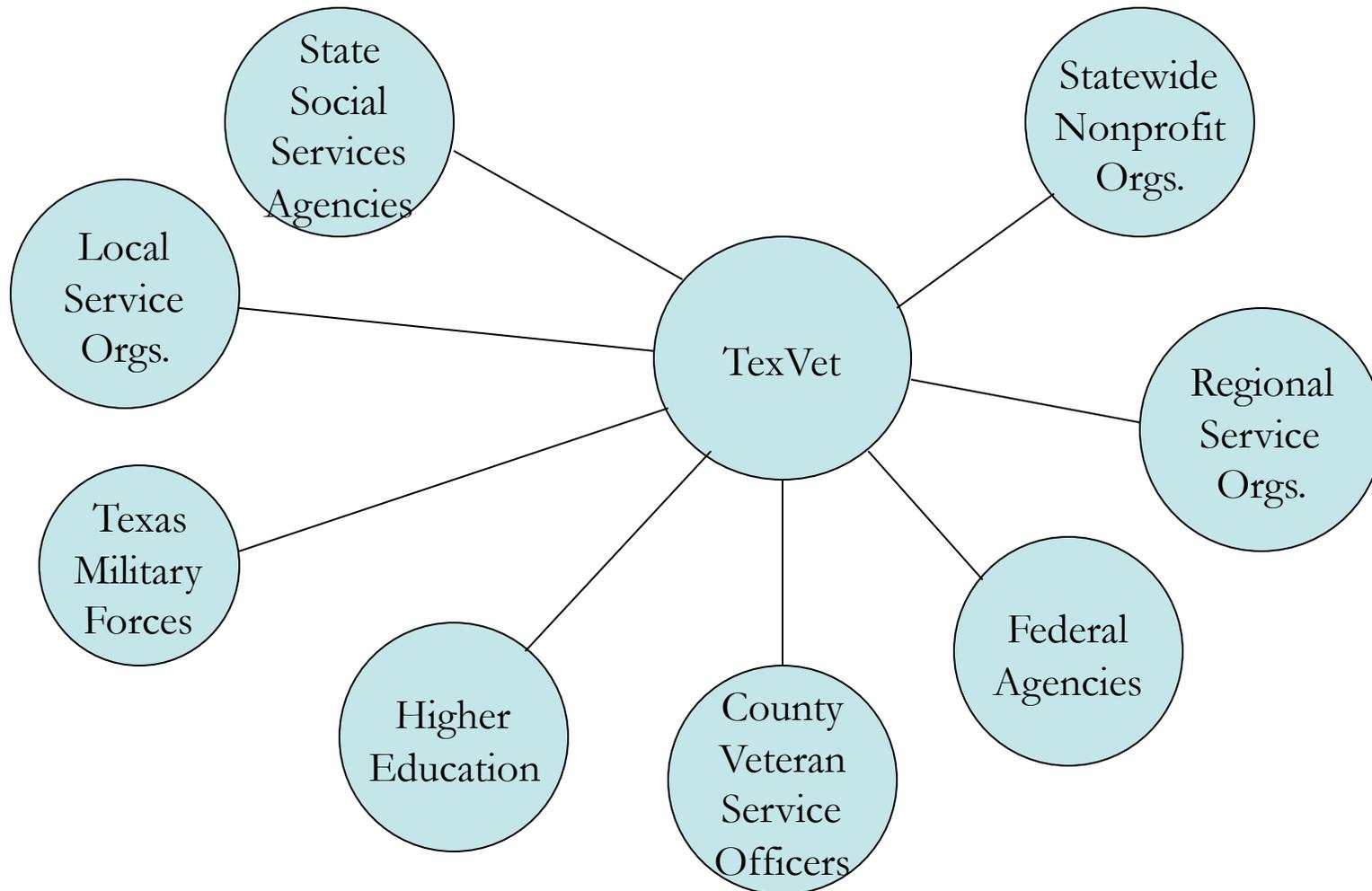
TexVet is operated by the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

Veterans Resource Connection Program Activities

- Develop TexVet: Partners Across Texas service provider network
 - Those with veteran-friendly services and supports
- Provide a web-based clearinghouse of information for veterans and their families
- Connect veterans and family members to services
- Support an online community of veterans and families

TexVet: Partners Across Texas

Organization Types



Rationale for Clearinghouse and Inter-agency Collaboration

- Reduce duplicative services
- Expand information available to users
- Improve opportunities for coordinating services
- Simplify marketing and consumer outreach

Clearinghouse Characteristics

- Veterans and family-member driven by participation on steering committee
- Collaborative effort of veterans, state agencies, nonprofits, and higher education
- Includes system, content, marketing and outreach
- Enables sharing resources among partners

Clearinghouse Implementation

- Collect and maintain information from service providers
- Deploy advanced technologies to allow veterans and family members to find services
 - Self-service searching through TexVet.com website
- Utilize operator-assisted searching through select Partners Across Texas

Supports for Use of Clearinghouse

- Partners will receive training
- LMHA Resource Coordinators, 211 Texas, and other Partners Across Texas can assist veterans and family members
- Advanced administrative tools support Partners
- Clearinghouse data is interoperable to allow use on Partners' websites

TexVet Supporting Online Community-Building Activities

- Online community-building intended to connect veterans and family members to services
- Access to self-evaluation tools
- Access to online training opportunities
- Incorporation of social media tools (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and multimedia
 - Videos of veterans sharing their experiences
 - Webinar hosting

TexVet: PAT Outreach to Promote Services to Veterans and Family Members

- Provide information to Partners
- Coordinate marketing with local and regional organizations and individuals
- Participate in local and regional events attended by veterans and family members

Timeline

