

## **How does VA Suicide Prevention serve LGBTQ+ Veterans?**

- By acknowledging the impact of discrimination experienced by LGBTQ+ Veterans, which can be associated with increased risk of suicide and barriers to seeking care
- By continuing to improve services and provide education to increase inclusion of LGBTQ+ Veterans
- By supporting LGBTQ+ Veterans and service members who call the Veterans Crisis Line, which is available 24/7
- By having a suicide prevention coordinator at every VA Medical Center to connect you with your local LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator for additional support and resources

VA serves all who served. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to use the Veterans Crisis Line. Support can continue after the conversation is over. Our responders can connect you with the resources you need.

## **Veterans Crisis Line (Veterans Crisis Line.net)**

This free, 24/7 confidential resource connects Veterans and their loved ones to a caring, qualified responder. Care doesn't have to end when the conversation is over—the suicide prevention coordinator at your nearest VA Medical Center can contact you to provide information about counseling and services. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to use the Veterans Crisis Line.

Dial 988 then Press 1 • Chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat • Text 838255



## Resources

- VHA LGBTQ+ Health Program (<u>www.patientcare.va.gov/LGBT</u>): For Veterans who choose VA, there is an LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator at every facility to help you get the care you need.
- **Don't wait. Reach out.** (**VA.gov/REACH**): This site was designed for Veterans to proactively seek support and resources.