

# Participants will receive:

1:1 support from IPS
Employment Specialists
to rapidly find competitive
employment that
matches your interests and skills

On-going support once employed to help with any workplace concerns

Frequent in-person and telephone availability

Integrated mental health care

No changes to VA benefits

#### George's Story

George is an Army Veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He participated in the Veterans CARE project in summer 2018. His IPS Employment Specialist, Anne, helped him find work as a research assistant.



"They care about you. They want to see you succeed. They want you to achieve beyond the military. It's just life doesn't stop after the military. There's a lot more that you have to offer society." — George

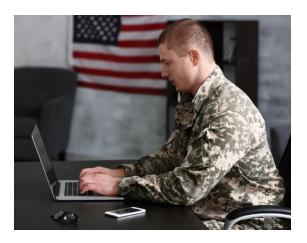
# Veterans CARE Project

A VA initiative to help Veterans with PTSD find and keep good jobs









#### What Is Veterans CARE?

Veterans CARE is an initiative of the VA to support unemployed or underemployed Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in attaining competitive employment.

The program provides **Individual Placement and Support** (IPS), an evidence-based approach to supported employment that emphasizes rapid job search that matches an individual's needs and preferences, alongside integrated mental health care.

IPS Employment Specialists work closely with Veterans' mental health care providers to increase success in the workplace.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- U.S. Military Veterans
- Under age of 62
- Service-connected disability rating for PTSD
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Desire to pursue competitive employment



# Interested? Get in Touch With Us!

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will I lose my service-connected benefits by participating in this program?

VA benefits cannot be reduced, denied, or discontinued based on participation in this program. IPS Employment Specialists help Veterans obtain personalized, understandable, and accurate information about their VA, Social Security, Medicaid, and other government entitlements.

### What if I have PTSD, but not a service-connection designation?

This program is only open to Veterans with service-connected PTSD. However, if you are ineligible to participate, we would be happy to connect with you to discuss other programs that may be available.

### Will information about my PTSD be disclosed to employers?

Disclosure of PTSD diagnosis to employers would only happen with permission from the Veteran.

