WHAT IS CALTAP?
The California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) offers comprehensive transition assistance to all veterans in California. There is no eligibility criteria to access CalTAP – whether or not you recently exited the military, were honorably discharged, or have bad paper – CalTAP is available. California’s system of care provides wrap-around services across the life course, supporting veterans’ changing needs over time. For this to be effective, it is essential that veterans are connected to needed resources and services early, and that veterans are wrapped in a system of care that continues to provide relevant supports as they progress throughout their lives. CalTAP exists to ensure this model is successful for all veterans in California.

The goals of CalTAP are to:

- Inform and connect veterans of all eras to their earned federal and state benefits.
- Coordinate the delivery of the program with all stakeholders to ensure the unmet, emerging, or expanding needs of veterans and their families are met.
- Provide continued support and assistance to veterans and their families as their needs change.

THE CALTAP CURRICULUM

To link all veterans to necessary support services, CalTAP developed new training modules for transitioning veterans in California in collaboration with federal, state, and community-based organizations. Its curriculum was developed based on current best practices and analysis of data on the demographics and benefits usage of veterans across California.
The curriculum includes both online and in-person training modules of a general "core" curriculum, followed by three pathways: education, employment, and entrepreneurship. You can review the modules that are most useful to your specific needs at any time during your transition and throughout your life. The entire curriculum is made up of 23 easily accessible modules to help veterans during their unique stage of transition. Each module is available in both online and in-person format and is designed to accommodate different learning styles.

**ONLINE CURRICULUM**

The online curriculum is available to veterans 24 hours a day. Formats include web-based training modules with recorded webinars and printable handouts. CalVet's online curriculum will be continuously reviewed and modified to include additional modules and reflect any changes to federal and state statute and regulations governing veteran benefits.

**IN-PERSON CURRICULUM**

In-person CalTAP courses will be offered in eight regions throughout California. CalTAP training coordinators will facilitate training opportunities throughout the state by collaborating with regional service providers – subject matter experts and presenters for CalTAP courses. The curriculum trainings will be facilitated through a collaborative effort of existing CalVet Local Interagency Network Coordinators (LINC) program staff.

The LINC program staff serves as information channels in local communities throughout California. All participating service providers and presenters for CalTAP will be certified by CalVet to be culturally competent per a mandatory training course prior to delivering training to veterans participating in CalTAP.

Experts from organizations who administer programs and benefits for veterans will deliver the curriculum, and veterans can hear directly from CalVet, USDVA, and numerous nonprofit community-based organizations about specific benefits and services available nationally, statewide, or more importantly in the community where they live.
RESOURCES

FIND A VA FACILITY
Use the facility locator or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
CalVet strongly recommends you work with the CVSO nearest you. Your CVSO can guide you through the benefits and services available as well as help connect you with other local resources.

The County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO) are locally funded agencies established to assist veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services accrued through military service. These County Veteran Service Offices promote the interest and welfare of veterans, their dependents, and their survivors by enhancing their quality of life through counseling, education, benefits assistance, and advocacy. They connect veterans to their benefits by assisting in their interactions with the VA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit the CalVet website for more information, OR
Find the CVSO closest to you.

VA HOTLINES
Veterans Crisis Line
- 800-273-TALK (8255), or
- Text: 838255

Combat Call Center
- 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

Women Veterans Call Center
- 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)