

# Bereavement Counseling at Vet Centers

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## **What is Bereavement Counseling?**

Bereavement counseling is assistance and support to people with emotional and psychological stress after the death of a loved one. Bereavement counseling includes a broad range of transition services, including outreach, counseling, and referral services to family members.

## **Does VA Have Bereavement Counseling for Surviving Family Members?**

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) offers bereavement counseling to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died in the service of their country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty.

## **Where Is Counseling Offered?**

VA's bereavement counseling is provided at community-based Vet Centers located near the families. There is no cost for VA bereavement counseling.

## **How Can You Obtain These Services?**

Services are obtained by contacting Readjustment Counseling Service at 202-461-6530 or via electronic mail at [vetcenter.bereavement@va.gov](mailto:vetcenter.bereavement@va.gov) both of which are specific to this specialized service. RCS staff will assist families in contacting the nearest Vet Center. Often counseling can be made available in the family's home or where the family feels most comfortable.

## LOCAL VET CENTERS

Normal hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Upon request, Vet Centers will provide services after normal work hours and/or on weekends.

For assistance after hours, weekends, & holidays: [1-877-WAR-VETS](tel:1-877-WAR-VETS) (1-877-927-8387)

### Oak Park Vet Center

1515 South Harlem  
Forest Park, IL 60130

Phone: 708-457-8805 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 708-383-3247

### Chicago Vet Center

7731 S. Halsted Street, 2nd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60620-2412

Phone: 773-962-3740 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 773-962-3750

### Orland Park Vet Center

8651 W.159th Street, Suite 1  
Orland Park, IL 60462

Phone: 708-444-0561 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 708-444-0588

### Evanston Vet Center

1901 Howard St  
Evanston, IL 60202

Phone: 847-332-1019 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 847-332-1024

### DuPage County Vet Center

750 Shoreline Drive, Suite 150  
Aurora, IL 60504

Phone: 630-585-1853 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 630-585-1956

### Chicago Heights Vet Center

1010 Dixie Hwy, 2nd Floor  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Phone: 708-754-8885 Or 877-927-8387  
Fax: 708-754-9882