

Bridging the Care Continuum for Vulnerable Veterans across VA and Community Care (Bridge) QUERI

The Bridge QUERI Program improves health outcomes by expanding access to prevention, treatment, and support services for Veterans. In partnership with **4 VA Program Offices** and **6 VISNs**, Bridge aims to implement 3 effective practices to support **300+ VA employees** in the delivery of high-quality services to **2,000+ Veterans**.

Effective practices addressing multiple high priority conditions

Homeless Overdose Prevention Expansion (HOPE) implements opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution (OEND) to reduce opioid-related overdoses and deaths among homeless, unstably housed Veterans.

Maintaining Independence and Sobriety through Systems Integration, Outreach and Networking-Criminal Justice (MISSION-CJ) engages Veteran Treatment Court participants with case managers and peer specialist teams to reduce criminal recidivism.

Post-Incarceration Engagement (PIE) enhances VA's Health Care for Re-entry Veteran program by linking Veterans to VA and community health care and providing social support from peers.



Multi-level partnerships

- Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Homeless Programs Office
- Office of Health Equity
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
- VISNs 1, 4, 12, 16, 19, 21

Cross-cutting cores

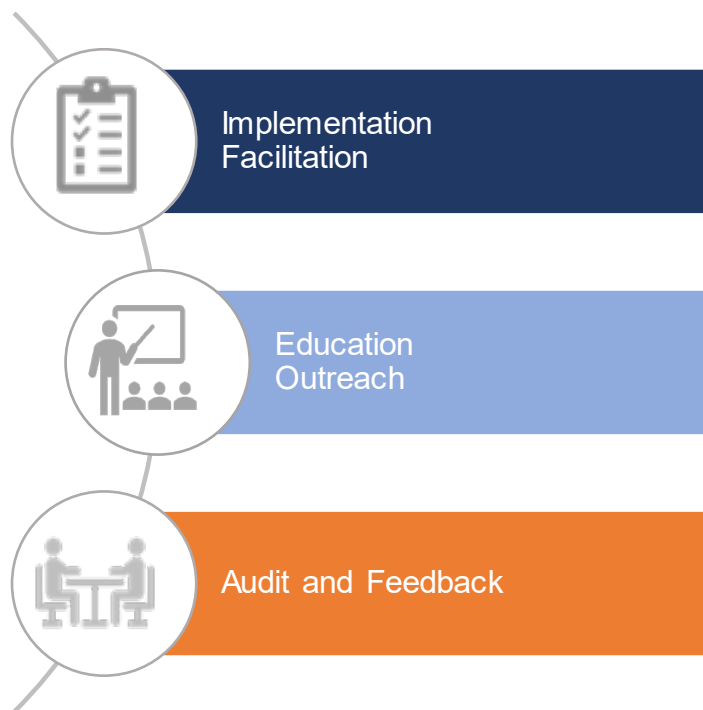
Three cross-cutting cores accelerate the spread of effective practices across VA.

The **Implementation Core** guides the methods and measurements used to evaluate success and includes Qualitative and Quantitative Cores.

The **Mentoring Core** provides experiential training for early career implementation scientists to address challenges related to social determinants of health among Veterans.

The **Rapid Response Team (RRT)** meets critical emerging needs from VA operations partners. In 2021, the RRT conducted an evaluation to inform the national COVID-19 vaccine rollout in partnership with the National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCP). RRT also conducted an additional five RRT projects in FY22, FY23, and FY24.

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS



Current and anticipated impacts

Bridge QUERI:

- Plan to continue to implement 3 effective practices in a total of **15 VA sites** across **11 states**, touching **6 VISNs**.
- Trained **400+ VA employees** in delivering effective practices and has already reached **2,000+ Veterans**. **Trainings for VA employees are ongoing** and sites continue to implement practices.
- Continue to disseminate methods, results, and implementation lessons nationally through webinars, social media, conference presentations, and published articles.
- Plan to develop implementation playbooks for further **scale-up, spread, and sustainment** of effective practices.

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