

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 17



Women's Health Updates

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Outreach and Education

- She Wears the Boots Podcast:
 - [She Wears the Boots: A Podcast for Women Veterans \(spreaker.com\)](#)
 - [She Wears the Boots: A Podcast for Women Veterans on Apple Podcasts](#)
- New Videos: [Videos - Women Veterans Health Care \(va.gov\)](#)
- [February is American Heart Month - Women Veterans Health Care \(va.gov\)](#)
- I Am Not Invisible (IANI) 2.0: March 2021

Women's Health Innovation and Staff Enhancement (WHISE) Program

- Program Funding
- Staff Enhancement
 - Women's Health Care Coordinators
 - Mental Health
 - Gynecology
 - Protected Time

Updates Women's Health Transition Training

- Women's Health Transition Training (WH TT)- VBA
 - Born out of the desire to increase enrollment and utilization of the VA health care among new women Veterans by improving their **understanding and perception of women's health care available from VA.**
 - On February 22, the web-based version of WHTT will go live.
 - It can be accessed here: TAPevents.org/courses
 - Virtual classroom and in person trainings will begin later in the year.
 - The schedule will be published here: www.va.gov/womenvet/whtt

Updates – New Legislation

– Legislation

- Quarterly Women Veterans Focus Groups
- Biannual Women Veteran Forums
- Child Care
- Newborn
- Gap Analysis Homelessness and women Veterans
- Harassment, Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence
- Etc.

VHA Culture Change Workgroup

- VHA Women's Health Modernization Integrated Project Team (IPT)
 - V-Signals – Patient Satisfaction Scores
 - Comfort and Respect
- End Harassment >
- Stand Up to STOP Harassment Now
- VHA White Ribbon Campaign
 - [White Ribbon VA - YouTube](#)
- Bystander Intervention Training
- Etc.

Women's Health Education

National Trainings for Providers and Nurses

VISN 17 Trainings

- FY20
- FY21

Spotlights

Spotlight on the Field

Executive Chef, Carl Conway, and Healthy Teaching Kitchen Program Coordinator, Tamara Sugarek, [South Texas VA](#) Nutrition and Food Service, have designed a unique program targeting African American Veterans to demonstrate live soul cooking with a twist! Learn more and watch the [video](#).

Resources

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#)
- [Vaccination Considerations for People who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding | CDC](#)
- VISN 17: [VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network](#)
 - Go to left hand side of page to “Locations and Directions”
 - Then to “Our Healthcare Systems”.
This will take you to the VA HCSs websites

Updates from VA Women Veterans Program Managers

