

Arizona Veteran Dispensary Outreach Project



Arizona is home to over 500,000 service members, Veterans, and their families. They live in every part of the state. Unfortunately, some service members and Veterans who could really use support aren't connected to the services available to them.

The Arizona Veteran Dispensary Outreach Project works with dispensaries to help share simple, judgment-free information with service members and Veterans. This is important because for some, dispensaries are one of the few places they regularly visit and trust, even if they aren't connected to other support systems.

What's this project all about?

Helpful resource cards are provided to dispensaries to share with patrons.

The card highlights ways for people to connect to support, including Arizona's Be Connected program, which offers a wide range of support specifically for service members, Veterans, and their families, including help with connecting to resources for housing, mental health, employment, healthcare, and more.

Do I need to know who's a service member or Veteran?

No, you don't. You can give a card to every patron. You don't have to ask or worry about it. The card includes information useful to anyone in crisis and even if they're not a service member or Veteran, they might have a friend or family member who is.

What kind of help is listed?

✓ Be Connected

An Arizona-based program just for service members, Veterans, and their families. Be Connected offers confidential support for connecting to resources for pretty much anything such as mental health, housing, employment, benefits, and more. Be Connected can also help those who haven't been accessing medical care or mental health care because of past negative experiences with navigating the system.

✓ 988

The national crisis line, open to anyone who needs help, anytime 24/7. You can call for yourself or someone else and you can call about anything.

✓ Early Alert

A service offering weekly text check-ins. This is low pressure support that can also connect people to resources.

Be Connected services are confidential and offered at no cost to all Arizona service members, Veterans, and their family members.

What if I'm worried about someone?

While you don't have a legal responsibility by giving out this information, if a patron seems like they're in crisis and you are able to assist, you can offer to call 988 with them. Also, we offer free training for dispensary staff on how to support someone who may be struggling. Let us know if you'd like to set that up.

Questions?

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We'd love to hear from you, whether it's for more cards, feedback, or questions. Thank you for partnering on this important effort.