



## History

May 3, 2018: [Executive Order 13831](#): Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative

April 5, 2013: [Executive Order 13640](#): Continuance of Advisory Council

November 17, 2010: [Executive Order 13559](#): Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations

February 5, 2009: [Executive Order 13498](#): Amendments to Executive Order 13199 and Establishment of the President's Advisory Council for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

June 1, 2004: [Executive Order 13342](#): Establishment of Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Departments of Commerce and Veterans Affairs and the Small Business Administration

December 12, 2002: [Executive Order 13279](#): Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations

January 29, 2001: [Executive Order 13199](#): Established the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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# Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI)

## The CFOI Mission

Our mission is to engage, educate and inform faith-based, community, and non-profit organizations about VA tools and resources that will equip them to better serve the Veterans, their families, survivors, caregivers, and other beneficiaries within their organizations

## The CFOI Vision

To create partnerships nationwide to reach Veterans



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## Partnerships

### Helping Organizations

The VA Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI) can help your organization by:

- Collaboratively coordinating training sessions for clergy, congregations, and community groups/members. Examples include:
  - Coordinating the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training.
  - Hosting outreach events that consist of E-Benefits, homelessness, survivor assistance, and much more.
  - How to reach Veterans in specific demographics or with special needs
  - Serving as a resource and referral point for your organization and providing information at your organization's local, regional, and national events
- Hosting webinars to inform faith-based, nonprofit, and community group stakeholders. Webinar topics inclusive of the following:
  - VA current initiatives
  - The New Health Care Law and its impact on Veterans
  - Assisting Veterans in Rural areas
  - Grant Funding under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

### Organizations Helping the VA CFOI

- Your faith-based, nonprofit, or community/neighborhood organization can help the VA CFOI in the following ways:
  - Partner with CFOI to host an event in your area so we may bring VA's resources and information to the Veterans, their families, beneficiaries, and all stakeholders
  - Let us know of gaps you see in services to Veterans in your organization and community

### Helping Veterans

- Your faith-based, nonprofit, or community/neighborhood organization can help Veterans in the following ways:
  - Volunteer with the VA Voluntary Services Office
  - Enroll in VA's Suicide prevention and mental health training for clergy and community leaders
  - Establish a Veterans/Military Ministry within your faith-based organization or group
  - Provide Veterans with transportation to medical appointments
  - Help recently housed Veterans obtain furniture and housing supplies
  - Educate yourself, Veterans, and others about VA benefits and services and how a Veteran can apply for them
  - Learn the signs of a Veteran or a Veteran's family member in distress
  - Encourage Veterans to use the VA services he or she has earned
  - Visit a hospitalized Veteran
  - Provide drop-off child care services for a Veteran family with young children