

An American flag is shown on the left side of the image, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a warm, golden light.

RETURNING VETERANS PROJECT



About RVP

- Founded in 2005
- Mission
 - Our mission is to provide free, confidential mental and physical health services to Veterans, Service Members, and their Families in Oregon and Southwest Washington
- 501(c)3 nonprofit
 - Depend on donations from individuals, foundation grants, business sponsorships, and corporate giving
 - Receive no government funding
 - Board of 8
 - Full-time Staff of 4



Carol Levine, Founder



Upstream Thinking



Why We're Here

- Over half of post-9/11 Veterans (the era with the greatest need for mental health care) are not enrolled in VA healthcare
- 1 in 3 Oregon Veterans surveyed who thought they needed behavioral health care didn't seek services because they felt uncomfortable or unsafe
- Over half of Military Families don't have enough savings to cover unexpected health expenses
 - more likely to have no income and live in a household receiving food assistance, as compared to all other service-era Veterans

Who We Serve

Veterans

- Active-duty service members from all 6 branches
 - Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, & Space Force
- National Guard/Reserves, all branches
- Families: military spouses/partners, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, and other close family members directly impacted by military service

What We Offer

Free, Confidential, Timely, and Accessible Care donated by RVP
Volunteer Health Providers

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic Care
- Massage Therapy
- Naturopathic Medicine
- Mental Health Counseling
 - Substance Use Counseling
 - Individual
 - Marriage and Family

What Makes RVP Unique

- **Free!** Yes, completely free!
- No verifications, referrals, or paper trail
- We support Military Families
- Confidential services
 - Interaction between the provider and Client; autonomy can make a difference when choosing to reach out for support
 - Unless required by law, no personal client information will be released to any outside party regarding an RVP Client
- Services provided by network of individual, community-based Volunteer Health Providers
- Providers are trained on military culture and Veteran-specific trauma and other health challenges

Volunteer Provider Impact

- Since our founding in 2005, we've served over 4,600 Veterans, Service Members, and Military Families
- In 2024:
 - 2,928 hours of donated health services by volunteers
 - Veterans: 391
 - Active-Duty Service Members: 96
 - Family Members: 57 (9 youth)
- To deliver more care to those we serve, we remain focused on expanding our Volunteer Provider network throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington



QUESTIONS?

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