



## Mission-Critical Training for Veterans Justice Outreach and Peer Specialists

### RISE26

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Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialists and Veterans Affairs (VA) Peer Specialists stand at the frontline of one of VA's most complex and highest-risk populations—justice-involved veterans. They are trusted partners to veterans treatment courts and other justice programs nationwide.

Justice-involved veterans experience significantly elevated rates of trauma exposure, substance use, mental illness, and suicide risk. Effective response requires more than general clinical knowledge—it requires coordinated, evidence-based intervention delivered by professionals trained specifically for this intersection of behavioral health and justice involvement. We must ensure veterans receive the treatment, benefits, and support they have earned through their military service.

VJOs and VA Peer Specialists play a critical role in identifying risk, intervening early, and helping prevent veteran suicide through timely connection to lifesaving resources and support.

Veterans Health Administration policy and state licensure appropriately require continuing education (CEUs). However, fulfilling those requirements in a way that meaningfully strengthens competency, improves coordination, and reduces risk requires high-quality, specialized training opportunities that are not widely available within routine professional development channels.

Building on a longstanding history of collaboration with the VA, Justice for Vets, a division of All Rise, proposes partnership with the VA to utilize **RISE26**—the nation's leading multidisciplinary training, focused on justice-involved populations—to strengthen workforce readiness, support suicide prevention efforts among justice-involved veterans, and address the complex medical, behavioral health, and criminogenic needs of veterans and civilians involved in the justice system.

### **Why RISE26? Because excellence in serving veterans demands excellence in training.**

- **Improve suicide prevention readiness.** More than 200 sessions provide targeted training in:
  1. suicide risk identification and intervention
  2. crisis response and early engagement
  3. trauma-informed care for justice-involved veterans
  4. co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders
  5. grief, loss, and post-crisis stabilization

Participants leave with immediately deployable strategies to stabilize high-risk veterans and connect them to care.

- **Strengthen clinical competency: Earn 20+ CEUs in one place.** More than 200 high-impact sessions enable VA professionals to meet continuing education requirements while strengthening clinical skills tailored to the unique needs of veterans—including trauma-informed care, co-occurring conditions, and suicide risk identification, intervention, and prevention strategies critical to this high-risk population.
- **Learn from the very best.** Nationally recognized experts on justice-involved veterans join justice and behavioral health leaders to deliver practical, field-tested strategies that improve outcomes.
- **Join a movement of 7,000+ leaders.** RISE26 convenes the largest gathering of public safety and public health professionals committed to advancing evidence-based services for justice-involved veterans and civilians.
- **Deepen veteran-specific expertise.** Targeted sessions enhance clinical skills, strengthen mentoring strategies, and share emerging best practices proven to improve outcomes—including focused training on suicide prevention, navigating grief, and supporting veterans through loss, crisis response, and early intervention strategies critical to saving veterans' lives.
- **Strengthen VA coordination nationwide.** RISE26 provides a rare opportunity for VJOs and VA Peer Specialists to convene in one location—aligning strategy, sharing lessons learned, and building stronger collaboration across the VISNs. Dedicated meeting space is also available for the VA's use.
- **Maximize value.** VA employees receive a discounted registration rate of \$860—a \$100 savings per attendee—while gaining premier training and networking.

Sustained excellence in these roles demands a sustained investment in high-quality continuing education and training that equips these dedicated professionals with the latest research, best practices, and tools necessary to serve those who have served our nation. For three decades, [RISE26](#) has provided the solution.

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