

# **Paws Forward Mental Health Support**

Born from the acute needs of NM Veterans during the pandemic, ;Paws Forward is a multi-faceted program focusing on mental health and suicide prevention. Providing catered clinical services, peer support, and case management, Veterans enrolled in our programs learn life skills that create increased self-awareness in their environments. Our programs provide the insight necessary to deal with stressors that come with everyday civilian life including finances, career challenges, navigating to receive medical/mental health care, caring for children and maintaining healthy relationships while aiming to decrease dangerous thoughts and behaviors including suicide, self-harm, domestic violence, and substance use. In addition to traditional support services, staff also offer non-traditional methods such as art therapy, yoga, movement therapy, mindfulness and meditation, and self-care education.

## Details

Ages: Adults Seniors/elderly Races: All Genders: All Intake Process: Online Application Documentation: Photo identification Payment Options: Free No one is refused service due to inability to pay Special Needs: Behavioral health or substance abuse Physical or cognitive disabilities Veterans Waiting List: Sometimes Minimum Age: 18 Contact Email: veterandogs@pawsandstripes.org Capacity: Varies Restrictions: Veteran, caregiver, or family member

#### Services

Individual & Family Life Domestic Animal Services Individual & Family Support Services Care/Case Management Support Groups Volunteering Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services Substance Abuse Services Older Adults Disabilities and Health Concerns Veterans

### Locations

### **Parent Organization**

### **Paws and Stripes**

Paws and Stripes's mission is to provide animal-assisted therapy and other mental health services to disabled military veterans and their families living with service-connected trauma. Saving two lives at a time.

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