

Dear DPS Veterans,

First I would like to say, Welcome Home! Your service to our great nation is appreciated, you have truly been missed by your friends and family. I would like to offer you the opportunity to take advantage of the ODPS Veteran's Mentoring Program. This is a DPS wide mentoring program dedicated to assisting recently returned veterans with adjustment with returning to work, career sustainment and development through mentoring and networking with fellow DPS employees. The fellow employees that have volunteered for this program are all combat veteran's or, have been involved in traumatic/critical incidents. These fellow employees have the experience to discuss such issues that you may be experiencing.

You will also be given the opportunity to meet with professionals from some of America's finest military and family support organizations.

The Veterans Mentoring Program provides a unique career sustainment assistance opportunity to recently returned veterans; current Reservists and National Guard members; to long since retired veterans. Or, maybe you were involved in a traumatic incident and you need someone to talk to. We also welcome into to the program spouses, parents, supervisors and commanders of the veteran.

The ODPS Veterans Mentoring Program was started with the following objectives:

- Assist service men and women in their transition from the armed services back to their civilian lives.
- Assist Veterans opportunities to re-evaluate and possibly improve current status.
- Develop and strengthen the network between veterans within all of ODPS.
- Enable veterans to use and understand their skills learned in the military and how to use them.

We have strategically placed a veteran close to you in your district or department. Feel free to call anyone you would like, but just call or talk to someone. It will make your day.

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