Demonstrating Care, Compassion and Respect:

Model for Supporting the Well-Being of Veterans and their Families

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We respect and value all Veterans. Our focus at all times is on their wellbeing and that of their families.

Veterans 20/20: Five Year Strategic Plan
Intended Outcomes

• **Well-Being:** Veterans and their families experience well-being.
  
  o **Purpose:** Veterans are engaged in activities that are beneficial and meaningful to them.

  o **Financial Security:** Veterans are financially secure.

  o **Housing:** Veterans are living in safe and stable housing.

  o **Health:** Veterans are functioning well physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

  o **Family and Community:** Veterans are in mutually supportive relationships and are engaged in their community.

  o **Identity:** Veterans are understood and valued by Canadians.

  o **Resilience:** Veterans are able to adapt, manage, and cope.
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  - **Medical Treatment**
    - Vocational Rehab
  - **Career Transition**
  - **Respectful Commemoration**
    - Cultivate Veteran Identity

**Vets in Crisis**

- **Homeless:** “Streets & Woods”
- **Self-Imposed Isolation:** “Basements”
- **Criminal Justice System:** “Prisons”

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Shelters

First Responders & Hospitals

Police, Courts & Corrections

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