

Background of Veterans Program

1. **History of Veteran Assistance Programs**
 - a. 1636 - Pilgrims in Massachusetts passed a law requiring disabled Pequot War veterans to be supported by the colony for their lifetime
 - b. 1776 - Continental Congress provided pensions to disabled soldiers
 - c. 1918 - Federal Government established veteran employment bureaus

2. **Creation of Funded Veteran Employment**
 - a. 1933 - Wagner-Peyser Act created a national system of public & **veteran employment services within the DOL**
 - b. 1944 - Serviceman's Readjustment Act (P.L. 346) G.I. Bill of Rights created the **Veterans Placement Service** to provide veterans maximum job opportunities
 - c. 1952 - Veterans Readjustment and Assistance Act (P.L. 550) provided **preference in job counseling and placement** similar to WWII Vets
 - d. 1972 - Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Act (P.L. 92-540) provided Vets with **priority for counseling, job training and placement** services
 - e. 1974 – Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (P.L. 93-508) extended veterans' priority to **spouses/widows of 100% disabled, POW or MIA**
 - f. 1974 – Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act (P.L. 93-567) **federal DVOP Vet outreach for employment, job training and education (CETA)**
 - g. 1980 – Title 38, U.S.C. (P.L. 109-233 & 109-461) **created DVOP & LVER state positions** modeled after expiring CETA program

3. **Priority of Service for Veterans and/or Eligible Spouse**
 - a. served in the United States military;
 - b. activated as a member of a National Guard or Reserve unit; or
 - c. a spouse of (1) a veteran who died of a service connected disability, or (2) a member of the Armed Forces who is MIA, was a POW, received a VA 100% disability rating; or who died with a 100% VA disability rating.

4. **Eligibility for Significant Barriers to Employment (SBE)**
 - a. special disabled or disabled veteran;
 - b. homeless;
 - c. recently separated and unemployed for 27 weeks or more in last 12 months;
 - d. currently or previously incarcerated;
 - e. lacking high school diploma or equivalent;
 - f. low-income;
 - g. ages 18-24;
 - h. transitioning Service Member in need of Intensive Services;
 - i. Injured Service Member receiving treatment at Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or Warrior Transition Unit (WTU); or
 - j. spouse and family caregiver of wounded, ill or injured Service Member