



# Coming Home

Dependable Strengths for Veterans

A Collaborative Project of CDS, CLC & WOIS

## Mission

Our mission is to assist U.S. military veterans in making successful transitions from military to civilian life through the Dependable Strengths Articulation Process (DSAP). In addition to the many proven benefits of our strengths articulation training, we are working to provide a full complement of resources that will equip veterans with the means to develop and pursue clearly defined career plans toward productive and meaningful work.

## The Need

- Many veterans, upon returning to civilian life, struggle to find their place. Without a plan or a vision, they drift and have a difficult time making decisions that will lead them to a successful future.
- Many veterans have a difficult time building on their service-related experiences to create a successful future. They may want to leave those experiences behind them rather than use them to move forward.
- Many veterans have suffered physical injuries and emotional trauma during their military service. They may return to civilian life without an effective strategy for developing and maintaining healthy relationships.

## Resources & Services

- **Dependable Strengths for Veterans Workshops**, provided by CDS and CDS-certified instructors: a 21-hour peer-assisted group process, presented over 3 days, which increases self-efficacy and resiliency for each participant and prepares each participant for a successful job-search campaign. Visit Center for Dependable Strengths: [www.dependablestrengths.org](http://www.dependablestrengths.org). Contact Bob Pack, CDS Director of Veterans Projects: [ds@highline.edu](mailto:ds@highline.edu).
- **The Career Center for Veterans**, office to be provided and managed by CLC; website to be developed and managed by CLC. Visit Center for Learning Connections: [www.learningconnections.org](http://www.learningconnections.org). Contact Julie Jacob, CLC Director: [jjacob@highline.edu](mailto:jjacob@highline.edu).
- **The Career Planning Guide for Veterans & the Career Planning Portfolio**, interactive web-based platforms to be developed and managed by WOIS. Visit WOIS/The Career Information System: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org). Contact Tami Palmer, WOIS Deputy Director: [tami@wois.org](mailto:tami@wois.org).

## Our Message to Veterans

- Your experience in the military, when integrated with your full range of life experiences, gives you a unique skill set that is highly valuable to the right employer.
- We can help you connect with the right employer, and we can help you communicate effectively your full value.
- We can help you plan for a successful future in a career that matches your Dependable Strengths.