

Services for Returning Veterans

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Many services exist through federal and state governments to assist veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Information on state veteran services can be difficult to locate without viewing veterans departments state-by-state. This *Tap the Power* includes information on and evaluations of Wisconsin and federal programs for veterans and background information on veteran issues. Topics include education, employment, mental health, physical disabilities, transportation, and tax credits.

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