



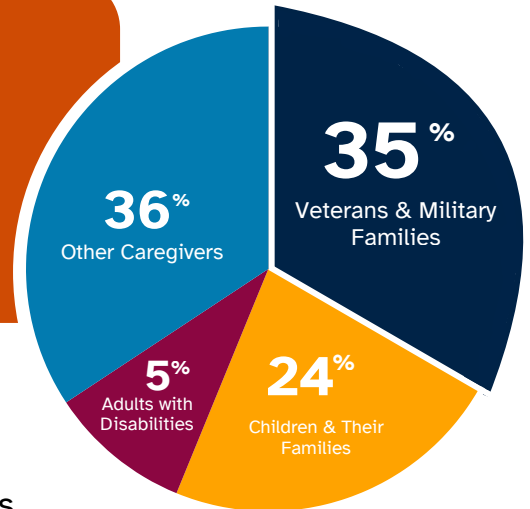
*Including Individuals.
Empowering Families.
Strengthening Communities.™*

MISSION IN MOTION

Our Impact on Veterans & Military Families

We live in an area of incredible opportunity. Yet for thousands of our neighbors in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia, differences in ability, education, access, and economic opportunity create barriers. **Easterseals helps people overcome those barriers on the road to well-being.**

For military veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, Easterseals understands and addresses the complex needs that arise from service to the nation. From managing the stress of frequent moves and deployments, to making the transition to a stable civilian life, our programs serve the entire military family. Last year, Easterseals DC MD VA served 1,546 veterans and military family members — enabling those individuals to have a higher quality of life.



**Easterseals DC MD VA
Served More than
4,400 People in FY25**



- Easterseals employment programs coached **nearly 800 veterans and military spouses** to achieve good-paying, fulfilling civilian jobs.
- Our dedicated Veteran Staffing Network has helped 59% of job candidates secure interviews, **twice the average rate** (30%) of other staffing agencies.
- At the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals, 7 of every 10 new clients see a therapist **within 2 weeks** of reaching out for help — a fraction of the 9-week wait common across the country.

Our service members and their families have given so much. Easterseals DC MD VA is proud to support these neighbors as they reintegrate into the civilian workforce, regain mental wellness, and maintain a healthy quality of life for themselves, their spouses, and their children.

THIS MISSION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

“I’m so grateful to the entire team for their support with me and my family. They provided a safe, caring space, thoughtful guidance, and practical tools that made a real difference. Thank you for your dedication and compassion — you’ve helped us so much! I highly recommend them to all my fellow veterans needing quality mental health support.”

- Cohen Clinic client



As a 46-year-old U.S. Army veteran, Lawrence had what many would consider the American dream: a career he loved, a family, and a promising future. Then, a series of personal challenges changed everything.

After a divorce, Lawrence faced legal charges that led to incarceration. Upon release, he found employment but was re-incarcerated for a probation violation. When he was re-released, Lawrence was determined to find long-term work and

rebuild his life. Despite his education and experience, he faced repeated rejection. “Even places that hire people with backgrounds like mine wouldn’t give me a chance,” he said.

Lawrence’s chance came when he was referred to the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) at Easterseals. At the first meeting with his HVRP employment specialist, Lawrence owned only one pair of pants and two shirts. HVRP arranged for new work clothes to ensure he could interview for jobs with confidence.

Next, his specialist recommended that Lawrence pursue a certification related to working in the supply chain industry. Shortly after he earned that credential, Lawrence was offered a warehousing associate position. The new job led to stable housing and now Lawrence feels renewed hope for the future. “It’s been a long road, but things are finally turning around,” he said confidently. “I’m grateful to Easterseals and my employment specialist for believing in me and helping me take these next steps.”

In addition to supporting at-home respite care for active-duty military members with children who have disabilities, Easterseals offers a center-based Respite program. One Saturday each month, families bring their children to the Easterseals Inter-Generational Center, where they are matched with a carefully vetted volunteer. Each event carries a fun theme and includes a variety of activities, from arts and crafts to science demonstrations.

One National Guard family enrolled in the weekend program attested to the positive impact that it has had on their child, who has both learning and physical disabilities. “These events have been so much fun for my 6-year-old daughter, but most importantly have helped her flourish,” wrote her mother. “School is a challenge, but at these events, she can truly be a kid, bond with her volunteer, meet children in her situation, and have a blast!”

Respite events provide relief for parents, but also for the children who attend. Mom continued, “Her dad’s work schedule is a lot and she misses him. [Respite] provides her with a distraction. This has also helped her self-esteem and confidence to be around such loving, caring, and positive people.”



Help us raise \$350,000 so that we can double the number of veterans and military families Easterseals helps overcome barriers on the road to well-being.



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