The aim of this program is to support veterans and those closest to them in the recovery process through education, skill building, problem solving, and parenting skills.

**Family Services**

**James J. Peters VA Medical Center**

130 West Kingsbridge Road

Bronx, New York 10468

**Phone:** (718) 584-9000 (x5340 or x5167)

**Mental Health Clinic:** (718) 584-9000 x 5237

**OIF/OEF Clinic:** (718) 584-9000 x 5872

**Primary Care:** (718) 741-4253

**Eligibility:** (718) 584-9000 (x5353 or x5354)

**Suicide Prevention Hotline:**

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

[http://www.bronx.va.gov](http://www.bronx.va.gov)
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This program encourages families and other people important to the veteran, to help in their care. Services include: education, information and support with issues that occur daily and inhibit the veteran from participating fully in his or her community.

Program Goals:
Through meetings with the Family Therapy Team, we hope to provide services that meet the unique needs of families and friends of individuals with adjustment or mental health problems.

These meetings will provide:
Assessment:
We will help identify areas where the families, and other people involved in the care of the veteran, might be having difficulties.

Education:
- Diagnosis
- Medication
- Treatment options
- Stress and its effects on the veteran
- Other factors (substance abuse, gambling, etc.)

Communication and Problem Solving Skills:
Acquire techniques to enhance listening skills and expression of needs. Learn how to utilize problem solving techniques to work toward appropriate solutions.

Parenting Skills
Build on skills in parenting to facilitate positive parent-child relationships. Implement new techniques that encourage effective communication.

Our Goals:
- Working as an alliance between family and treatment team.
- Education to those involved in care.
- Enhanced coping through improved communication and improved problem solving skills.

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