It’s about Americans uniting in service around these families. And it’s about everyone—no matter where they come from or their station in life—stepping up to give something meaningful back. Together, we can serve our military families as well as they have served us.

— First Lady Michelle Obama

Military Servicemembers aren’t the only ones who serve their country. Their family members serve right alongside them. While Servicemembers are deployed and when they come home, their families provide crucial support, especially for those with service-connected disabilities. To broaden the horizons for the whole family, VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VocRehab) program offers Vocational Educational Counseling and education and training benefits to some family members of the most severely disabled Veterans.

VocRehab: Opening Doors to Jobs and Schools For Family Members of Servicemembers and Veterans.
The employment challenges and expenses of Servicemembers and Veterans with service-connected disabilities can mean that there’s little left in the budget for higher education for themselves and their dependents. For those Servicemembers and Veterans whose service-connected disabilities prevent them from returning to work, VocRehab may extend vocational counseling and support to family members on topics including:

- Career selection and preparation
- Selection of a school or training program
- Sources of financial aid
- Job selection and job search

Eligibility requirements and factors determining entitlement vary from program to program. Individuals may not receive payment for more than one benefit at a time. Servicemembers, Veterans, and their family members who think they may be entitled to Vocational Educational Counseling from VocRehab should contact a VA office to discuss their situation.

FOR THE ADDRESS OF YOUR LOCAL VA OFFICE, CALL 1.800.827.1000
Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families need support and encouragement as they adjust to new challenges and lifestyles. VA knows that the sooner Servicemembers, Veterans, and their family members access support, the greater impact these services will have. VocRehab provides the assistance that enables Servicemembers and Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs.

Sudden career and lifestyle changes can be challenging and put a strain on Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. During this critical time, VocRehab works with Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families to identify and arrange for the right Veterans Health Administration services to help with the Service member or Veteran’s rehabilitation, including:

- Counseling
- Home care training
- Mental health services

If these services are unavailable through VA programs, VocRehab helps Servicemembers and Veterans locate community resources to meet their rehabilitation and employment needs.