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Connecticut Veterans Legal Center's (CVLC) mission is to help veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness overcome the legal barriers to housing, health care, and income. CVLC employs a mixture of in-house specialist attorneys and pro bono counsel from the private bar to provide free legal services to low-income veterans. These attorneys work with multidisciplinary teams of VA physicians, psychiatrists, and clinicians to stabilize a veteran's housing, increase access to critical health care, and secure life-changing income. As the first medical-legal partnership co-located at a VA facility, CVLC is a national leader in medical-legal partnerships and veterans' legal services. Through its national policy arm, the *Veterans Inclusion Project*, CVLC also uses impact litigation, reports on key issues, practice manuals for veterans and advocates, and national media outreach to advance veterans law.

The Veterans Legal Clinic at the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School provides pro bono representation to veterans and their family members in a range of veterans and military law matters, as well as pursues initiatives to reform the systems that serve the veterans community. Located at the crossroads of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, the Legal Services Center is composed of six clinics—the Veterans Legal Clinic, Consumer Law/Predatory Lending Clinic, Housing Law Clinic, Family Law/Domestic Violence Clinic, Federal Tax Clinic, and LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic—and is Harvard Law School's largest clinical placement site. The Center's long-standing mission is to educate law students for practice and professional service while simultaneously meeting the critical legal needs of the community.