

## **Curriculum Outline: Veterans Representatives in CA Employment Development Department (EDD)**

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- I. Overview of Federal/State employment programs serving veterans
  - a. Career Centers in all California Counties – staffing/services
    1. Veterans on staff
    2. Appointments and walk-ins for most services
    3. Help defining individual goals and direction
    4. Lots of veteran friendly jobs in databases, most are not minimum wage
    5. Help translating military skill into resume that employer will understand
    6. Job fairs, mock interviews, informational help directly with Veterans Employer Panels
    7. Workforce Investment Act grants for certificate programs
    8. Some part time and temporary jobs, but goal is permanent
  - b. Role of the Veterans Employment Representative
    1. Address 18-24 year old veterans are underrepresented in the workforce
    2. Knowledgeable and trusted by veterans seeking assistance (culturally relevant)
    3. Focus is on getting veterans into full time jobs that last more than one year
  - c. Specific services for justice involved veterans
    1. Resume assistance
    2. Help explaining criminal history in interviews and resumes
    3. What is in your “expunged” records
    4. Only dishonorable discharges are not eligible for assistance at EDD
- II. Questions and Answers with Mentors