

G.I.V.E. Tidbits...

- The prevalence of transgender individuals in the Veteran population is *5x higher* than in the general US population.
- Transgender Veterans have *unique* mental health and preventive care needs.
- Many transgender individuals worry about providers' reactions to their gender identity or sexual orientation - they may not know what to expect.
- The G.I.V.E. clinic provides a safe, comfortable, and welcoming setting to address all of your health concerns. Learn more...

Clinic Hours/ How to Reach Us

Clinic is held twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month in Module J at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center

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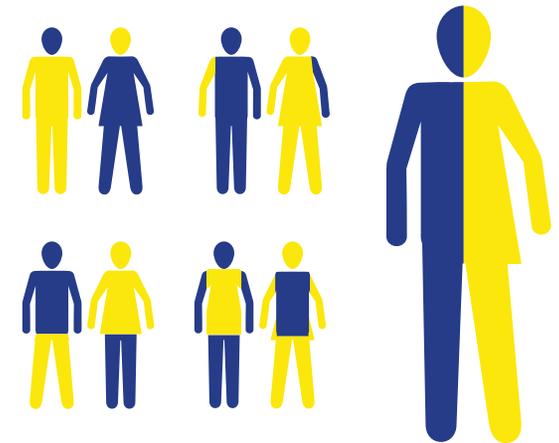


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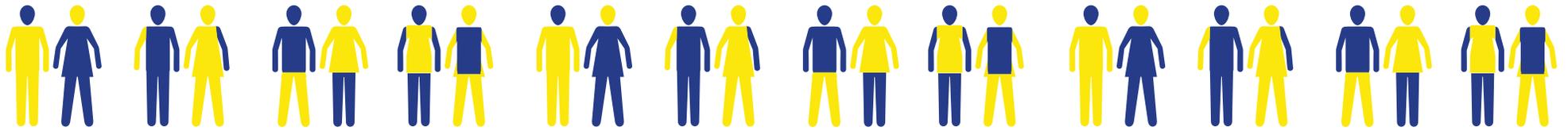
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G.I.V.E. CLINIC

**Gender Identity
Veteran's Experience**



**G.I.V.E. BACK TO
THOSE WHO SERVED**



Our Mission

- Provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming medical “home” for Veterans who are exploring their gender identity.
- Provide comprehensive primary, mental health, preventive, and hormonal care for transgender Veterans.

Our Story

- Transgender Veterans have unique medical and mental health needs which are best addressed using a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach.
- Focus groups with transgender Veterans indicated that they wanted to be seen in a dedicated, gender-neutral clinical space by informed providers from a variety of specialties.
- The G.I.V.E. Clinic was opened at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC in November, 2015 to serve all transgender Veterans.

What We Provide

- A safe, comfortable, welcoming, gender-neutral environment and
- Comprehensive primary care
 - Mental health care
 - Social work services
 - Support groups
 - Community outreach
 - Shared medical appointments
 - Specialty consultation (speech therapy, pharmacy)
 - Pre-operative and post-operative care

Our Impact

- 21 new consultations in 6 months
- 37 Veterans currently enrolled

Here is what our patients are saying...

“About time!”

“Everyone is really nice and friendly. Finally! A clinic specializing in transgender care!”

“The G.I.V.E. Clinic is amazing! The staff is friendly and welcoming, they are proficient at their jobs and I highly recommend them.”

Future Plans

- Expand clinical hours
- Increase collaboration with community centers and resources
- Staff training

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