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MEDIA ADVISORY

Erie VA to host Veterans Justice Outreach Conference

Building a community of support for local Veterans.

4/9/2012 –Erie VA Medical Center is hosting the second annual Veterans Justice Outreach Conference to educate professionals in the local community about the special issues Veterans face.

When: **Tuesday, May 22 from 9a.m. – 3 p.m., Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**

What: VA behavioral health professionals will be leading presentations, panel discussions, and an open forum with a focus on Veterans who have returned from military service and are at risk or involved with the criminal justice system. The program will address the special issues that Veterans face when returning from active duty and ideas as to how to mitigate potential volatile situations.

Where:
Erie VA Medical Center
Second Floor Conference Rooms 1-3
135 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16504

Who: This conference is open to professionals working in the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, jails and courts, the mental health field, and professionals working directly with Veterans. Register today, call 814-860-2038 or email Jeffrey.Rose@va.gov confirming your attendance.

**Members of the media are invited to attend the Veterans Justice Outreach Conference. Erie VA Behavioral Health staff will be available for on-site interviews. To schedule an interview prior to the event, please contact Sarah Gudgeon at 814-860-2097.*

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