

ADVOCACY AS A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This program will broaden participants' perspective on what advocacy looks like, from advocacy at their respective workplaces to state and federal-level advocacy. The program will clarify how to avoid violating regulations, like the HATCH Act, that could jeopardize their jobs as federal employees. Finally, the program will review effective strategies for successful advocacy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Attendees will be informed about the extent to which federal employees may engage in advocacy, educational activity, and/or political activity when not on duty or in the workplace, including when using social media, with particular reference to the Hatch Act.
2. The attendees will develop a clearer understanding of the parallel between advocacy which can occur within the VA system, itself, and the elements of advocacy conducted external to the VA (e.g. legislation), including those related to the process and the outcome.
3. The discussion will provide information and strategies which can serve as a foundation for those interested in becoming an effective advocate.

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WHEN

February 28, 2019
2pm – 3pm ET

WHERE

Webinar
(link provided after registration)

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