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**VVA Pushes for Children's Centers**

The Vietnam Veterans of America and Birth Defect Research for Children have been working together to further the cause of care and assistance for veterans' children who have birth defects and/or developmental disabilities.

VVA's Birth Defects Position Paper recommends the following:

- That VVA make every possible effort to get birth defects included as part of the recently VA announced longitudinal study on Vietnam veterans.
- • That VVA make every possible effort to get VA to fund a study to formally and systematically integrate and analyze the Air Force Health Study on birth defects in veterans' offspring, as recommended in the 2008 IOM/VAO Review.
- That the VVA take action to • facilitate the passage of legislation that would create centers to provide for research, treatment (funded by ChampVA), and social services for offspring of Veterans of all eras who were exposed to toxins in service. Send email to [betty@birthdefects.org](mailto:betty@birthdefects.org) for copy of entire paper...

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