Outreach button on the VHA Homeless Programs website. We value your feedback about the work underway to prevent and end homelessness.

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More information

Factors at the individual, interpersonal, community and societal levels. To prevent Veteran suicide, there is no single cause of suicide. It is often the result of a complex interaction of multiple factors.

HPO Fact of the Month

For more information, including Stand Down POCs and a complete list of upcoming Stand Downs, check .

Below are October Stand Downs through October 3, 2020:

- October 1-3, 2020 – Ferndale, CA
- October 3, 2020 – Pendleton, OR
- October 3, 2020 – Racine, WI
- October 3, 2020 – Guadalupe, AZ

Due to COVID-19, Stand Down events in some locations may have been canceled or postponed. Thus, we encourage Veterans and volunteers to check with the local VA for Veteran Families Program (SSVF) to 266 non-profit organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on October 1 of this year. It will begin awarding more than $400 million in grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

On September 23 at 3 p.m. ET, VA and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hosted a Facebook Live event to discuss how Veterans and their family members can access expanded support during the COVID-19 pandemic, made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

On September 14, 2020, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it recently awarded $1.3 million in grants to 11 regional homelessness nonprofit organizations to bolster suicide prevention services for Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced, on September 1, 2020, that it is committed to tackling on all fronts – including homeless prevention. I encourage everyone to check on their friends, neighbors and loved ones. People in distress often display warning signs, such as hopelessness, engaging in risky activities or withdrawing from family and friends. To learn more about the warning signs of suicide risk and how to help a Veteran in distress, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255). It's free, confidential and accessible 24/7.

Stand Downs

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking the necessary steps to ensure that our Veteran-serving organizations are as close to home as possible. The outreach button on the VHA Homeless Programs website is an important tool to highlight available resources.

It is estimated that 47% of homeless Veterans are primary risk factors for suicide among Veterans. The VA Office of Mental Health Services (OMHSP), in partnership with the Administration for Community Living (ACL), is committed to ending Veteran homelessness, tracks progress against monthly goals, and encourages communities to prevent and end homelessness through the Built for Zero initiative. The organization’s work includes integrating business, health systems, local and federal government, and community programs to adopt promising practices. This enables evidence-based strategies to connect Veterans to needed services, in turn supporting positive outcomes.

Veterans can now access an array of Veteran-serving organizations offering assistance from VA.

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Events

UPR-VA Facebook Live Event: Resources for Homeless and at Risk Veterans

All Veterans deserve a place to call home. If you or a Veteran you know is facing a housing crisis, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).

On September 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it will award more than $400 million in grants to end Veteran homelessness.

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Homeless Programs Office (HPO)

September is Suicide Prevention Month, an effort that requires a commitment from multiple levels of society. VA has sustained a focus on suicide prevention, including Veteran suicide prevention, for nearly two decades, and continues to work with community partners to advance the delivery of culturally informed, trauma-informed and culturally competent care to Veterans and their families.

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If you or someone you know is in need of a non-emergency VA service, please contact the VHA Homeless Programs Office (HPO) at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).