

Help for Homeless Veterans
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Bobby, formerly homeless Veteran
Served 1979-1984

ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

What Your Organization Can Do

VA has allocated unprecedented resources to ending Veteran homelessness, but we can't do it alone. First responders, community service providers, faith groups, and Veterans service organizations are a critical link between Veterans and the resources they may need to secure safe, stable housing. VA can connect the Veterans you encounter every day with a variety of services to get them back on their feet.

Here are some ways your organization can help:

- Train your workers to ask the question, "Have you served in the U.S. military?" when they encounter people who are homeless or need immediate assistance.
- If you're part of a community of Veterans, distribute materials and let your fellow Veterans know that VA offers services they've earned.
- If you provide services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, post materials at your facility to let Veterans know that they have earned VA's help.

Anyone can help raise awareness of VA's services for Veterans. Here are some ideas to help locally:

Hand out materials. It can be as simple as getting out and pounding the pavement. Hand out materials such as brochures and wallet cards to homeless Veterans in your community. Download resources at www.va.gov/homeless/resource_center.asp or order free materials online at www.va.gov/homeless/materials_center.asp.

Spread the word. Newsletters, blogs, and social media are great ways through which to reach a wide audience. You can also spread the word through your personal networks or write an op-ed encouraging others to help and letting your community know about the resources available. Email VAHomeless_Veteran_Outreach@va.gov to request content.

Staff a booth. Many community events and conferences provide an opportunity to hand out materials at a table or booth you may be staffing.

Support a Stand Down. Stand Downs are one-to-three-day events offering food, clothing, and health screenings to local Veterans. To find out about one in your area, go to www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp.

Learn more. Visit va.gov/homeless to learn more about the programs and services VA offers Veterans or sign up to receive regular updates.

Refer to VA for Help

If a Veteran you know is homeless, at imminent risk of becoming homeless, or in crisis, refer him or her to VA. Make the Call to **877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838)** or chat online at va.gov/homeless. Trained, supportive professionals are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to connect Veterans with the care they need to get back on their feet.