



Safe Haven Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Safe Haven Program is to provide 24hr/7 days a week early recovery model of community-based treatment for hard-to-reach and hard-to-engage Veterans with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Background: In July 2010, under the leadership and direction of the VA's National Center on Homelessness among Veterans, the Homeless Program Office utilizing Health Care for Homeless Veteran funding authority funded five Safe Haven model development projects. Safe havens use a low-demand/harm reduction approach that does not require sobriety or full compliance with treatment for admission or continued stay in the program. Unlike non- VA Safe Haven programs established under the McKinney Vento Act that provides permanent housing using a low demand approach, VA's Safe Haven Program provides transitional supportive housing using the low-demand approach to transition Veterans to permanent supportive housing.

Program Data: There are established Safe Havens in:

Bedford, MA	Bay Pines, FL	Tampa, FL	Philadelphia, PA
Bronx, NY	Austin, TX	Chicago, IL	San Francisco, CA
Detroit, MI	Kansas City, KS	Shreveport, LA	Los Angeles, CA (2)
San Diego, CA	Canandaigua, NY	Montgomery, AL	Leavenworth, KS
Cleveland, OH	Boston, MA	Baltimore, MD	Washington, DC
Akron, OH	Loma Linda, CA	Ft Wayne, IN	Framingham, MA

Program Contact Information:

If your facility is interested in developing a Safe Haven program, or low demand program designs similar to a Safe Haven, please contact Dr. Roger Casey at roger.casey@va.gov.