

Permanent Housing Program

Goals:

- Assisting you in obtaining safe affordable housing.
- Assisting you in meeting the obligations of tenancy.
- Increasing your ability to stay housed.
- Increasing your daily living skills.
- Assisting in your recovery from substance abuse.
- Assisting in your recovery from mental illness.
- Assisting in your access to employment opportunities.



What do I need?

- A HCHV intake assessment
- A stable source of income
- Referral from an approved community or VA residential treatment program
- The following documents:
 - * Birth certificate
 - * Arkansas Photo ID or Arkansas Driver's License
 - * Social Security Card
 - * Proof of income from all sources
 - * Statement of Savings
 - * Sex-Offender Background Check

Homeless Demographics

- Approximately 131,000 Veterans are homeless on any given night.
- About 3% of homeless Veterans are women.
- It is estimated that 45% of homeless Veterans have a mental health disorder and more than 70% have a substance abuse problem.
- Approximately 56% of homeless Veterans are African-American or Hispanic.
- By mid-2010, it is projected that 3,700 OIF/OEF Veterans will have accessed homeless outreach programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 8/31/2009 and National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 2010)



For more information about VASH

please visit
www1.va.gov/homeless/housing.asp

or contact the
VA Day Treatment Center
1000 Main St.
Little Rock, AR 72201

NATIONAL HOMELESS HOTLINE:
1-877-424-3838

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans

Permanent Housing Programs



Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System



Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Day Treatment Center
1000 South Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501 244-1900

What is the HUD-VASH Program?

HUD-VASH represents a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The program is designed to help Veterans who are homeless, find and maintain safe affordable permanent housing in the community.

VASH (VA Supportive Housing) is a case management program that offers a HUD Section 8 "Housing Choice" rental assistance voucher to eligible Veterans.



What is Supported Housing?

Supported Housing is appropriate for you and your family, if you are homeless at the time of your first visit with the HCHV Program, at risk of becoming homeless, or have a low income and serious, persistent issues that may include substance abuse, mental illness, or other disabilities.

While the Supported Housing Program also offers case management, there are key differences that exist for these two (2) housing tracks. Unlike the HUD-VASH Program, there is no denial of admission to registered sex offenders AND there are no exclusions concerning income limits.

Commonly Asked Questions

* *What is a Supported Housing or VASH case manager?*

VASH and Supported Housing case managers provide one-on-one support to program participants. You and your case manager will develop an individualized service plan to help you achieve and maintain permanent housing, as well as assist you in meeting personal goals (i.e. going back to school or homeownership). Your case manager also connects you with VA and community resources (i.e. referral for counseling or utility assistance) when needed.

• *How long can I participate?*

As a VASH participant, you may remain in the program as long as you are income eligible. However, some Veterans have a goal of homeownership and take advantage of the HUD Family Self-Sufficiency Program. As a Supported Housing participant, you can be followed indefinitely unless discharge is requested or clinically indicated.

• *What happens if I lose my job or my income increases?*

If you hold a VASH voucher or in a public housing program, your rent is ALWAYS income based. In the event of an income change, by immediately notifying your case manager and the housing authority, your rent will be adjusted accordingly.

• *What if I have a felony?*

Both housing programs are designed to help Veterans from various walks of life. A felony does not make you ineligible for housing services; however, a life time registry for sex offenses does make a Veteran ineligible for VASH. These individuals are referred to the Supported Housing Program for other housing options.

Benefits of a Permanent Housing Program

- Opportunities for Home-Ownership
- Affordable Rent
- Case Management and Advocacy



Benefits of Case Management

- Assistance with locating housing and furnishings
- Advocacy and assistance in times of need or crisis
- Budgeting and credit counseling assistance and referrals
- VA and community resource referrals, including donations

Other Services Available

- HCHV Day Treatment Center
- Substance Use Disorder Specialist
- Supportive Housing Groups
- Social and Recreational Activities