

Wilkes-Barre VA Homeless Programs

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- ◆ Grant Per Diem Program
- ◆ Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program
- ◆ Veterans Justice Outreach Program
- ◆ Vocational / Rehabilitation Work Program

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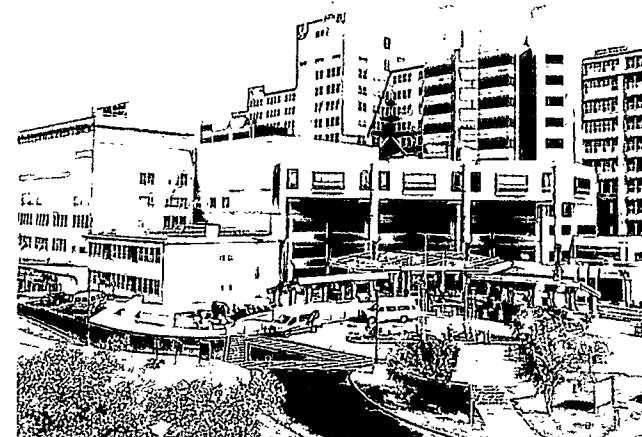


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Homeless Programs & Initiatives

Housing and Urban Development—VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) Program provides permanent housing and ongoing comprehensive case management services for eligible homeless Veterans who require these supports to live independently. Most Veteran participants remained permanently housed.

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

The core mission of HCHV is primarily to perform outreach provided by VA social workers and other mental health clinicians, to identify homeless Veterans who are eligible for VA services and assist these Veterans in accessing appropriate healthcare and benefits. In addition, HCHV also functions as a mechanism to contract with providers for community-based residential treatment for homeless Veterans.

Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)

The Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program is offered annually by the VA to fund community-based agencies providing transitional housing or service centers for homeless Veterans.

Contracted Emergency Residential Services (CERS)

The Contracted Emergency Residential Services (CERS) programs target and prioritize homeless Veterans who require safe and stable living arrangements while they seek permanent housing. Length of stay range from 30–90 days with option to extend based on clinical need.

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

The purpose of the Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) initiative is to avoid the unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among Veterans by ensuring that eligible justice-involved Veterans have timely access to VHA mental health and substance abuse services when clinically indicated, and other VA services and benefits as appropriate.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor- Supported Employment/Substance Use Disorder

The goal of Vocational Rehab/Supported Employment is to assist Veterans involved in the CWT programs receiving treatment for Substance treatment and recovery programs to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. Services that may be provided include: Comprehensive rehabilitation evaluation to determine abilities, skills, and interests for employment; employment skills; assistance finding and keeping a job; counseling services; and non-paid work experiences.

SSVF-SUD Case Management

The SSVF-SUD Case Manager works with Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grantees and homeless program staff to engage Veterans experiencing SUD concerns with VA services including but not limited to SUD specialty care or residential services

Homeless Veteran Community Employment Services (HVCES)

The mission of HVCES is to provide employment services and resources to Veterans participating in Veterans Health Administration (VHA) homeless programs to increase access to permanent housing and improve housing stability. Services are Veteran-centered and include vocational assessment, job development, job search assistance, job placement, employer engagement, information and referral to community resources, and follow along support.

Homeless Coordinated Entry Specialist

HCHV Coordinated Entry links VA Homeless programs to fully collaborate with the community, including the Continuum of Care (COC) and community partners. The specialist provides recovery-oriented and housing first services.

Homeless Veteran Dental Assistance

The Homeless Veteran Dental Program increases accessibility to quality dental care to homeless Veterans and to help assure success in VA-sponsored and VA partnership homeless rehabilitation programs throughout the United States. Veteran eligible after 60 days from date of enrollment into Homeless Services

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Social Work Homeless Projects:

- ◆ Project CHALENG Homeless Summit
- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Adopt-A-Veteran
- ◆ Community Outreach

Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)

VA has been authorized to offer community-based grants through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program, which will provide supportive services to very low-income Veteran families in, or transitioning to, permanent housing. Funds are granted to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will assist very low-income Veteran families by providing a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability. Ask any VA Social Worker about SSVF that serves your community.

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