

Homeless Program

VA offers a broad array of services to homeless Veterans – and those Veterans who may be at risk of becoming homeless. VA is working with its partners to provide:

- Prevention services so Veterans and their families don't fall into homelessness and those that do are rapidly re-housed
- Access to safe, stable, affordable permanent housing
- Short-term housing options for those who need a safe place to stay while a permanent solution is found
- Supportive services so Veterans have help securing housing and have the support they need to stay housed
- Easy access to mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment services for those who need it
- Vocational training and employment services to get Veterans back to work
- Benefits and income support for Veterans who have earned them
- Referrals to community agencies
- Provide case management and outreach services

**For additional information,
please contact:**

Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center
5500 E. Kellogg
Wichita, KS 67218

685-2221 Ext. 57312

**Homeless Veterans
Emergency Housing / Services**

Bldg. 5 (Behavioral Health)
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

After Hours please go to the Emergency Department and an on-call Social Worker will be able to assist you.

Homeless Veterans

Opening doors to a brighter future for homeless Veterans!

Social Work Services

HUD-VASH Program

The HUD-VASH program is a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) designed to provide case management and supportive services along with subsidized housing vouchers for eligible Veterans who are homeless.

The HUD-VASH program allows eligible Veterans to obtain safe, affordable, accessible, permanent housing in a location of their choice. The primary goal of the program is to help move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and provide support to sustain Veterans and their families residing in the community.

The “Housing Choice” Vouchers are administered through a local Public Housing Authority. Ongoing case management is provided as needed by qualified staff affiliated with a local VA medical facility. Case management is central to the HUD-VASH Program and is a requirement for continuing participation, even after the Veteran is housed.

Veterans who are homeless and not currently working with a VA clinician should contact the Homeless Veterans Outreach Specialist at the VA Medical Center to discuss housing support options.

HCHV Employment Services

Mission Statement:

- To minimize the threat of homelessness through client-centered, strength-based services to those who are unemployed, underemployed, or at risk of unemployment.
- To cultivate community partnerships to provide realistic and productive employment opportunities for Veterans.
- To strengthen resilience and retention in employment by establishing and enhancing work tolerance, readiness traits, and behaviors.

Vision:

To provide Veterans job placement, support, and advocacy with competitive community employers by adhering to standards of excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability, and stewardship.



Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

The purpose of the VJO initiative is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among justice involved Veterans by ensuring that eligible Veterans in contact with the criminal justice system have access to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) mental health and substance services.

Justice involved veterans are:

- Veterans in contact with local law enforcement who can be appropriately diverted from arrest to mental health or substance abuse treatment
- Veterans in local jails either pretrial or serving a sentence
- Veterans involved in adjudication or monitoring by the court

The role of the VJO coordinator is to provide information and assessment services to eligible Veterans involved with the criminal justice system, to refer and link these Veterans to appropriate VA and community services that will support community readjustment, encourage adherence to treatment and communicate treatment needs and compliance to court as needed.

VA National Call Center

(877) 424-3838