# Are You or a Veteran You Know At Risk of Homelessness?

- Are you currently living with someone because you can't afford to rent or own a home of your own?
- Have you had trouble finding or holding a job?
- Do you have a physical or mental health condition that makes it difficult to keep a steady job?
- Do employers say you don't have the skills or education they are looking for?
- Are you struggling with an alcohol or substance use problem?
- Have service-related injuries made returning to civilian life difficult?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, or are feeling worried about your housing situation or that of a Veteran you know, VA can help.

# You answered our country's call.





We'll answer yours.

## We're Here for You.

Whether you are in need of immediate assistance or just looking for more information — VA is here for you. Our trained professionals, many of whom are Veterans themselves, are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

TOLL-FREE 1-877-424-3838 (1-877-4AID-VET)

Live 24/7 Chat on VA's Homeless Veterans website, www.va.gov/homeless







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☑ Military service?

☑ Homeless or at risk of being homeless?

Make the Call!

Call VA's toll-free hotline:

1-877-424-3838

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or visit **www.va.gov/homeless** for help with housing, jobs, health care, education and other Veteran benefits.

Online chat now available!





The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to eliminating homelessness among Veterans. This challenge is being addressed through a range of services and benefits.



## Housing and Supportive Services

Partnering with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, VA helps Veterans find safe and affordable housing. To foster lasting success in transitioning homeless Veterans into homes, VA also works with community-based agencies to provide case management and supportive services. Other VA-supported efforts tackle the challenge in innovative ways such as turning unused buildings into new housing for Veterans, and helping low-income Veterans and their families with minor expenses and grants.

#### Home Loan Guaranty Service

VA urges all Veterans encountering problems making their mortgage payments to speak with their servicers to explore options to avoid foreclosure. Depending on a Veteran's specific situation, servicers may offer options to try and help avoid foreclosure. In cases where the servicer is unable to help the Veteran borrower, VA Loan Guaranty has Loan Technicians in eight Regional Loan Centers and two special servicing centers who take an active role in interceding with the servicer to explore all options to avoid foreclosure.

#### **Prevention Services**

VA helps Veterans and their families who are at risk of homelessness stay in their homes or find permanent housing. VA continues its support by providing funding to communitybased, non-profit groups that offer services such as limited rental assistance, childcare, employment training and referrals. VA also reaches out to Veterans in the justice system to link them with needed health care and other services.

## Job Training, Employment and Income Benefits

VA offers a variety of job training programs to help homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk of homelessness gain skills that are valued in today's job market. Through VA's compensated work therapy program, homeless Veterans can receive temporary residence in community-based, supervised group homes with paying jobs. Additional benefits that may be available through VA include compensation or pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment services for Veterans who have injuries, illnesses, or diseases related to their active military service.

#### **Education Benefits**

Through the GI Bill, VA provides Veterans the opportunity to resume their education or technical training after discharge from the military and provides those who qualify with a monthly living allowance while they pursue their studies.

#### Medical and Health Treatment Services

VA's medical and mental health clinicians provide eligible homeless Veterans with quality health care, including mental health care, dental care, substance use treatment and other services.

### Make The Call

Learn more about VA's services and outreach programs to eliminate Veteran homelessness today. Call our National Call Center for Homeless Veterans toll-free at 1-877-424-3838 (1-877-4AID-VET), chat live with supportive and knowledgeable VA staff at www.va.gov/homeless, or explore the website on your own.