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California Action Plan for Reintegration Fact Sheet Homeless Resources

California is home to nearly 2 million veterans, of which, it is estimated that over 19,000 are homeless. Through high quality outreach, state-wide collaboratives, strong partnerships, advocacy, and services for all California veterans, CalVet has established an aggressive and proactive leadership role in the fight to end homelessness. CalVet will significantly decrease, end and prevent future homelessness among the veteran population by 2015; aligning ourselves with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' plans to end homelessness.

Veterans Homes of California

CalVet has cultivated partnerships between the Veterans Homes of California and transitional/supportive housing programs that will facilitate the transfer of homeless veterans into the Homes to support the VA 5-year plan to end homelessness. For information and access to these transitional/supportive housing programs, please contact the CalVet Homeless Coordinator at (877) 741-8532.

HUD-VASH Program

Through a cooperative partnership, The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, provides long-term case management, supportive services and permanent housing support. To be eligible for this program, Veterans must be VA Health Care eligible, homeless, and must participate in case management services in order to obtain and sustain permanent independent community housing. To determine eligibility and speak with a HUD-VASH specialist, please visit <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/HUD-VASH.asp>.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program is a new VA program that will provide supportive services to very low-income Veterans and their families who are in or transitioning to permanent housing. VA will award grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will assist very low-income Veterans and their families by providing a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability. For more information, please visit <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/SSVF.asp>.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is a program funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. HUD has awarded funds to eligible cities, counties, and states (HUD does not provide funding directly to individuals). Individuals needing assistance can access services from an organization in their local community once HPRP funds have been distributed. Please contact your city, county, or state grantee to find out if HPRP funds are available now, whether you are eligible to receive this assistance, and how to access it. For a list of participating agencies, please visit

http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_GranteeContactInfo.pdf.

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also founded a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, to ensure homeless veterans or veterans at-risk for homelessness have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. To be connected with a trained VA staff member, please call (877) 4AID VET (877-424-3838).

Health Care for Homeless Veterans

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 to its initial core mission, HCHV also functions as a mechanism to contract with providers for community-based residential treatment for homeless veterans. For more information, please visit <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/HCHV.asp>.

County Resources

For a county list of community-based organizations or government agencies that may provide assistance to homeless veterans, please visit <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/Resources/Default.aspx>.

Network of Care

Network of Care for service members, veterans & their families is a one-stop shop for virtually all services, information, support, advocacy, and much more. For more information, please visit <http://networkofcare.org/index2.cfm?productid=17&stateid=6>.