

## **Federal Veterans Resource Guide**

# Homelessness/Housing

- **Vets Connect** Vets Connect helps homeless veterans get back on their feet, working to end homelessness among veterans through a network of programs, training, outreach and support services
- **HUD-VASH-** collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing.
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)- This is a program similar to HUD/VASH that allows low income Veterans to obtain permanent housing. Typically, the deposit, utilities and up to 6 months of rent are paid for a Veteran.

## **Employment**

- Feds hire Vets- Resource website for Federal veteran employment information
- **Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)** Department of Labor site to help veterans find employment opportunities
- Veteran Employment Services Office (VESO) Veteran Affairs lead office for employment opportunities for injured veterans
- VetJobs Military job board
- **Disabled American Veterans** Hosting job fairs and providing resources to ensure they have the opportunity to participate in the American Dream their sacrifices have made possible.

### **Veterans Benefits**

- Paralyzed Veterans of America- Provide quality healthcare for members, provides research and education, provides benefits available based on term served, and provide civil rights the members qualify for
- Military Benefit Association- Provides insurance for veterans and their families
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Benefits Administration-** Provides benefits such as compensation, education, life insurance, pension, and vocational rehabilitation

## Healthcare/ Health & Wellness

- Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP)- serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001 and their families
- Healthcare.gov- Provides veterans with health care coverage options based on eligibility
- Vets.gov- Provides healthcare that covers regular checkups with your primary provider



#### Mental Healthcare

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)- helps Atlanta veterans and their families suffering from depression or PTSD better cope with and manage their condition. 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)
- VA Mental Healthcare- Healthcare benefits include inpatient and outpatient care at VA medical centers, community based outpatient treatment services, and VetCenter support, including individual and family services
- The Soldiers Project Helping active duty service members or veterans who have served since September 11, 2001 find local therapist.

### **Support Groups**

- **Veterans of Foreign War** (VFW)- regular monthly meetings, social gatherings, and trained support in VA affairs, the VFW is a great support mechanism for military members and their families.
- Veterans Support Group- Provides free assistance to Veterans of all military branches
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: PTSD: National Center for PTSD: Provides support systems for veterans struggling with PTSD and PTSD symptoms

### Resource Centers/Helplines

- Veterans Crisis Line- connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.
- Lines for Life: Military Helpline- Provides a FREE helpline for veterans to call or text 24/7/365
- Active Heroes- A helpline for veterans and their families to call for support and help year round

### Legal

- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs: Legal Help for Veterans- Provides legal service clinics to veterans
- American Bar Association Offers Pro Bono services for veterans and their families
- Veterans' Legal Aid Society Assist with coordinating access to legal services for veterans
- National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) Assist with veterans' benefits



## Education

- American Military University- AMU educates those in the military and related communities
- **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)** Government program that matches contributions on a 2-to-1 basis
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program for eligible dependents for disabled veterans
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Information about the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill

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