Department of Veterans Affairs
Homeless Program

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Ending homelessness is a top priority

- “...we will provide new help for homeless Veterans because those heroes have a home—it’s the country they served, the United States of America. And until we reach a day when not a single Veteran sleeps on our nation's streets, our work remains unfinished.”

President Barack Obama, March 16, 2009
Point In Time Count

2009 – 2012 -17.2%

• Point-in-Time (PIT) estimates offer a snapshot of homelessness—of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations—on a single night.

• 62,619 veterans were homeless on a single night in 2012. Homelessness among veterans has declined by 17.2 percent since 2009.

• Note: Additional CoC-level detail on Point-in-Time estimates of veteran homelessness can be found at: www.hudhre.info.
The Six Pillars

- Outreach/Education
- Prevention
- Housing and Supportive Services
- Income/Employment/Benefits
- Community Partnerships
- Treatment
VHA
Transforming Homeless Veteran Programs & Services
Outreach~Prevention~Treatment~Permanent Housing

Federal, State, Local Municipalities, and Community Collaborations

Homeless & At-Risk Veterans

Prevention Services

24/7 Rapid Re-Housing & Response Services

Treatment, Rehabilitation & Case Management

Permanent Housing

Outreach & National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

U.S. Interagency Council On Homelessness

VA Five-Year Plan Ending Homelessness Among Veterans

Outreach/Education
Prevention
Treatment
Income/Employment/Benefits
Housing/Supportive Services
Community Partnerships

State Veterans Affairs Offices
Veteran Service Organizations
National Homeless Advocacy Organizations
Homeless Program Overview

- Hud/Vash
- Grant and Per Diem (GPD)
- Contract Residential Facilities
- Safe Havens
- Permanent Supported Housing / Community Based
- Supportive Services Grants for Low Income Veterans and Families (SSVF)
- Justice programs
National Call Center

NATIONAL CALL CENTER
for Homeless Veterans

1-877-4AID-VET
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Questions?

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