



# VA Homeless Services

Franklin County Homeless Continuum of Care Panel

January 13, 2016

# Target Population

Individuals that have served as Active Duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, & Coast Guard with appropriate discharge

# Eligibility Requirements

## **VA Healthcare Eligibility (general guidelines – eligibility must be confirmed):**

- Active Duty prior to September 7, 1980: Served 1-day (other than training), separated under any condition other than Dishonorable
- Enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty as a commissioned officer after October 16, 1981: Served 24 continuous months or the full period called to active duty, separated under any condition other than Dishonorable (Minimum duty requirement may not apply to Veterans who were discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, for a hardship or “early out”.)
- Reservist or National Guard called to active duty by a Federal Order (for other than training purposes) and completed the full call-up period
- Veterans with a verified Service-Connected Condition.

# Referral and Linkage

## **Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Outreach**

Check VA Eligibility and Connect Veterans with Resources to Prevent or Overcome Homelessness

Walk-In Hours:        420 North James Road  
                                  Community Outreach Division in Behavioral Health  
                                  Monday-Friday 9-11am & 1-3pm

Call:                      Local Hotline: 614-257-5499  
                                  Stacy Potts, LISW-S: 614-452-0133  
                                  Heather Olds, LCSW: 614-203-9053

# Crisis Services

**HCHV Walk-In or Local Hotline** during posted hours

**Behavioral Health Walk-In Hours:**

420 North James Road

Behavioral Health (North Side of Building)

Monday-Friday 8 to 4:30

**National Crisis Line:** 1-800-273-8255

# Available Services

## **Emergency Housing**

- VA Emergency Housing (VAEH)
  - Volunteers of America –Up to 15 beds for Male VA eligible Veterans
  - Faith Mission- Up to 24 beds for Male and Female VA eligible Veterans

## **Transitional Housing**

- Grant Per Diem (GPD) Transitional Housing Service
  - Volunteers of America- Up to 40 beds for Male VA eligible and Non VA eligible Veterans

## **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

- HUD VASH Scattered Site PSH
  - 344 Section 8 Vouchers with VA Case management
- Common's At Livingston
  - Up to 100 PSH Project Based units for individuals with Military Experience

# Available Services

## **Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention**

- Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)-Time limited temporary payments and support to help Veterans exit or prevent homelessness
  - Faith Mission SSVF                      614-224-6617
  - Volunteers of America VFF      614-629-9960

## **Legal Services**

- Veterans Justice Outreach-Provides outreach and linkage to VA services for Veterans enrolled in Veteran Courts.
- Legal Clinic-Volunteers from Ohio Legal Aid to provide legal advice to Veterans regarding civil matters. Thursdays 9 to 11 at the Columbus VA

## **Healthcare**

- Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (HPACT)-Provides Healthcare Outreach and Primary Care for Veterans experiencing homelessness.

# Available Services

## **Healthcare**

- Primary & Specialty Outpatient Care Services-Healthcare for VA & Income eligible Veterans

## **Behavioral Healthcare**

- General Outpatient with counseling and psychiatry; Specialty Care including Integrated Dual Disorder Teams, Mental Health Intensive Case Management; PTSD treatment & Evidence Based Treatment options
- Recovery Services including Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP); Motivational Enhancement informed services; Methadone and Suboxone interventions.



# Available Services

## **Vocational Services**

- Compensated Work Therapy-including Transitional Work placements and Supportive Employment
- Community Employment- Rapid Engagement and linking Veterans with available jobs in the community.

# System Utilization

## VHA Services for Homeless Veterans-Columbus FY 15

- Unique Veterans 2610
- Encounters 20494
- Female 240 (9%)
- OEF-OIF 333 (13%)
- Average Age 50.1
- Deceased 25 (1%)