

Did you know?

- Veterans with untreated military trauma may be more likely to become involved with the legal system.
- Most Veterans in jail or prison are likely eligible for VA outreach services, and upon release, for VA health care services.
- Veterans in the justice system may be eligible for drug, mental health or Veterans court intervention as an alternative to incarceration.

**Change a life today.
Get a Veteran to call
for help.**

**Asking just one
more question
could change a life.**



**Have you served in
the U.S. Military?**



VA Needs Your Help.

Without knowing it, every day in your profession you may encounter a Veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They served our country and now we must work together to serve them.

VA has comprehensive programs to prevent and eliminate Veteran homelessness. Help us by identifying homeless or at risk Veterans in your line of duty, and encourage them to call:

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

TOLL-FREE

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

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



**If you encounter someone who might be a
Veteran, stop, ask and help.**

Make the Call!

Call VA's toll-free hotline:

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

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



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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.



VA Services Available for Justice-Involved Veterans

VA is committed to the principle that when homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse or other health care issues play a role in Veterans' justice involvement, both the Veteran and the community are better served by treating the underlying problems, when possible and appropriate, as an alternative to incarceration.

Locally Based Justice Outreach Specialists at VA medical centers across the country are the lynchpin of VA's support for justice-involved Veterans. These specialists work directly with eligible Veterans and local justice system partners to ensure justice-involved Veterans are connected to the support available to them.

Although VA cannot provide health care for Veterans who are currently incarcerated, support for incarcerated Veterans may include:

- Medical and mental health assessment and treatment planning
- Clinical case management services

- Communication with officers of the court regarding Veterans' compliance with VA treatment programs, including attendance in treatment and results of toxicology tests conducted for treatment purposes
- Connection to VA's array of services and benefits for Veterans in need, including
 - Help finding and keeping safe housing
 - Job training
 - Education
 - Medical, dental and mental health care

For incarcerated Veterans, additional support includes:

- Pre-release assessments
- Assistance in establishing eligibility for VHA and VBA services
- Discharge or transition planning to link Veterans to VA or community services upon release to decrease the likelihood of re-incarceration
- Post-release services in emergency psychiatric or crisis intervention, substance use, transitional housing and employment

Help Us Eliminate Veteran Homelessness. SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT VA BENEFITS AND SERVICES.

If you encounter a homeless or at risk Veteran in your line of duty, refer them to VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. VA needs your help to ensure no Veteran goes without a home.

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.