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Save the Date! 2011 NCHV Annual Conference, June 6-8 in Washington, D.C.

Registration opens soon, information available on NCHV website

Mark your calendar for the premiere homeless veteran-specific training and networking event in the nation! The 2011 NCHV Annual Conference and Membership Meeting will take place June 6-8 at the **Grand Hyatt Washington** in Washington, D.C.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the discounted government rate. You are responsible for making your own reservations with Hyatt – call the hotel directly at 202-582-1234 and make sure to specify you will be attending the NCHV Annual Conference to receive the discounted rate. Book in advance, as the reserved block has sold out several years in a row.

The 2011 conference will mark the second year of the current administration's Five-Year Plan to End Homelessness among Veterans. Join us for updates from federal agencies, training on topics across the spectrum of homeless veteran services and issues, and networking with service providers from across the country.

Training tracks of special emphasis will include:

- Impact of the Five-Year Plan on homeless veteran programs
- Focus on legal assistance for homeless veterans
- Stand Down administration and resources
- Role of "Housing First" in ending veteran homelessness

Conference fees will remain the same as last year in order to help attendees control costs. Three-day registration fees for the 2011 NCHV Annual Conference are \$395 for members and \$475 for non-members.

Registration will open soon. For the latest information, stay tuned to NCHV's **[2011 NCHV Annual Conference page](#)**.

Call for Entries – Annual NCHV Awards

NCHV members are invited to nominate deserving individuals and organizations for the following awards. Winners will be honored at the NCHV Annual Awards Banquet on June 7 in Washington, D.C.

- **Outstanding Member**
To the NCHV member that has demonstrated leadership in coalition building.
- **Partnership Award**
To a person or organization (not an NCHV member) who has contributed to the development of partnerships to expand the services available for homeless veterans.
- **Public Policy Award**
To a local or state person or organization for influencing or implementing public policy to benefit homeless veterans.
- **Unsung Hero Award**
To a person who has contributed to the recognition of the homeless veteran issue in a supporting or unrecognized leadership role.
- **Departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor Staff Awards**

Fax your nomination to 202-546-2063, or email to rbrown@nchv.org.

Planning for the 2011 Point-in-Time Count

Guidance for counting veterans

Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the country undertake community-wide efforts to collect information on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires CoCs to complete this point-in-time (PIT) count at least every two years during the last ten days of January. 2011 is a required year, and planning for conducting the count is underway.

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) has posted information and planning tips and resources for the 2011 PIT count on the [ICH website](#). HUD has also released guidance for counting homeless veterans in the 2011 PIT count, which is available through the HUD [Homelessness Resource Exchange](#).

DOL Upgrades Re-employment Web Portal

Gateway to information on employment, training

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has upgraded its re-employment web portal to provide access to assistance beyond career and job searches. [The Career One Stop re-employment site](#) now offers a single source for information on jobs; career training; unemployment benefits; and assistance with necessities such as food, housing, health care and utility payments. The resources will prove useful to everyone from recently laid-off workers and unemployment insurance claimants to individuals who have exhausted their unemployment benefits and those seeking to change careers.

The portal offers information and guidance related to such varied topics as food stamps, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, continuing health insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program,

credit counseling, avoiding foreclosure, and pursuing education and training. In addition, visitors may search for both federal and state resources.

Promoting Wellness: An Integrated Approach to Homeless Service Delivery

Free two-day training, March 16-17 in Tampa

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Homelessness Resource Center (HRC), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Services in Supportive Housing (SSH), DOL's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), and SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) are offering a free two-day regional training in the Tampa, Florida, metro area. The training will take place March 16-17.

The purpose of this training is to advance best practices and innovative strategies to resolve homelessness, based on person-centered, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented approaches to care. Sessions will include topics related to housing, employment, critical time intervention, consumer integration, motivational interviewing, medical care for non-medical providers, population-focused approaches, communities of practice, self-care and more.

This training will be applicable to anyone working in homeless services in contexts such as street outreach, drop-in centers, shelters, permanent supportive housing, criminal justice re-entry, mental health, addictions, health care, supported employment, faith-based initiatives, and schools. Direct service providers, consumers, support staff, administrators, government staff, and policy makers are all welcome. A special invitation is extended to PATH, SSH and HVRP grantees.

For more information, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunities

The James J. And Angelia Harris Foundation awards grants to eligible Georgia and North Carolina nonprofits. Proposals in all topic areas will be considered. The Foundation supports annual and capital campaigns, building construction/renovation, challenge/matching grants, general operating support, program development, and scholarship funds. There are no application deadlines or forms. Contact the Foundation at James J. and Angelia Harris Foundation, Grants Administrator, P.O. Box 220427, Charlotte, NC 28222, or by phone at 704-364-6046.

RGK Foundation works to be a catalyst for progressive change in humanitarian concerns. By seeking innovative projects in the area of health, education, human services and community affairs, the Foundation strives to advance knowledge, improve society and help realize human potential. The Foundation has no geographic limitations, but each interested applicant must first submit a letter of inquiry. There are no deadlines to submit letters of inquiry. For more information, [click here](#).

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Mission: The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans will end homelessness among veterans by shaping public policy, promoting collaboration, and building the capacity of service providers.

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