

## NCHV eNewsletter

February 2014



### Registration Now Open! 2014 NCHV Annual Conference

May 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

**"Bridging the Gap" – May 28-30, 2014 | Grand Hyatt Washington | Washington, D.C.**

In nearly every community across the country, the resources exist to end veteran homelessness. However, having every puzzle piece does not mean the full picture has been completed. We must connect the pieces and, where pieces are still missing, push for targeted and immediate action.

This connectivity and action must be informed and strategic if we are to achieve the objective of ending homelessness among veterans by 2015. This May, you can be a part of the country's premiere forum for engaging in this strategic dialogue: the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans' Annual Conference.

The 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, themed "Bridging the Gap," is a two-and-a-half-day intensive training event with over 30 unique workshops and over 80 expert panelists from government, research, and the service provider community. The Conference includes several opportunities, including a networking lunch and awards banquet (included in your registration fee) to engage with and honor the hundreds of peers from across the country who are actively involved in ending veteran homelessness.

For communities where sufficient resources exist, the Conference will teach you how to convert housing, speak the language of mainstream medical and supportive service providers, and decrease the time it takes for a veteran to move from on the streets to stably housed. Those communities lacking in sufficient resources will learn about new targeted initiatives across several Federal agencies, methods for improving local data collection to ensure adequate resource allocations, and prevention best practices.

The NCHV Policy Session will provide you with resources and guidance for successfully engaging your Members of Congress. These are only a few of the training topics at this year's Conference. Learn to align personal, organizational, community, and national goals with the resources and best practices from your colleagues in the field. Now is the time to help your local community to connect the pieces and bridge the gap between where you are and how you define success in your community. As VA Secretary Shinseki stated at the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference: "We've given ourselves two more years to do this, and in the words of the U.S. Cavalry, we're burning daylight. There is work to be done; let's get on with it."

To register online, [click here](#). To download a registration form to return by fax, [click here](#).

To reserve your room at the Grand Hyatt for the discounted rate, [click here](#).

**Conference registration and the discounted hotel room block are both expected to sell out. Be sure to register early to ensure your spot at this landmark event!**

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## **NCHV Stand Down Training Webinars in March**

**Webinar on Stand Down Development – March 3;**

**Webinar on Stand Down Financing – March 10**

### **Webinar on Stand Down Development**

**March 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. EST**

Starting with the first Stand Down in San Diego in 1988, Stand Down events have continued the mission of providing a “hand up, not hand out” to homeless veterans in local communities. Learn how to contribute to this mission by supporting a Stand Down in your community.

On **March 3 at 2:00 p.m. EST**, NCHV’s TA Center will host a webinar training on the Stand Down program, focusing on an introduction to Stand Down development and planning. This training will provide an introduction to Stand Downs, an overview of the different types and classifications of Stand Down events, and an outline of the major partners necessary for a successful event.

Participants will learn where to find more information on local events, about funding and donation resources, and about the various guidebooks and tools available to community partners. This training provides the foundation for the “Stand Down Financing” webinar on March 10.

HVRP grantees and their partners interested in learning more about development of a Stand Down are encouraged to participate in this training. Community partners wanting to support local Stand Down events and current Stand Down organizers expanding or improving existing events should participate.

### **TO REGISTER FOR “STAND DOWN DEVELOPMENT”**

Send the following information to [hvrp@nchv.org](mailto:hvrp@nchv.org):

Name:

Organization:

E-mail Address:

Organization Address:

You will receive instructions for joining the training and a link to the training materials when you register. For additional questions, please contact Baylee Crone at [bcrone@nchv.org](mailto:bcrone@nchv.org) or 202-546-1969.

### **Webinar on Stand Down Financing**

**March 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. EDT**

Stand Down events across the country create an access point for homeless veterans and their families seeking services. To be effective, Stand Down organizers leverage partners within the community to help match the needs of veterans to available resources. While Stand Downs vary

widely in structure and services, all Stand Down events require budget planning and fundraising to support activities.

On **March 10 at 2:00 p.m. EDT**, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) is hosting a webinar training on the Stand Down program, focusing on financing and coordinated services. This training will outline the application process for DOL-VETS HVRP Stand Down grants, provide methods for engaging the VA Medical Center in your Stand Down, and describe the major partnerships necessary for a successful event.

Organizations participating in or planning their first Stand Down events are encouraged to participate in the NCHV TA Center training Webinar "Stand Down Development" on March 3. Participants in "Stand Down Financing" should include HVRP grantees and their partners, other Stand Down organizers, and community partners interested in filling in gaps between veteran needs and available services. State workforce agencies, state and local workforce investment boards, veterans service organizations (VSOs), local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations, including community- and faith-based organizations that anticipate applying for Stand Down funds, are encouraged to participate.

#### **TO REGISTER FOR "STAND DOWN FINANCING"**

Send the following information to [hvrp2@nchv.org](mailto:hvrp2@nchv.org):

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## **Roundtables Convene on Veterans' Employment Services**

### **DOL-VETS hosts series on veteran employment in construction**

Following First Lady Michelle Obama's announcement on Feb. 10 that the construction industry has pledged to hire 100,000 veterans over the next five years, the Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) hosted a series of breakout sessions and roundtables to discuss veterans' employment.

A National Symposium: Veterans' Employment in Construction included information sessions on how to access veterans' employment services, which are available at more than 2,600 American Jobs Centers across the country; details regarding registered apprenticeship programs; and an overview of credentialing and certifications for veterans interested in careers in the construction industry.

Employers, workers' organizations, veterans service organizations, and educators explored the opportunities and programs available through the department for veterans to get the skills they need to fill the construction jobs.

To view American Job Center resources for veterans, [click here](#). For more information on apprenticeships, [click here](#).

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## Funding Opportunities

**The Alfred Bersted Foundation** was established in 1972 to support and promote quality educational, human services, and health care programming for underserved populations. The Alfred Bersted Foundation specifically serves the people of DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, & McHenry counties in Illinois. The next deadline for applications is April 15. For more information, [click here](#).

**The Heinz Endowments** provide grants to nonprofit organizations in southwestern Pennsylvania in the following areas: arts and culture; children, youth and families; education; environment; and community and economic development. The next deadline for applications is March 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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