

NCHV eNewsletter

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Thank You! 2017 NCHV Annual Conference Session Materials Available Online

More to be posted as they are received

[Download the 2017 NCHV Annual Conference program](#), featuring the full Conference schedule, session tracks and descriptions, speaker bios, and more information on this year's event.

Many of the presentation materials from the 2017 NCHV Annual Conference are now available on the [Annual Conference page of our website](#). As we receive the rest, they will continue to be posted so check back for updates.

Photos from the event are posted in several albums on our [Facebook](#) page. Please feel free to tag yourself or your organization in any photos you're in!

Stay tuned for the latest updates, and thank you again for helping to make this year's Annual Conference a great success!

NCHV Partners with Synchrony Financial to Better Assist Women Veterans with Children

Help by providing input based on your experiences in your community

The current state of the field has shown us and our partners that we need better data and insight on the needs of vulnerable and high-risk families, especially female heads of household. We have some data around serving veterans in these groups, but even this data is limited.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans has partnered with Synchrony Financial to assess the contributing factors to housing instability among women and women veterans with children and the barriers that can hinder their ability to find resolution to move their lives forward. The information you provide us will be extremely valuable and will be used to advocate for services to better serve women and women veterans with children experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified back to you will remain strictly confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission. At the end of the survey, you will be able to opt in or out of providing your contact information if you consent to survey providers contacting you at a later date if there is a need for follow-up information.

Please take a few moments to help us by [completing the survey found here](#). Thank you for your time, and for all you do to help veterans in your community!

Recent NVTAC Webinar Recordings Available Online

View our archive of webinars at www.nchv.org

We post recordings and presentation materials of all webinars presented by the NCHV TA Center and the National Veterans Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC).

Two recent NVTAC webinars: [Legal Services at Stand Downs](#), and [Employers: The Other Client in HVRP](#) are now available in the archive.

View our entire webinar/teleconference archive [by clicking here](#).

Wrap-up and Resources from National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

Presentations and videos available online

The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently held their 2017 National Conference in Washington, D.C. NCHV CEO Kathryn Monet was on hand to speak on a panel, various staff attended sessions, and we also had an exhibitor table to share information on NCHV and veteran homelessness.

NAEH has posted a blog about the event, including links to presentation materials from the sessions, video of plenary speakers, and other items related to the conference. For the full recap and resources, [click here](#).

VA Honors Outstanding Achievement in Support of Veteran Homelessness Programs

Awardees include VA staff, VA organizations, community organizations

WASHINGTON — During several award ceremonies across the country in July, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will honor exemplary facilities, employees and civilian providers working to address veteran homelessness.

“VA’s strong community efforts on veteran homelessness are being supported by the hard work, innovation and dedication of thousands of VA employees and civilian partners,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin. “Helping veterans get housing is vital for them, but it also demonstrates clearly to the nation our enduring commitment to those who have served so well.”

The Secretary’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service for Homeless Veterans saluted top achievers in the following three categories:

VA Employees

Julie E. Irwin, Homeless Care line manager, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 2 (Bronx, N.Y.)

Michael Wehrer, supervisor, Homeless Care Team, Erie VA Medical Center (Erie, Penn.)
Kristen Weese, program manager, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program, Western New York Health Care System (Buffalo, N.Y.)

VA Organizations

Domiciliary Service — VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Palo Alto, Calif.
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program, New Orleans
Albany Stratton VA Medical Center, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program, Albany.

Community Organizations

John E. Ratka, executive director, Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, Haverhill, Mass.
Family Endeavors, Fayetteville, N.C.
Ivory Mathews, executive director, The Greenville Housing Authority, Greenville, S.C.
Team AMVETS, Garden Grove, Calif.
Project Community Connections, Inc., Atlanta
Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program, Richmond, Va.

Funding Opportunities

The Agnes M Lindsay Trust is impacting health and welfare organizations with grants that support capital projects to benefit those with special needs, including the blind, deaf and learning disabled, elderly, children's homes, youth organizations, youth and family service organizations, homeless shelters and foodbanks. This foundation awards grants in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Letters of Inquiry are reviewed on a monthly basis. For more information, visit www.lindsaytrust.org.

Open Your Heart's primary purpose is to assist agencies in improving and expanding their facilities to better serve hungry and homeless people. Typical grant awards include funding for kitchen equipment, refrigeration and storage, repair/replacement of HVAC, shelter beds, security systems, renovation of food shelves or homeless/domestic violence shelters, and construction to meet ADA or building codes. Grants are focused on areas within the facilities that directly serve hungry and homeless people rather than administrative space. Street outreach programs are also eligible for this grant. Grants for this program are only available in Minnesota. Grant applications are due July 1, Sept. 1, and Nov. 1. For application info, visit www.oyh.org.

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For the latest news, resources and grant information, visit our website at www.nchv.org.

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