



Project H.O.M.E.'s Training and Employment Program

Philadelphia gas and electric company creates opportunities for local vets; forthcoming Corporate Connection guide to employment programs and hiring initiatives

Working to find employment for homeless veterans is both challenging and rewarding, as Jen McAleese, the coordinator of Project H.O.M.E.'s PECO Veterans Training & Employment Program, discussed in a recent interview with NCHV. The Project H.O.M.E. program provides homeless and formerly homeless veterans with career education, technology training, mentoring, and—most importantly—paid internships at participating businesses in the Philadelphia area. Participants in the program have demonstrated a commitment to recovery and all are eager to rejoin the workforce. PECO, a Philadelphia electric and natural gas company, provides funding for the program and offers two internship positions per cycle to program participants.

McAleese stresses establishing personal connections with local businesses and their hiring executives as critical to placing homeless and formerly homeless veterans in meaningful internships. PECO and other participating businesses receive interns who are, as she describes, “hardworking, determined, committed to positive change, and quick to learn.”

For more information on Project H.O.M.E.'s PECO Veteran Training and Employment Program, contact Jen McAleese at jenmcaleese@projecthome.org. For information and resources on employment programs and hiring initiatives for homeless veterans, **be on the lookout for NCHV's forthcoming Corporate Connection's Guide to Employment Programs and Hiring Initiatives for Homeless Veterans.**



Amtrak commits to 25 percent of new hires to be veterans Company expects to hire more than 3,000 employees over the next year

Amtrak has committed to making veterans 25 percent of all new hires over the next year. To reach this goal, the company is partnering with recruiting groups that focus on veteran hiring, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Hiring our Heroes, the Wounded Warrior Project, RecruitMilitary and Army PaYS. In fiscal year 2012, more than 14 percent of new hires were veterans.

For information on career opportunities at Amtrak, visit

Amtrak.com/VeteransCareers. Amtrak President and CEO Joe Boardman is a Vietnam veteran.

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Virginia Values Veterans program reaches milestone

The Department of Veterans Services' [Virginia Values Veterans Program](#) (V3) certified 103 Virginia employers in its pilot year who



Wells Fargo Launches Financial Education Program for Military

Hands on Banking partners with national credit agency to teach financial education classes across the U.S.

Wells Fargo has joined forces with the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) to bring [Hands on Banking for Military](#) to service members in the continental United States. Through close to 700 locations across the country, NFCC's Member Agencies will teach local Hands on Banking for Military classes. In addition to the group education designed to keep military personnel and their families on a path to financial stability, more than 2200 NFCC agency counselors will provide one-on-one personalized financial reviews, budget planning and concrete solutions to pressing financial concerns.

Wells Fargo also has banking locations on nine bases across the country and plans to offer Hands on Banking for Military at these locations. Military and veteran groups wishing to have a representative teach a class, or individuals interested in scheduling a session with a financial specialist can contact the NFCC at (855) 374-2773.

National Supportive Housing Loan Program

The Corporation for Supportive

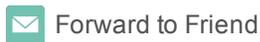
have committed to providing over 4,000 jobs for Virginia's Veterans; 2,487 Virginia veterans have already been hired. The goal for FY14 is to certify 180 employers, pledge 8,000 jobs with at least 4,000 hired before the end of the year.

The overall goals of V3 are to develop economic incentives for Virginia employers to hire and retain veterans and to identify systemic barriers and communicate them to appropriate state and federal authorities for resolution, then share best practices and lessons learned with V3 constituents.

Housing launched a national loan fund dedicated solely to supportive housing. The \$45 million Solutions Fund is built on more than 20 years of CSH's lending experience and involvement in local funds that have worked to bring public, private and philanthropic investors together. The goal of the fund is to reach underserved housing markets and infuse capital into supportive housing to meet the needs of the communities' most vulnerable.

Learn more about the Solutions Fund at csh.org/solutionsfund.

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