

## NCHV eNewsletter

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### 2015 NCHV Annual Conference Presentations Available Online!

Presentations and materials on [www.nchv.org](http://www.nchv.org)



Thank you to all presenters, attendees, guest speakers, and exhibitors who helped to make the 2015 NCHV Annual Conference - "25 Years: Thank You for Your Service," the largest event in NCHV history!

Presentations and additional materials are now being posted to the [Annual Conference page](#) on our website. The remaining presentations will be posted as we receive them. Thank you to all presenters for making your information available to attendees as well as those who weren't able to attend.

Check back to the [Annual Conference page](#) regularly for the latest additions!

[Download the 2015 NCHV Annual Conference program here.](#)

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### 2015 NCHV Award Winners Honored by Homeless Veteran Assistance Community

Annual NCHV Awards Ceremony, May 28 in Washington, D.C.

Each year, NCHV honors the commitment and service of a few of the many deserving organizations

and individuals helping homeless veterans across the nation. As is true every year, we received so many worthy nominations for truly inspiring individuals and organizations that are dedicated to ending veteran homelessness in their communities and throughout the country.

Read more about each of the 2015 NCHV Award recipients on NCHV's blog, [Coalition Call](#).

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## **New Referral Tool focused on Homeless Veterans**

### **Guide developed by USICH and VA**

The Obama Administration is committed to achieving an end to homelessness among our nation's veterans and to connecting veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness to needed services. Achieving this goal requires an 'all-of-community' response in which Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, homeless services organizations, Continuums of Care, health care providers, law enforcement, the public workforce investment system, and other community-based organizations work together to identify veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and refer them for assistance that can help them obtain permanent housing.

A Veterans' Referral Tool was developed as a guide to help connect veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness to appropriate housing and services. Specifically, this document provides guidance on how to:

- Identify veterans among others who are experiencing homelessness;
- Assess whether a veteran is experiencing or at-risk of homelessness;
- Identify what type of assistance is needed by each veteran experiencing homelessness; and,
- Refer veterans to appropriate sources for homelessness assistance.

This Referral Tool is available at:

[http://usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/Veterans\\_Referral\\_Tool\\_2015\\_FINAL.pdf](http://usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Veterans_Referral_Tool_2015_FINAL.pdf).

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## **NVTAC Webinar - Benefits: Social Security Administration**

### **Wednesday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. EDT**

Social Security disability benefits are critical sources of income for veterans with disabling mental or physical health conditions, and lead to increased housing stability and improved healthcare outcomes.

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR), is a federal program sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to increase access to disability benefits among people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Since 2006, states report 22,863 approvals on initial SSI/SSDI applications, with an approval rate of 65 percent in an average of 94 days using the SOAR model.

This presentation will describe best practices for utilizing SOAR with veterans who access HVRP services, with special emphasis on justice-involved veterans. Jen Elder and Dazara Ware from the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center at Policy Research Associates, Inc., and Cindy Borden of the NCHV TA Center will be leading the discussion.

### **TO REGISTER FOR "BENEFITS: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION"**

Please send the following information to [ssi@nchv.org](mailto:ssi@nchv.org):

First Name:  
Last Name:  
Email Address:  
Organization:  
Organization Address:  
What webinar are you registering for?  
Does your organization have an HVRP grant?

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

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## Funding Opportunities

**The Fidelity Foundation** seeks to work with organizations on strategic, transformative projects that have the potential to substantially increase the grantee's impact, efficiency or long-term stability. They seek to fund projects that focus on planning initiatives, technology, capital improvements, and organizational development. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, [click here](#).

**The Sowers Club of Lincoln, Inc.** is a charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of people in Nebraska. They seek to improve the quality of life in their community by providing a wide range of charitable giving with an emphasis on youth; underprivileged, and education. Applications are due by Sept. 15. For more information, [click here](#).

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### **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans**

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