

NCHV eNewsletter

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NCHV Annual Conference Sessions Announced, Register Today! May 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

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

To download the conference brochure, which includes schedule details and a list of sessions to be offered, [click here](#).

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) has released the list of sessions to be offered at the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference. The conference space has been expanded for this year's event, to allow a larger session schedule, as well as more repeat sessions to ensure conference attendees don't miss out on any of the vital training this event provides.

As we enter the home stretch of the VA Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness, it's critical that service providers across the country be as efficient and effective as possible with the record funding levels of resources being provided by VA, HUD, and DOL. The network of resources and services to end veteran homelessness is largely in place, and we now must move forward to strategically bridge any gaps that exist to ensure no veteran goes without a safe place to call home.

The 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, themed "Bridging the Gap," is shaping up to be the most intensive training event NCHV has ever held. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn more about proven methods and strategies to incorporate in your community!

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!

All of the latest updates and information can be found on the [NCHV Annual Conference page](#).

USICH Details Homeless Programs Requested in the President's FY 2015 Budget

Record funding levels proposed for several homeless veteran programs

President Obama's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget clearly demonstrates the high priority this Administration has for achieving the goals of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. This year's budget proposal includes more than \$5.69 billion for homelessness assistance funding, a 12 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations.

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) has developed [this fact sheet](#) to serve as an overview of homeless assistance programs across the Federal government.

"The President's Budget includes historic investments to prevent and end homelessness," said incoming USICH Executive Director Laura Zeilinger. "Together, we have proven that investing in data-driven, evidence-based solutions to homelessness works on a national scale."

President Obama's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget request reflects a core tenet of Opening Doors, that to end homelessness, we must invest in what works: evidence-based solutions like Housing First, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing.

Opening Doors calls for the strategic targeting of resources and effective implementation focused on outcomes. The budget request was constructed through a careful analysis of the specific number of housing units needed to achieve an end to veteran homelessness in 2015, chronic homelessness in 2016, and family homelessness in 2020, taking into account policy actions by Federal agencies to ensure that existing resources being deployed as efficiently as possible. The President's FY 2015 Budget Proposal is the fourth budget developed by USICH member agencies since the launch of Opening Doors and includes historic investments, such as:

- **Unwavering commitment to ending homelessness among veterans and their families in 2015.** The Budget contains \$1.64 billion for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs that prevent or end homelessness among veterans. This includes an increase of 17.8 percent, or \$248 million, over the 2014 level, continuing VA's steady progress toward ending homelessness among veterans and their families in 2015. Specifically, \$500 million is proposed for the VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, built on best practices developed across the country. For HUD-VASH program, there is \$321 million for VA case management and \$75 million proposed HUD funding for 10,000 additional vouchers.
- **Historic and strategic investments to implement the HEARTH Act.** The budget provides \$2.4 billion for Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Homeless Assistance Grants, \$301 million above the 2014 enacted level. This funding supports new permanent supportive housing units and maintains more than 330,000 HUD-funded beds, which assist persons who experience homelessness nationwide. These resources enable the Administration to achieve the goal of ending chronic homelessness in 2016 through the creation of 37,000 new permanent supportive housing units, while sustaining and advancing progress in ending homelessness among families and youth. The Administration is working with communities that create coordinated entry systems, and to retool existing local programs and policies to create more effective and efficient crisis response systems, while gathering further evidence of which interventions are most effective for specific sub-populations.

To learn more and download the fact sheet, [click here](#).

From the War Zone to the Home Front Series 2014

Free online PTSD treatment training from Massachusetts General Hospital and VA

On March 20, a new season of the popular "From the War Zone to the Home Front" training series makes its debut. In nine live online sessions, top experts discuss post-war issues facing veterans and their families. Free CE/CMEs are offered and the series is archived for convenience.

Thursdays at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET

- 3/20 - "Is There an App for That? A Consumer's Guide to Tackling the Invisible Wounds of War using Mobile Apps and Online Technology"
- 3/27 - "Staying Strong: helping families and schools build resilience in military-connected children"
- 4/3 - "Case Consultation: When Substance Abuse and PTSD Collide"
- 4/10 - "Reproductive Mental Health in Younger and Older Female Veterans"
- Learn more and register today.

This training series is hosted by the Massachusetts General Hospital in partnership with the Red Sox Foundation and the Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for PTSD.

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

Call for Nominations: Annual NCHV Awards

To be presented at the Annual NCHV Awards Banquet, May 29 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. We are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- **Outstanding Member** - to an NCHV member organization whose programs, partnerships, and people combine to create extraordinary results
- **Partnership Award** - to an organization or individual whose work on building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration
- **Public Policy Award** - to an elected official whose record shows strong commitment and action in measures to help homeless veterans
- **Unsung Hero Award** - to an individual whose efforts go above and beyond expectations, who expects nothing in return, and demonstrates a hero's heart for homeless veterans
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award** - to a Department of Veterans Affairs staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers
- **Department of Labor Staff Award** - to a Department of Labor staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers

Please submit a one to two page letter of nomination including the nominee's name, title, and which award you are nominating for by email to rbrown@nchv.org no later than April 21, 2014.

Funding Opportunities

The Dart Foundation considers grant requests in the following areas: education, community services (including basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and health services), and disaster relief. Grants are focused in mid-Michigan, Sarasota, FL, and the immediate vicinities of the following communities: Corona and Lodi, CA; Horse Cave, KY; Deerfield Beach and Plant City, FL;

Leola and Lancaster, PA; Lithonia, GA; North Aurora, IL; Quitman, MS; Randleman, NC; Tumwater, WA; and Waxahachie, TX. The next deadline for applications is June 15. For more information, [click here](#).

The Timothy and Bernadette Marquez Foundation provides funding to nonprofit organizations that show a commitment to innovation and big ideas in the following focus areas: education, health, and human services. A majority of the Foundation's funding is granted to organizations serving the Denver metro area. Application processes vary depending on the type of grant. For more information, [click here](#).

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