Welcome to the NCHV Annual Conference!

Thank you for speaking at this year’s National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) Annual Conference, *Yes in My Backyard – Putting Veterans First*. We are looking forward to seeing you in Washington, DC on May 31 – June 2!

Please take a few minutes to register for the conference [on this page](#). Choose the Non-Member One-Day Registration Fee marked “free”. Don’t worry… even though you checked the “One Day” box, your full registration fee for May 31 – June 2 is covered by us as a way to say thank you for your contribution to the Conference. It is very important that you register so we have accurate counts for the hotel.

The Research Track breakout sessions are scheduled for Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 (Listening Session with all available Researchers) as outlined below. You can find additional details about the NCHV Annual Conference, including the Conference program and detailed hotel information, on this [Presenters’ page](#), but please take a minute to review the additional details below as it contains important information about session logistics.

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

- Cindy

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Hotel Information
We will be at the Grand Hyatt DC located at 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20001. Most of our sessions and registration will be on the Constitution level (take the escalator down two levels).

Registration and Checking In
Getting in early? Drop by our early registration desk on Tuesday May 30th from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. near the Constitution Ballroom. On Wednesday May 31, the registration desk will open at 7:00 am. If you are arriving on June 1st or 2nd you can come straight to the main registration desk to pick up your materials.

Room Assignments and Room Set-Up
Take a look at the Conference program here to find your assigned room. You can also ask anyone on our team (look for the red ribbon on the badge) for this information and they will direct you to the correct room.

All rooms will be set up “theater” style to allow for maximum occupancy. Constitution A and B have seating for 200, while all other rooms can seat 60-90 people. We have tried to plan sessions according, but in some cases more participants may have an interest in a session than there is space in the room.

Session Structure
In each session, participants will be expected to devote time to thinking through how the specific study impacts or will impact the veterans they are serving and the way they operate their programs. In the last 15-20 minutes, as part of the Q&A, we would like there to be a discussion of the practice implications of the research. We have created a few possible questions (below) to guide that discussion, but feel free to amend as necessary.

- What stands out to you from this presentation?
- How does the material presented align with your experience in the field?
  - Does it reinforce or help explain something that you are seeing? Please explain.
  - Does it contradict your experience? How?
- How could this research impact your work?
  - Are there tangible implications for the day-to-day operations of your program? Please explain. How might you incorporate this research into your program?
  - Does the research have big-picture or strategic implications for your program or the service-delivery system in your community? Please explain.

A/V Needs
All rooms will be set up with a projector and cords to hook up your laptop. You will also have a speaker table with water and name cards for the speakers in your session. In the larger rooms, a microphone will be provided for you. An NCHV staff member will drop in during the 5-15
minutes before your session begins to check in, make sure your A/V is working, and give you the session surveys. This staff member is there to help you, so please arrive a few minutes early to set up your session.

**At least one presenter in each session will need to bring a laptop, and please bring your presentation with you!** Please be sure to coordinate with your co-presenters to ensure you have at least one laptop, if using slides, and that you have all of your presentations with you. NCHV staff will be on site during the Conference and unable to bring your presentation.

**If You Need to Print Materials…**
The hotel has a FedEx business center on-site; you can ask the front desk for information on using this business center. If you need to mail materials, please contact Anetris Campbell at acampbell@nchv.org ASAP to obtain shipping information. We suggest bringing your materials with you… NCHV will not be able to track your shipped materials or ensure delivery.

**Session Surveys**
Please leave 3-5 minutes at the end of your session for participants to fill out session surveys. These surveys help us gauge the relevance of the materials we present, and help determine topics for future trainings. The surveys are very important…thanks for your help!

**Follow-Up**
Unfortunately, not everyone involved in this work can attend the Annual Conference. We want to allow others in our community of service providers to access your expertise! Following the Conference, we ask all presenters to send us their materials (hand-outs, etc.) for posting on the NCHV website. You will notice NCHV staff writing notes and quotes in some sessions… we may contact you following the Conference for an article to be published in the NCHV newsletter. Help us spread the good work you are doing!

Thank you.

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