

“Stand Down Development” Webinar (3/3/2014) – Fact Sheet

We have a large population of Akichita (tribal veterans) here in North Dakota. Do you have a resource person or information for anyone who has done a Stand Down Pow Wow?

Some of your best resources for learning about Stand Downs are other organizations which have already coordinated, or are in the planning stages of coordinating, such events. Please review the table on NCHV’s [Stand Down webpage](#). Then, contact service providers in or near North Dakota to learn more about assisting tribal veterans.

Is there a program to have Stand Down-like services for incarcerated veterans as they are released from an institution?

To obtain information about assisting incarcerated veterans, please refer to NCHV’s [Incarcerated Veterans webpage](#). Among the resources listed here, you will find a publication titled [Planning for Your Release: A Guide for Incarcerated Veterans](#). The document contains information about toll free phone numbers, housing, employment, health, financial and legal help, federal benefits, replacing personal records, and more.

What are your suggestions to publicize events to veterans?

Any organization hosting a Stand Down should complete the 2014 Stand Down Notice of Proposed Event Form on NCHV’s [Stand Down webpage](#). Once your organization completes this form, NCHV will take the steps to add your event to a comprehensive listing of Stand Downs, available on the same webpage. In addition, the NCHV bi-monthly print newsletter will include an entry for your event. By sharing the event with a wide service provider audience through these postings, local groups will be able to refer homeless veterans to your Stand Down.

There are many additional ways to publicize your event to veterans. Partnerships with a range of community organizations and businesses are critical. Contact HVRP grantee(s), other nonprofit organizations, Veterans Service Organizations, public agencies, churches, and your VA Medical Center. Communicate with them the goals of Stand Down and the service offerings of your upcoming event. Indicate that you would appreciate it if these community organizations and businesses would spread the word to veterans in the area.

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To find your VA Medical Center by state, please click on [this link](#).

Would you be able to send out an email with the link to the presentation?

NCHV's "Post-Conference Notes" webpage contains an archive of all NCHV webinars. On this webpage, there are presentations posted by topic, then date. Once you click on the webinar link of interest, you will find the PowerPoint presentation from that original webinar. The "Post-Conference Notes" webpage is located [here](#).

Is there a place where we can find out who has Stand Downs?

NCHV posts information about upcoming Stand Down events on its [Stand Down webpage](#). By scrolling to the bottom of that webpage, you will find the date, classification, location, and point(s) of contact for each event listed.

Have you found resistance on the part of VA or Veterans Service Organizations to attorneys who wish to provide pro bono legal services at Stand Down? If so, how was that overcome?

To learn more about the Homeless Court Program, please read the publication titled Taking the Court to Stand Down, which is available [here](#).

Who do we notify of our Stand Down for posting on the website?

You may contact Kyle McEvelly to have your event listed on NCHV's website and in its print newsletter. Please complete the 2014 Stand Down Notice of Proposed Event Form and e-mail it to kmcevilly@nchv.org or fax it to (202) 546-2063 or (888) 233-8582.

With the rise in numbers of veterans who are "at-risk" of becoming homeless, how would you suggest aligning a Stand Down to meet the needs of these veterans?

As mentioned above, reaching out to other service providers who have familiarity with Stand Downs can be a strong asset when assisting veterans at risk of homelessness.

Please review the table on NCHV's [Stand Down webpage](#). Then, contact any of the service providers listed.

How do we secure military surplus?

VA has made detailed instructions available to service providers requesting surplus for Stand Down events. A step-by-step process is available on NCHV's [Stand Down webpage](#). The attachments needed to complete your request are located on that same webpage.

What specifically do you do for female veterans during a Stand Down?

Lists of the services typically offered at Stand Downs are available on the presentation slides from this webinar.

How do we register for future webinars?

Please continue to check for announcements about upcoming webinars from the NCHV Technical Assistance Center. These announcements appear in email and on NCHV's [Teleconferences webpage](#).

At the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, will there be any breakouts for Stand Down?

There are no specific sessions dedicated to Stand Down programming at the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference. However, all Conference attendees should feel free to raise questions about Stand Down to other participants or presenters at the event.

Is there a faith-based component to Stand Down service offerings?

A Stand Down's offerings are reflected by its length, location, and desired outcome in a given community. Spiritual services may be central elements in a Stand Down, especially a 3- to 4-day ("Classic") event. Reaching out to local churches in your community is a helpful first step if you want to include spiritual services throughout your Stand Down.

How do VFW Service Officers factor into the Stand Down referral process?

For more information on this topic, please contact your state's VFW Service Officer. You can find phone numbers for these individuals [here](#).

What can we receive funds for at our Stand Down? Food is not a problem for us, but other supplies are. It is also expensive to hold the pre-Stand Down meetings. We could use help with those expenses, too. Can we order our surplus items early? Our Stand Down is always the fourth Saturday in October, and most of the items our veterans want are gone.

To learn more about requesting surplus, please review the step-by-step instructions posted on NCHV's [Stand Down webpage](#). An email address to reach the National Stand Down Coordinator is available within those step-by-step instructions.

May we please receive a copy of the slides used at the webinar?

You may find a copy of the slides from the "Stand Down Development" webinar on NCHV's website. The [Post-Conference Notes webpage](#) lists an archive of our online presentations by topic, then date.