

## VHPD Eligibility

- Must be eligible for VA Healthcare
  - At risk of becoming homeless (see criteria below)
- Income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- No other resources or support available to prevent homelessness

## At Risk of Becoming Homeless

**A household is at-risk of becoming homeless if they meet at least one of housing instability criteria listed below**

- At least 30 days behind in rent
- Eviction within 2 weeks from private dwelling (including housing provided by friends and family )
- Residency in housing that has been condemned by housing officials and is no longer meant for human habitation
- At least 30 days behind in utilities
- Housing cost burden (greater than 50% of income spent on housing)
- Sudden and significant loss of income of at least 25%
  - Imminent unemployment
- Mental health and/or substance abuse

## VHPD Assistance

VHPD assistance is focused on maintaining or accessing stable housing, health care and employment services, either directly or through referral to community resources including:

### Financial Assistance

Security and utility deposits, rental assistance, utility payment and moving costs (including security and utility deposit for Veterans accepted into HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)

### Supportive Services

Case management, transportation, child care, credit repair and referral to alternative community services.

### Access to VA Health Care and Benefits

Evaluation of eligibility, clinical assessment and access to treatment.

### Education & Employment Opportunities

Transitional assistance, job training, job placement and supported employment.

### Program Priority

Veterans and Veterans with families at risk of homelessness or experiencing short-term homelessness.

While Veterans from all wars are eligible, priority is given to veterans returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan , Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND)

## About VHPD

The VHPD project is a pilot (demonstration) collaborative initiative by the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Labor (DOL) to explore innovative early interventions to help prevent veteran homelessness, targeted to service members returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq .

The Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center (CNYVOC) was selected as one of five communities in the country for this program. The other communities that were selected are San Diego CA, (Camp Pendleton), Tampa FL, (MacDill Air Force Base), Killeen Texas (Forth Hood) and Tacoma WA (Joint Base Lewis –McChord).

The Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center was formed to provide and conduct charitable, education, social and housing services for Veterans in need.

The Veteran's Outreach Center was developed by an Iraqi War Veteran who realized there was a lack of services for Veterans in Upstate New York. Determined to make a difference, he decided to form an organization that would work to improve the services that are and can be provided to Veterans in our area.



## Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center

### VETERAN HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (VHPD)



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(315)765-0975

Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties  
Transitional Living Services of Northern  
New York  
(315)782-1777

Rome Outpatient Clinic  
(315)334-7100

VA National Call Center  
For Homeless Veterans  
1-877-4AID VET  
(1-877-424-3838)



## VETERANS HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (VHPD)

Are you a Veteran?

Do you have limited income  
or are you unemployed ?

Are you and your family at  
risk of being evicted ?

### VHPD

MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU

