

Stand Down: Development and Innovative Practices



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Federal Programs to Fulfill Needs of Homeless Veterans

- Department of Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)
- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Department of Labor Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)
- **Stand Down**



Stand Down Overview:

- What is Stand Down?
 - Background and philosophy
 - Classifications of Stand Downs
 - Location of Stand Down
- How do you organize a Stand Down?
 - Needs of homeless veterans
 - 6 Goals
 - 10 Steps
 - Applying for funding
 - After the event



Stand Down: What it is

- Rest and recovery for combat units
- Robert Van Keuren and Dr. Jon Nachison
- “Hand up, not a handout” philosophy
- 1-3 day events hosted locally
- Provides services to homeless veterans and their families at one location



Classifications of Stand Downs

Stand Down

- **Time period:** 3-day event (minimum)
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans and their families/significant others only
- **Services provided:** Shelter provided throughout event; food; personal care (haircuts, personal care supplies, clothing); picture ID services; health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care; dental care; VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling; legal services; employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs); spiritual services; activities to empower homeless veterans and create a “community” (town meetings, tent leaders, open mike, entertainment, graduation)



Classifications of Stand Downs

Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (Modified Stand Down model)

- **Time period:** 1- or 2-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans and their families/significant others only
- **Services provided:** Shelter provided throughout event; food; personal care (haircuts, personal care supplies, clothing); picture ID services; health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care; dental care; VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling; legal services; employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs)



Classifications of Stand Downs

Homeless Veteran Health Fair

- **Time period:** 1-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans
- **Services provided:** Health care screening (HIV/AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, etc.); health care services (actual health care professionals will provide services); eye care services or referral; dental care services or referral; VA benefits counseling or referral; general benefits counseling or referral (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); substance abuse counseling/recovery groups; mental health counseling or referral; housing services (referrals to programs)



Classifications of Stand Downs

Homeless Veteran Job Fair

- **Time period:** 1-day events
- **Participants:** Homeless veterans
- **Services provided:** VA benefits counseling; general benefits counseling (Social Security, Food Stamps, local health and human services); employment services (job referrals, employment counseling); housing services (referrals to programs)



Stand Downs: Where they are



Stand Down: How to Organize

- Are You a Homeless Veteran?
- Employment Assistance
- Support for Service Providers
- Homeless Veteran Service Providers
- Stand Down**
- Get Involved
- Make a Donation
- Annual Conference
- Resource Library
- Sign Up for the NCHV e-Newsletter!
- Technical Assistance

2011 Stand Downs

To have your Stand Down information listed on our website, send us the date, location, and contact information. E-mail: khoag@nchv.org or fax to 202-546-2063 or 888-233-8582, or download the 2011 Stand Down Information Form [here](#).

Class Key

- A - Stand Down (3- or 4-day event with shelter)
- B - Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (2-day event)
- C - Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (1-day event)
- D - Homeless Veteran Health Fair
- E - Homeless Veterans Job Fair
- F - Other Events

More events will be added for 2011 as information is received.

Date	Class	City	State	Name/Email	Phone
Feb 01, 2011	C	Jacksonville	NC	Kelley Hamilton	910-347-2121
Mar 19, 2011	C	Cocoa	FL	Bill Vagianos	321-637-3788
Mar 23, 2011	A	Las Vegas	NV	Shalimar Cabrera	702-366-0456
Mar 24, 2011	C	Raleigh	NC	John Youker	919-857-3864



Services Needed by Homeless Veterans

- Secure housing (permanent, transitional, emergency)
- Nutritional meals
- Essential health care
- Essential sanitation
- Substance abuse aftercare and mental health counseling
- Personal development and empowerment
- Job assessment, training, and placement assistance
- Child care services
- Legal assistance



Goals of Stand Down

Goal 1: Provide immediate relief



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Goal 2: Provide access to short-term resources



Goals of Stand Down

Goal 3: Provide access to long-term resources and providers.



Goals of Stand Down

Goal 4: Raise community awareness



Goals of Stand Down

Goal 5: Make the Stand Down replicable



Goals of Stand Down

Goal 6: Develop long term solutions



Steps to Organize a Stand Down

- Step 1: Choose planning leadership
- Step 2: Assess need (number and needs of homeless veterans; contact VA and CBOs; homeless outreach)
- Step 3: Assess community support (presentations; roundtables)
- Step 4: Create an advisory body from major service providers and community leaders



Steps to Organize a Stand Down (cont)

- Step 5: Begin determining logistics (set the date, number of days, number of volunteers needed)
- Step 6: Designate a “lead agency”
- Step 7: Choose a site
- Step 8: Develop a budget (fundraising, donated money, services, and items, security)



Steps to Organize a Stand Down (cont)

- Step 9: Design program with logistics (Program Coordinator; Logistics Coordinator)
- Step 10: Raise awareness



Applying for Funding

- Important new components, updates, and focal points of the Department of Labor Solicitation for Grant Agreements (SGA):
 - \$600,000 = approximately 70 grants
 - Receipt of application 90 days before event
 - Veteran and non-veteran participants
 - Allowable expenses: Gift cards; job search media
 - Unallowable expenses: “other/misc.” expenses; health care expenses
 - Printed materials/Intellectual property
 - Public reference to grant



For More Information....



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- Detailed Stand Down Manual, event planning guide, and complete list of events and coordinators is available at www.nchv.org.
 - Department of Labor information at www.dol.gov/vets.
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