



## Ending Veteran Homelessness in Montgomery County

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### “Operational Definition of Ending Veteran Homelessness”

An end to Veteran homelessness **does not mean that no Veteran will ever experience a housing crisis again.** Changing economic realities, the unpredictability of life and or unsafe or unwelcoming family environments may create situations where Veterans experience or are at-risk of homelessness.




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### “Operational Definition of Ending Veteran Homelessness”

An end to homelessness means that every community will have a **systematic response** in place that ensures homelessness is **prevented** whenever possible or is otherwise a **rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.**




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### Federal Benchmarks

- 0 Chronically and *Long-term* Homeless Veterans
- Average Length of Time Homeless for Veterans  
Less than 90 days
- The # of homeless Veterans moving into Permanent housing is greater than or equal to newly homeless Veterans
- Service Intensive Transitional Housing is used in limited instances




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## Montgomery County Veteran Homeless Point-in-Time Count Data

Point-In-Time Count 2010-2017								
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sheltered	139	132	124	128	128	112	60	58
Unsheltered	0	3	12	3	0	2	1	2
Total	139	135	126	131	128	114	61	60

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## Veteran Resources for Shelter & Housing




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## Overview of VA Homeless Programs

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### Goals of the VA Homeless Programs

Help Eligible Veterans:

- Meet basic needs such as food, clothing, and temporary shelter.
- Find affordable housing.
- Find jobs.
- Refer Veterans for medical, mental health, and substance abuse care at the VA Medical Center.
- Provide case management, including providing information, support and linkages to needed services.

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### HCHV Emergency Contract Housing

- The HCHV Program currently has 15 contract beds at Holt Street Miracle Center.
- Length of Stay: 60- 90days
- Case Management by VA Homeless Outreach for Discharge Planning

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### Grant & Per Diem (GPD) Transitional Housing Program

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### What is unique about GPD

- Grant and Per Diem provides housing and supportive services for not only the honorable discharged veteran but veterans with less than honorable discharges. (The exception being dishonorable discharges).

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### Grant and Per Diem Program- Transitional Housing

- There are a total of 50 GPD beds in Montgomery County:
  - 25 Bridge beds
  - 10 Clinical beds
  - 15 Service Intensive
- Volunteers Of America (located on the Dayton VA Campus)

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### HUD-VASH

Housing and Urban Development  
VA Supported Housing

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### HUD-VASH Background

- HUD-VASH = Housing + Supported Services

The nation's largest supported permanent housing initiative combines:

- HUD Housing Choice Vouchers (PHA)
- VA Case Management services that promote and maintain recovery and housing stability.

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### HUD-VASH Program

- The Dayton VAMC has a total of 225 active vouchers.
- 35 vouchers added in 2008
- 25 vouchers added in 2010
- 25 vouchers added in 2011
- 25 vouchers added in 2012
- 35 vouchers added in 2013 (15 Darke County)
- 12 vouchers added in 2015 (12 Shelby County)
- 53 vouchers added in 2015
- 15 vouchers added in 2016
- VA Case Management is ongoing, giving the Veterans the necessary supports to be successful tenants, productive and healthy citizens.

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### Who is ineligible for HUD-VASH?

- Veteran/family that exceeds the HUD income limits.
- Veteran who is a lifetime registered sex offender under a State sex offender registration program.

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### **Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)**

- Provide temporary financial assistance and other services to veterans or veterans and their families that are currently homeless or at risk of losing their housing.
- 2 Grantees
  - St. Vincent DePaul-Montgomery and surrounding Counties
  - Volunteers of America-Montgomery County only

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### **Other HCHV Supportive Services...**

- Community Employment Coordinator (CEC)
- Social Service Representative

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### **CoC Resources for Veterans**

- Immediate access to Emergency Shelter
- PATH Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing\*
- Permanent Supportive Housing\*

\* Options for ineligible veterans

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## Local Strategies & Collective Impact

- **Common Agenda**
  - Joint VA-CoC Plan to End Veteran Homelessness
  - Adopting Shared By-Name List of Homeless Veterans
  - Mayor's Challenge
- **Shared Measurement**
  - Federal Benchmarks & Criteria
  - Annual Point-in Time Count




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## Local Strategies & Collective Impact

- **Mutually reinforcing activities**
  - 45 Day Challenge
  - Housing Placement Boot camp
  - Landlord Recruitment & Appreciation
- **Continuous Communication**
  - Bi-weekly VA-CoC Coordination Meetings
  - Weekly-Monthly VA-CoC Leadership Calls
  - CoC Governing Board




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## VA-COC Partnership & Collaboration




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## Federal Submission Process

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## Lessons Learned & Challenges

- Relationships Matter
- Document Policies & Procedures
- Celebrate Your Successes
- Use data to drive decision making
- Sustainability



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## Celebrating Our Success!!!



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