



**Monthly Newsletter**  
July 2022

## JULY SPOTLIGHTS



### Celebrating Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Month is celebrated each year in July to commemorate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which was signed into law in 1990 and prohibits discrimination based on disability. Boston held the first Disability Pride Day that year, and, in July 2015, marking the 25th anniversary of the ADA, the first official celebration of Disability Pride Month took place. Since then, Disability Pride Month has been celebrated around the country with parades and other festivities. To learn more about Disability Pride Month, click the following links:

[Understanding Disability Pride Month](#)

[A chance to 'amplify one another': What is Disability Pride Month?](#)



### **New Podcast: *Ending Veteran Homelessness***

A new monthly podcast titled *Ending Veteran Homelessness* hosted by Shawn Liu explores all the ways our country is working to ensure that every veteran has a safe and stable place to call home.

Listen to the podcast by clicking the link below:

[Listen here](#)



## More than \$57M Awarded to Help Veterans Overcome Homelessness and Reenter the Workforce

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded more than \$57 million in grants to organizations that help veterans who are experiencing homelessness find meaningful employment and assist them in overcoming barriers to successfully transition back into the workforce.

“The Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program grants will fund initiatives that help our veterans – particularly those in underserved communities – get the training and support they need to return to the workforce and use their skills to make valuable contributions to our society,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh.

[Learn More](#)



## First-Ever \$365 Million Funding to Address Unsheltered Homelessness

The Biden Administration through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments. The \$365 million package includes grant funds along with additional vouchers that will help effectively address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, health care, and supportive services.

“Getting unsheltered Veterans and homeless rural Vets into houses is a top priority in the Department of Veterans Affairs’ strategy to end Veteran

homelessness,” said Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough. “These new resources from HUD add timely new capacity to this fight. No Veteran should ever be homeless in this country, which they swore an oath to defend.”

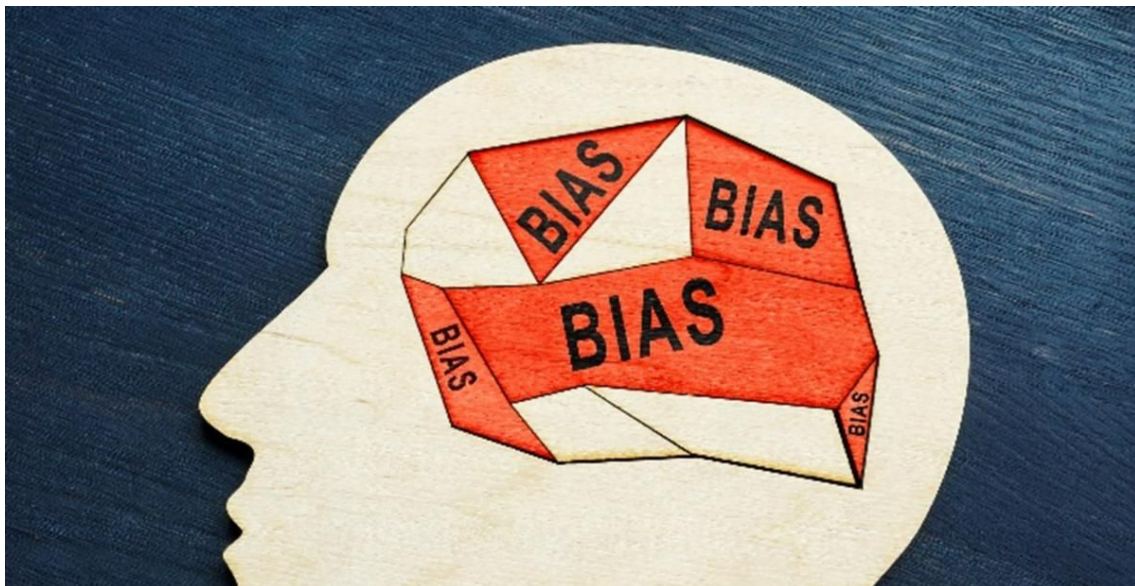
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## USICH Votes on National Goal to Reduce Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) voted to approve an ambitious national goal to significantly reduce homelessness in the next few years and set the United States on a path to end homelessness for all. The goal will be published in the new federal strategic plan, which will be released later this year and will outline strategies and actions for achieving it.

[Learn More](#)



## 9650: Unconscious Bias: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Veteran Services

NVTI's new 9650: Unconscious Bias: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Veteran Services class was recently piloted at the end of June. Participants enjoyed the flexibility of participating virtually and found that the one-day session was packed with meaningful information applicable to their immediate jobs and responsibilities. Participants enjoyed the new informative



curriculum, the freshness of having two instructors in one class, and reported a 90% satisfaction rate with the instructors' knowledge of the topic.

From this class, you can gain new insights and perspectives about bias that will be useful in reconciling values, attitudes, and behaviors associated with a broader diversity and inclusion conversation as well as broaden your appreciation for the nuances and relationship of DEIA, organizational culture, and unconscious bias in their impact on our decision-making as veteran service providers. To experience this class yourself, be on the lookout for the official release of the class in September.



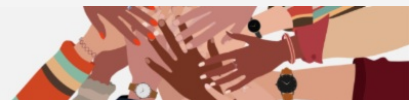
## A new podcast from the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI)

Keep an eye out for NVTI's new podcasts, "Serving Justice Involved Veterans" and "Supporting Entrepreneurship in Veterans," that will be posted on the [NVTI website](#) in the next few weeks.

## RESOURCES



## VA LGBTQ+ Outreach



Pride month may be over, but our resources remain available year-round. Click the following link to view the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' LGBTQ+ resources:

[LGBTQ+ Outreach](#)

## EVENTS



## 2022 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program National Post-Award Conference (PAC)

The 2022 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program National Post-Award Conference (PAC) will take place July 19-28 and is **available to all HVRP grantees**. Upon registration, you will have the option to add the sessions to your calendar through Zoom to save the date. Please be sure to take advantage of this option. Your unique link to join the event will be sent by email and included in your personalized calendar invitation.

Following are the PAC schedule and registration links:

**Topic: Terms and Conditions**

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

**Topic: GrantSolutions/PMS/VGRS Overview and Update/Key Resources (including NVTI)**

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

**Topic: TPR/TPN Walkthrough (including High-Risk/CAP)**

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

**Topic: Key Resources**

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

**Topic: Incremental Funding/Closeout**

Thursday, July 28, 2022, 2:00-4:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

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## Disabled American Veterans (DAV) 2022 National Convention

This year, the DAV & DAV Auxiliary National Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida from August 6 – August 9, 2022. For more information, click the following link:

[DAV National Convention](#)

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