Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP) Service Delivery in Rural Areas

Community of Practice

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Rural Challenges
Challenges (1 of 2)

- Transportation
- Housing and shelter availability
- Community silos
- Food insecurity
- Digital divide
- Access to health care
- Child care
- Education
- Hiring businesses
Challenges (2 of 2)

- HVRP
  - On-the-Job Training (OJT)
  - Registered Apprentice Programs (RAP)
  - What’s available in the job market versus the veteran’s employment goals
  - Livable wages
What are some challenges that you have experienced in rural HVRP?
Addressing Rural HVRP Challenges
Tips (1 of 2)

- Personal connections
- Understanding the local job market
  - Small town feel, everyone knows who's working where
- Partnering with community resources
  - Where to find veterans
- Lived experience
  - Compensation
Tips (2 of 2)

- Connecting with other rural communities
  - Leveraging your successes and all available resources
  - Sharing lessons learned
- Appreciating and understanding the uniqueness of HVRP service provision in rural communities versus urban environments
- Developing a rural taskforce
Do you have any tips from your experience with HVRP in a rural community?
Resources for Rural Communities (1 of 2)

- Information on 211
- Continuum of Care: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Exchange
- HUD Rural Information
- National Health Care for the Homeless Council: Rural
- National Veterans' Training Institute
- DOL Off-Base Transition Training
- Local Innovative Support Corporation (LISC): Rural
- Rural Public Transportation
Resources for Rural Communities (2 of 2)

- Rural Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Economy
- USDA Rural Employment
- USDA Broadband
- U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Rural Workforce Opportunities
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health
Questions?
Thank you!

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