

Monthly Newsletter

August 2025



AUGUST SPOTLIGHTS



HVRP National Post-Award Conference



2025 HVRP National Post-Award Conference (PAC) Materials

Thank you for your participation in the recent HVRP National PAC!

The slides and recordings for each session can now be found on the PAC page of the NVTAC.org website, which is linked below. The comprehensive Q&A document is being developed and an email announcement will be distributed once it is available.

We at NVTAC recognize the amount of information shared during the sessions and want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to supporting you throughout the life of your grant. Our team is available to provide ongoing technical assistance, support, and resources as you implement your program. Please do not hesitate to email nvtac@dol.gov with questions or needs that may arise.

**View PAC
Materials**



**National Veterans'
Training Institute**
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Enhance and Broaden Professional Skills

Explore the [Track: Veteran Service Provider Staff Career Roadmap](#) designed to support career development and advancement for those who serve our nation's veterans. This roadmap offers clear requirements to professional growth opportunities with three certificate tracks, NVTI Professional, NVTI Career Developer, and NVTI Thought Leader.

There are a couple easy ways to get started. You can email studentservices@nvti.org and request to be enrolled in the Certificate Program or you can go to the [Registering for NVTI Classes](#) section of the website and check the box on the in the appropriate section on the NVTI application when applying for a course.

Sharpen Your Skills with NVTI Courses

NVTI has a catalog of available courses through the end of September. NVTI's one-day, virtual courses on Career Coaching for Special Populations, provide a one-day opportunity to learn about serving different demographics of veterans to better assist them in the job search process or career change.

[Register now to secure your spot!](#)

9610/JIVS: Career Coaching for Special Populations: Serving Justice-Involved

Veterans (JIVs) - Empower JIVs to make informed decisions about their career and learn skills to engage and inspire JIVs to successfully reintegrate into the civilian workforce.

- August 27, 2025

9610/WOVS: Career Coaching for Special Populations: Supporting Women Veterans - Recognize the unique challenges faced by women veterans. Evaluate strengths and guide women veterans through the job search process.

- August 26, 2025

9610/SYVS: Career Coaching for Special Populations: Serving Younger Veterans - Identify the challenges younger veterans face and how to assess their capabilities to better assist them in the employment process.

- September 9, 2025

9610/SUDS: Career Coaching for Special Populations: Serving Veterans with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) - Examine the needs of veterans with SUDs and empower veterans with SUDs to make informed decisions about their employment trajectory.

- September 10, 2025

**The NVTI
Website**

**NVTI Class
Schedule**



Community of Practice

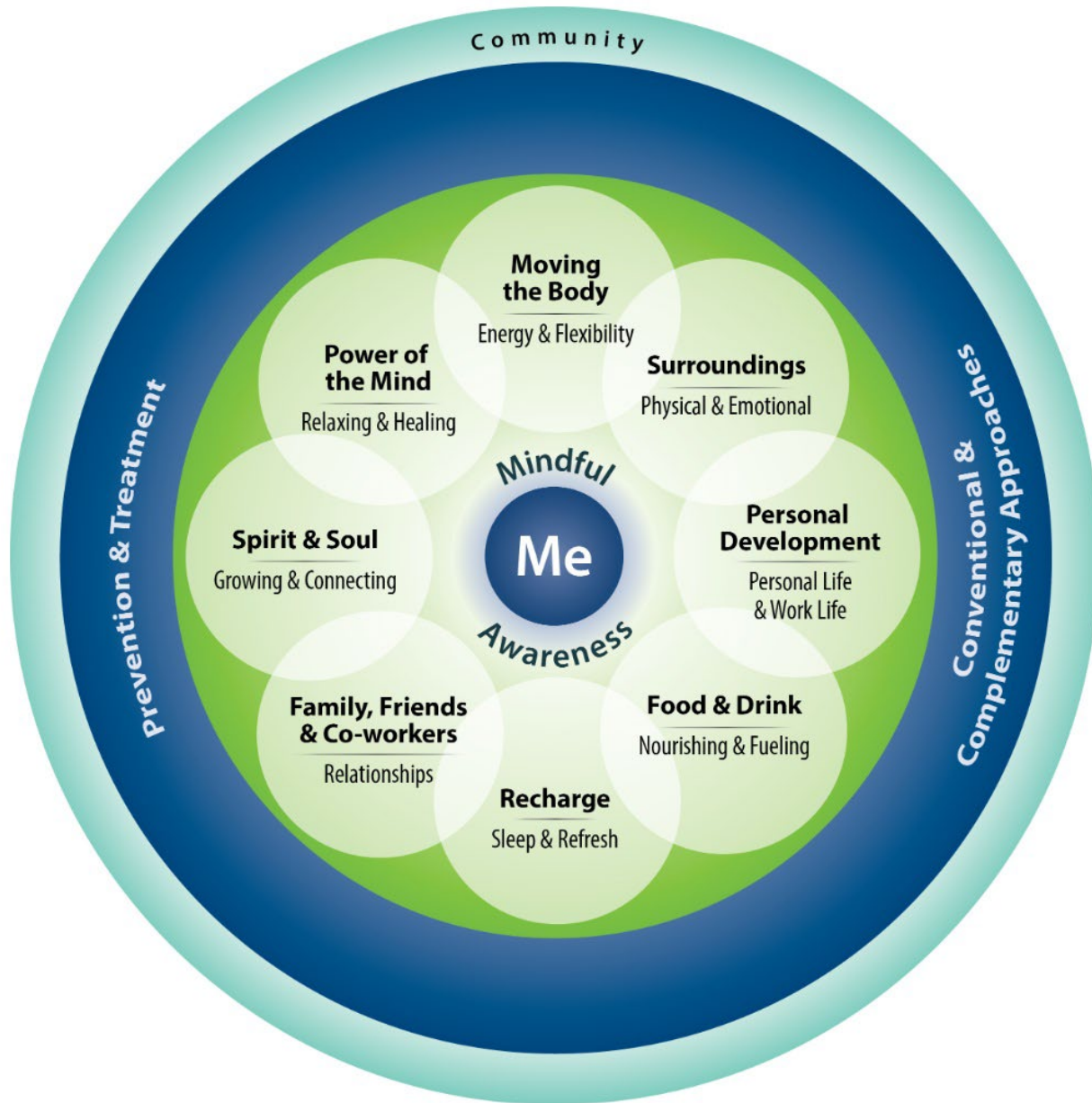


National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) HVRP Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join our NVTAC team on **Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET** for August's CoP session. Presented by the NVTAC team, the August CoP will focus on case management for veterans with complex barriers applicable to veterans experiencing homelessness. There will be an opportunity at the end for questions.

[**Register Here**](#)

RESOURCES



Source: [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

Preventing Burnout: Taking Care of Yourself While Serving Others

Career coaching for homeless veterans is incredibly meaningful—and often emotionally demanding—work. Supporting individuals through complex challenges like housing instability, unemployment, and

trauma takes empathy, patience, and resilience. But even the most dedicated professionals can experience burnout if they don't take time to recharge.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a [Whole Health Library](#) resources that can help both you and the veterans you serve. Here are also a few simple but powerful strategies to protect your well-being:

1. **Set Boundaries:** It's easy to go "above and beyond," but consistently overextending yourself can lead to emotional exhaustion. Define clear work hours and take regular breaks to disconnect and reset.
2. **Celebrate Small Wins:** Progress isn't always linear. Take time to recognize and appreciate the small victories. Every resume submitted, interview completed, or training started is a step forward.
3. **Build a Support Network:** Talk with colleagues who understand the highs and lows of this work. Peer support and open conversations can reduce feelings of isolation and stress.
4. **Prioritize Self-Care:** Whether it's a walk, journaling, meditation, or just a few minutes of silence, regular self-care routines can help you stay grounded and energized.
5. **Ask for Help:** You don't have to carry the weight of this work alone. If you're feeling overwhelmed, reach out to a supervisor or [NVTAC Coach](#) to help.

Remember: **caring for yourself is not a distraction from your mission—it's essential to sustaining it.** The veterans you support benefit most when you're healthy, balanced, and well.



Apprenticeships: A Strong Pathway to Employment

Apprenticeships offer a compelling opportunity for veterans providing structured, on-the-job training, a reliable income, and a clear route to long-term employment. For HVRP grantees, promoting apprenticeships can serve as a powerful tool to help those you serve build stable, rewarding careers.

With a [90% retention rate](#), apprenticeship provides a one-on-one mentored approach in the workplace coupled with [in-class learning](#) leading to an average salary of \$80,000 annually.

Why Apprenticeships Work:

- **Hands-on Learning:** Apprenticeships blend paid work with training, allowing apprentices to apply their skill while earning a national, portable certification.
- **Nationwide Support Network:** Each state has a designated [Office of Apprenticeship or State Apprenticeship Agency](#) that offers technical assistance, guidance on building or aligning programs, and help connecting with training partners and funding sources.
- **Partnering with Employers:** Local [Chambers of Commerce](#) can be instrumental in forging strong employer partnerships that lead to apprenticeship placements.

We encourage you to reach out to your State Apprenticeship Office and local Chamber of Commerce to see what apprenticeships are available in your area. By bridging access to apprenticeship, you can empower veterans with a path to career growth and a sustainable future.

NEWS UPDATES



Toolkit Helps Employers Support Disabled Veterans in the Workplace

The U.S. Department of Labor recently released the [Veterans Accommodations Toolkit](#) to help increase employment and apprenticeship opportunities for disabled American veterans. The Toolkit offers practical tips and strategies to support the recruitment, hiring, training, and long-term employment of veterans with disabilities. It includes guidance on workplace accommodations and tools that can benefit not only veterans, but also employers, apprenticeship sponsors, and workforce professionals. This resource is designed to help more veterans build lasting careers while helping organizations strengthen their workforce.



Stand Down Events



Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, the Department of Labor (DOL), other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

Awarded Applicant	City	County	State	Event Date(s)
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	LaPorte	LaPorte	IN	8/23/2025
Serving Our Veterans at Home (SOVAH)	Salem	Marion	OR	9/3/2025
The Reveille Foundation	Eugene	Lane	OR	9/12/2025
A Home Is A Right (AHARI)	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA	9/13/2025

Crispus Attucks York	York	York	PA	9/13/2025
Harbor Homes, Inc.	Manchester	Hillsborough	NH	9/19/2025
New England Center and Home for Veterans (NECHV)	Boston	Suffolk	MA	9/19/2025
Annie B's Serenity Center	Odenton	Anne Arundel	MD	9/20/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Johnstown	Johnstown	Cambria	PA	9/20/2025
Clark County Veterans Assistance Center	Vancouver	Clark	WA	9/26/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Valparaiso	Porter	IN	9/27/2025
Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)	Bakersfield	Kern	CA	10/9/2025
Goodwill Industries of Central IL	Peoria	Peoria	IL	10/18/2025
Goodwill Industries of Michiana	Plymouth	Marshall	IN	10/25/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Pittsburgh	Braddock	Allegheny	PA	10/25/2025
Veterans Leadership Program (VPL) – Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	PA	11/7/2025

SUCCESS STORY



Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grantee who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at NVTAC

The NVTAC outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with HVRP. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about HVRP, you can refer them to NVTAC Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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